

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus for English 008, Fall 2018

Basic Course Information

Semester	Fall 2018	Instructor Name	Sacha Sykora
Course Title & #	English 008	Email	sacha.sykora@imperial.edu
CRN #	10209	Webpage (optional)	N/A
Room	Building 400/Room 401	Office	N/A
Class Dates	8/13/18-12/08/2018	Office Hours	N/A
Class Days	Tuesday	Office Phone #	Part-time faculty may use dept. secretary phone number.
Class Times	5:30 – 9:45 p.m.	Office contact if student will be out or emergency	Sara Hernandez (760) 355-6337 Tony Gamboa (760) 355-6378
Units	4		

Course Description

Preparation for English 009. Provides developmental instruction approaching the college level in paragraph and short essay writing. (Nontransferable, nondegree applicable)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Develop an essay that contains a clear thesis statement, provides adequate support, and employs solid organizational structure. (IL01, IL02, IL04)
2. Develop an essay that minimizes sentence-level and grammatical errors. (IL01, IL02, IL03, IL04)
3. Demonstrate an ability to comprehend a variety of different texts, including simple arguments, without relying on outside sources for assistance, (SLO1, SLO2, SLO3)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Develop and use discovery techniques such as free-writing and clustering and apply these techniques to expository writing and essays.
2. Generate ideas based on knowledge of concrete data and be able to express ideas effectively using a controlling idea or thesis.
3. Organize data necessary to support a thesis statement or controlling idea while studying and applying various rhetorical modes with emphasis on description, narration, and exemplification.
4. Demonstrate the use of critical thinking by identifying the main ideas and developing written responses to a variety of written texts.
5. Demonstrate clean and correct sentence patterns and work to eliminate sentence errors such as fragments, comma splices, and run-ons.
6. Produce writing in which meaning is unobscured by grammar or usage errors in punctuation, spelling, subject-verb agreement, verb-tense, word choice, and word order.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the writing process with special attention given to editing and proofreading.
8. Participate in a number of activities and areas of study as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

- *Sentences, Paragraphs, and Beyond with Integrated Readings*, 7th Edition by Brandon and Brandon (ISBN-13: 978-1-133-59192-4)
- Access to a computer and internet

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement. Since this is a four unit class (four credit hours), this means that you should expect to do about eight hours of our of class work every week.

Instructor Expectations:

1. Students who are absent the first day of class are automatically dropped from the course.
2. If you stop attending class make sure you drop yourself from the course.
3. Work is to be turned in on due date.
4. You are responsible for knowing due dates for all assignments.

In Class Activities: In addition to the essays you will be writing for this class, there are a number of other in class assignments that will factor into you final grade.

Essays: The essays will be the main form of assessment for the class. There will be two assignments for each essay. One will be for the first draft, and the other will be for the final draft. You will be participating in peer reviews with your first draft. To receive credit on a final draft, you must submit a hard copy of your first draft along with the rubric, peer review, and final draft.

Discussion Forum/Blog:

1. You will also be required to participate in Canvas discussions.
2. Make sure to answer all questions in the prompt.
3. In your response be sure to use academic language, paragraph structure, sentence structure, and grammar.

Online Homework-Students are expected to complete homework assigned through Canvas on the due date.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Essays: 400

Discussions/Homework: 300

Midterm: 50

Final: 100

Participation: 150

Essay grading policy

1. Papers are graded on a percent of a 100.
2. Grades reflect the overall quality of the work turned in, how complete the work is and whether the instructions from the assignment were properly followed.
3. A rubric will used to grade each essay.

Late assignments will not be accepted.

***There may be an opportunity for extra-credit, I will let you know sometime during the semester.**

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

Required Information --Discretionary language

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor. **Consider**: specifics for your class/program
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

Required Language

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to 'cite a source' correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General School Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Help – Discretionary Section and Language

- Learning Labs: There are several 'labs' on campus to assist you through the use of computers, tutors, or a combination. Please consult your college map for the Math Lab, Reading & Writing Lab, and Study Skills Center (library). Please speak to the instructor about labs unique to your specific program.
- Library Services: There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313, if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. We now also have a fulltime mental health counselor. For information see <http://www.imperial.edu/students/student-health-center/>. The IVC Student Health Center is located in the Health Science building in Room 2109, telephone 760-355-6310.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process. For further information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC General Catalog available online at http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&qid=4516&Itemid=762

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-and-letters/library-department/info-lit-tutorials/>

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Anticipated Class Schedule / Calendar

TENTATIVE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE**

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 8/14/18	Syllabus Introductions Baseline Essay	Homework #1 due 8/21
Week 2 8/21/18	Introduction to paragraph writing Prewriting strategies Chapter 4	
Week 3 8/28/18	Writing workshop Chapter 5	
Week 4 9/4/18	Writing workshop Chapter 6 Essay 1	
Week 5 9/11/18	Writing workshop Chapter 4, 7, & 8	Final Draft Essay #1 due
Week 6 9/18/18	Writing workshop Chapter 6 & 8	
Week 7 9/25/18	Writing workshop Chapter 8 & 19	
Week 8 10/2/18	Essay 2	
Week 9 10/9/18	MIDTERM	Final Draft Essay #2 due
Week 10 10/16/18	Writing Workshop Chapter 13 & 20	
Week 11 10/23/18	Writing workshop Chapter 11 & 13	
Week 12 10/30/18	Essay 3	
Week 13 11/6/18	Chapter 23	Final Draft Essay #3 due
Week 14 11/13/18	Writing workshop Chapter 20	
Week 15 11/20/18	Thanksgiving Break	
Week 16 11/27/18	Essay 4	
Week 17 12/4/18	Final	Final Draft Essay #4 due