

Basic Expository Writing

ENGH023056
Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours

Course Description

This course presents the basics of expository writing. Students learn, step-by-step, to write unified, coherent papers. While learning to write, students learn to think in an organized, systematic fashion. They also study effective uses of language, as well as methods of connecting ideas and expanding ideas by means of details and examples.

Course Objectives

When you have completed this course, you should be able to write an expository paper that:

1. Is unified.
2. Is coherent.
3. Has a beginning, a middle, and an end.
4. Explains an opinion or a situation.
5. Provides support and illustration for the points made.
6. Uses language appropriately and interestingly.
7. Shows a concern for the reader.

Course Outline

Unit 1: Beginning to Write

Lesson 1: The First Sentence
Lesson 2: Sentences
Lesson 3: General and Specific Words
Lesson 4: First Sentences

Unit 2: Establishing the Idea

Lesson 5: Three More Sentences
Lesson 6: Finding a Topic Idea
Lesson 7: General and Specific Sentences
Lesson 8: Three Sentences

Unit 3: Writing a Paper

Lesson 9: Four More Sentences
Lesson 10: Unity
Lesson 11: Writing for a Reader
Lesson 12: Writing the Paper

Unit 4: Filling in the Details

Lesson 13: The Importance of Details

Lesson 14: Coherence and Connectives

Unit 5: Wrapping It Up

Lesson 15: Beginnings and Endings

Lesson 16: The Writer as Editor

Required Textbook and Materials

None.