

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 12

Credits: 6

Course Title: English as a Second Language: Composition II

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Provides further instruction and practice in the writing process, and introduces advanced language patterns. Includes practice in developing and improving writing strategies. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To provide the writing and grammar skills needed to advance to the advanced level of writing instruction.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Recommendation of department following satisfactory completion of intermediate ESL composition or appropriate placement test.

Course Objectives (Each item should complete the following sentence.)

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Use coordination and subordination and vary sentence structures.
- b. Summarize discourse, identifying main ideas and distinguishing key support points.
- c. Write multi-paragraph personal essays.
- d. Use new vocabulary.
- e. Demonstrate some understanding of gerunds/infinitives.
- f. Use the full range of English tenses with the exception of past perfect and passive voice.
- g. Use capitalization and commas in most writing situations.

Major Topics to be Included

- a. Language: Review and extend knowledge of English sentence structure (including subordination), grammar, and vocabulary.
- b. Rhetoric: Emphasis on proper paragraph formation appropriate for varied audiences and purposes.
- c. Composing: Invention for personal or autobiographical writing; discovering and organizing content in order to summarize and describe; building fluency.

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): 2/13/09