

Advanced English Writing

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이 수업은 실용영어대용수업 아닙니다. This class is intended for intermediate to advanced English speakers. If you failed practical English, you will fail this class.

Course Materials

- Most course materials will be provided at www.shepherdclass.com : please check the website for handouts, assignments, and supplements before each class period.
- Students must also buy one FULL SIZE writing journal for in-class and journal writing assignments.

Course Requirements

Your course grade will be based on four items:

- Argumentative Research Paper 30 points
- Informative Research Paper 20 points
- Fiction Paper 15 points
- Class Participation 20 points
- Writing Journal 15 points

Grading

Final grades will be curved to meet departmental grading standards. If final grades do not fall into the following range, grades will be adjusted:

- No more than 30% of students will receive an A or higher.
- No more than 70% of students will receive a B or higher.

This, of course, means that 30% of students in this course will receive a C+ or lower.

Class Participation

Class participation includes (but is not limited to):

- Speaking English during class time.
- Actively participating in all classroom discussion.
- Actively participating in all peer review sessions.
- Doing all in-class writings to the best of your ability.
- Following all rules and instructions set out by the instructor.
- Attending every class, and coming to class on time. Absent students will receive a 1-point deduction from their grade, and late students will receive up to a 1-point deduction from their grade depending on the time of arrival. Please note that all materials missed due to lateness or absence are the responsibility of the student.

Writing Journal

Aside from in-class writings, students will be expected to keep a writing journal. Writing practice is very important to improving your writing skill, and this journal is intended to help you practice.

- Students must write at least two full pages in their journal per week; this means that by the end of the semester, the journal should include 30 full pages.
- Journals will be collected at random during the semester to be checked. If the student does not have the writing finished, he or she will lose 1 point per page missing.
- Journals must be marked with the correct week. For example, this week will be “week 1” in your journal. You may write more than 2 pages per week, but this will not count toward your page total (so, for example, you CANNOT write 4 pages during “week 1” and 0 pages during “week 2.” Writing 0 pages during “week 2” will mean you lose your points for that week regardless of how many pages you wrote during “week 1”).
- Because the journal is intended as practice, your journal will not be graded on content, but instead will simply be graded on completion. You will receive 1 point per week for a completed journal (0.5 points per page).
- What you write in your journal is up to you. You can write about class, about your life, about your friends, or anything you choose. If you cannot think of a topic, please read over the “Journaling Ideas Handout” and choose a topic from there.