

EXCEL Learning Systems Summer Programs

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ESSAY WRITING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Many students struggle with writing. The lack of skills and confidence relating to writing restrict their choices in high school and college. Students shy away from taking certain AP courses in high school because they do not think they can complete the writing assignments. Students select their college majors and the colleges themselves on the basis of which ones require the least amount of writing. Of course, the more logical and productive alternative is to learn to write! This course is intended to accomplish one overarching goal – give students the know-how, skills, and confidence they need to write effectively.

Course Format

The course will be taught in a small-group tutorial format – 2 or 3 students. Classes will last 2 hours, meet once per week and span a six-week period.

Course Content

The course will focus on essay writing, both timed and untimed. Students will learn to write four types of essays that have different purposes.

1. Inform, explain and define
2. Describe and discuss
3. Argue and persuade
4. Analyze, evaluate and criticize

Students will learn the fundamentals of essay writing in the course. Students will learn to write:

- Clear, concise thesis statements that capture the main ideas of the essays
- Effective sentences that vary in length and structure
- Coherent paragraphs that are not redundant
- Grammatically correct sentences and paragraphs
- Well-developed, well-organized essays
- Essays with varied, effective rhetorical devices
- Attention-getting, focused introductions
- Thought-provoking conclusions

Instructor

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Schedule

Choose a scheduled course or create your own group and schedule. Either way we want to teach you how to write.

Summer Schedule

Section	Day	Date	Time
200W	Tuesdays	July 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug 3, 10	4-6pm
210W	Wednesdays	July 28; Aug 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept 1	2-4pm

Tuition

Fee: \$795

Deposit: \$150 at time of registration

Balance: Due at time of first class

Credit cards and checks

Registration

Call, email or visit our website to register.

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