



**EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 2004**  
**CURRICULUM GUIDELINES**

**A.** Division: Educational Services Date: September 2004

**B.** Department / Program Area: Student Development English as a Second Language  
 New Course  Revision

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**C:** EASL 0474  
**D:** Essay Composition and Research Papers for Students of English as a Second Language (combined course)  
**E:** 3

Subject & Course No.

**M:** Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. generate content appropriate for a range of academic persuasive writing from the EASL 0464 corequisite.
2. find and use material from a variety of academic sources:
  - a) use library resources efficiently
  - b) determine the appropriateness and reliability of source material
  - c) identify support relevant to a particular topic or thesis
3. develop essay and research paper framework.
4. compose essays and research papers for various academic purposes following accepted conventions:
  - a) develop a significant, non-trivial thesis or hypothesis
  - b) provide relevant, specific and sufficient evidence
  - c) incorporate source material by paraphrasing, summarizing, integrating and documenting it properly
  - d) use appropriate format, diction and tone
  - e) write footnotes and bibliographies correctly.
5. write comprehensibly and concisely, using increasingly sophisticated and native-like language expected of first-year level university students.

**N:** Course Content:

1. features of academic writing assignments, including expository and persuasive essays, research papers and short story analyses
2. techniques for finding and using source material (e.g. using library systems, analyzing and evaluating readings, determining the reliability of sources, taking notes, using note cards).
3. techniques for developing essay and research paper frameworks.
4.
  - a) thesis development
  - b) support and evidence
  - c) incorporation of source material (paraphrasing, summarizing, integrating, documenting).
  - d) style: format, diction, tone
  - e) footnote and bibliography format.
5. language use
  - a) revising skills
  - b) editing skills: grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, diction, tone, conciseness, variety
  - c) proofreading techniques.

**O:** Methods of Instruction

The instructor will facilitate, observe and evaluate students' participation in writing activities. Whole and small group instruction will be combined with individual assistance and student directed learning. Students will participate in the setting of goals by identifying their communicative and language development needs, and will participate in the selection of learning activities.

**P:** Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students

Students may be required to purchase a textbook.

**Q:** Means of Assessment

This course is a college preparatory course and students will be marked on a MASTERY basis. Mastery will be granted to students who achieve over 70% on a series of in-class and out-of-class assessments.

