MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

Faculty members are required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Academic Affairs and Standards Council.

DEPT. ENGL    COURSE NUMBER: 0090

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 2    Lecture: X    Lab: ___

Course Title:
Essentials of Writing I: Effective Sentences and Paragraphs

Catalog Description:
Introduces students to the essentials of the English language: parts of speech, phrases, clauses, types of sentences, common sentence errors, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. Students write sentences and paragraphs to demonstrate an understanding of contextual grammar and paragraph writing.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Goal 1: Communication: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 2: Critical Thinking: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 3: Natural Sciences: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 4: Mathematics/Logical Reasoning: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 7: Human Diversity: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 8: Global Perspective: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 10: People and the Environment: ____ by meeting the following competencies:
**Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:**

Students must meet one of the following placement measures:
- A score of 31 - 49 on test ACCUPLACER Classic Reading Comprehension
- A score of 220 - 232 on test ACCUPLACER Next-Gen Reading Comprehension
- A score of 11 - 13 on test ACT Reading

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**Topics to be Covered (General)**

1. Grammar and mechanics
2. Paragraph Construction
3. Textual Analysis

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**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. **Construct simple, grammatically correct sentences.** This may include, but is not limited to:
   - Identifying basic grammar conventions, such as parts of speech, phrases, clauses, types of sentences, common sentence errors, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling;
   - Crafting clear, effective, and varied sentences;
   - Applying grammar conventions, such as revising and editing for grammar and mechanics.

2. **Create paragraphs that demonstrate basic paragraph construction.** This may include, but is not limited to:
   - Crafting a text’s main idea, or topic sentence to control the idea of the text;
   - Analyzing the role of individual sentences within the paragraph;
   - Writing a focused and well-developed paragraph;
   - Organizing a paragraph to convey a text’s main idea.

3. **Summarize and analyze various texts: Newspaper articles, Online articles, Short Stories, Essays, Poems.** This may include, but is not limited to:
   - Annotating a text;
   - Differentiating between the student’s ideas and the ideas of others;
   - Employing resources to identify and understand new vocabulary
   - Summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting material;
   - Responding to the ideas of others.

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**Is this course part of a transfer pathway?**

Yes [ ]
No [x]

*If yes, please list the competencies below

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