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ENG 135

Applied Grammar

COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites:

Students must surpass “ability to benefit” levels on all three COMPASS tests for reading, writing, and mathematics in order to register for English 135. (The “ability to benefit” cut-off score is 25 on the Writing test and 40 on the Reading test.)

Course Description:

VCCS Course Description. Develops ability to edit and proofread correspondence and other documents typically produced in business and industry. Instructs the student in applying conventions of grammar, usage, punctuation, spelling, and mechanics. Lecture 3 hours a week.

VWCC Course Description. English 135, Applied Grammar, reviews all basic grammar and explores the variety of ways to construct a sentence. Students will discuss how different ways to say the same thing influence the reader and will practice writing sentences in a variety of combinations. This course is extremely helpful not only in understanding and solving grammar problems but also in tightening loose and ineffective language that often muddies good ideas. Any student considering teaching at any level will find English 135 helpful in providing a clear, coherent approach to explain how the English language works. English 135 transfers to most four-year colleges and counts as a humanities elective.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3

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Course Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to

- Understand the grammar and mechanics of the English Language
- Understand the various methods of sentence combining
- Write sentences that are grammatically and mechanically correct
- Write tighter, more effective sentences

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Required Materials:

Morenberg, Max and Jeff Sommers. *The Writer's Options*. New York: Longman Publishers, 2008. ISBN 978-0-205-61781-4

Emery, Donald, John M. Kierzek, and Peter Lindblom. *English Fundamentals*. New York: Pearson Longman, 2009.

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Topical Description

- Grammar
- Mechanics of the English Language
- Sentence Combining
- Effective Sentences

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