

WRIT 111 – Writing for Non-Native Speakers

Fridays 12:00-12:50PM

Kinard Hall Room 307 (Conference Room)

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This course is designed for non-native speakers of English. The goal of this course is to improve your written English skills by studying specifically the structure of an American essay and other issues related to second language acquisition. We will look at common idioms, verb tenses, preposition use, definite and indefinite articles, and other problems as they arise. We will also practice speaking English in this class.

Course Requirements:

- 1.) You **MUST** speak English in this class. You may not use your native language during class time.
- 2.) Class participation is important. You must be at class on time and prepared to take part. Material presented in class will be helpful in the writing for all of your other classes. If you know ahead of time that you will not be able to attend a class, you should contact me before the class period and arrange to turn in the writing assignment. I will not accept late assignments except in documented cases of illness.
- 3.) You will write something every week for this class. This will not be a long assignment, but it should be thoughtful. The writing assignment is due in class, in hard copy. I will not accept documents via e-mail.
- 4.) You should **WRITE DOWN** any statements or figures of speech that you do not understand, which you encounter at any time during the week. We will discuss these in class every week.
- 5.) You should watch at least 30 minutes of American television every day. The evening national news is a good choice, however there are countless possibilities.

Students with Disabilities:

Winthrop University is dedicated to providing access to education. If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact Gena Smith, Coordinator, Services for Students with Disabilities, at 323-3290, as soon as possible. Once you have your Professor Notification Form, please tell me so that I am aware of your accommodations well before the next assignment.

Grading:

This class is graded S/U (Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory). A passing grade is 70% or better.

Your grade is based on:

Writing Assignments: 50%

Attendance: 25%

Participation: 25%

Important Dates:

Spring Break (no class): March 17-21, 2008

No class: Friday, April 4, 2008

Last day of class: Friday, April 25, 2008