



Mastering the Essay

Extra Evaluation Course

Description

Students become proficient in the mechanics of writing argumentative, research, and personal essays. Through extensive outlining, thesis development, and revision, students hone their writing skills to achieve mastery. This course includes one-on-one tutorial time and requires completion of a prerequisite high school writing course.

Cost: \$360

Course Outline

- Strong Thesis Statements
- Outlines & Specific Paragraph Characterization
- Research & Citation
- Essay Types: Compare/Contrast, Research, Expository, Cause & Effect, Personal
- Essay Revision
- Essay Synthesis

Reading selections include excerpts from the works of Martial, Thomas Aquinas, Thomas Fuller, Thomas Malory, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Annie Dillard, Peter Kreeft, Steven Millhauser, and Kurt Vonnegut.

Primary Learning Objectives

To master the form of argumentative writing through teaching students to

- think about argument in terms of audience and purpose.
- master clear and focused main claims and supporting claims.
- offer appropriate and robust evidence and analysis in support of claims.
- find and master a robust writing practice from brainstorming to revision with individual ownership.

Method of Evaluation Student Performance

Assignments	Weight
Week 1: Summa Article	5%
Week 2: Outlines	5%
Week 3: Outlined Essay	10%
Week 4: Compare/Contrast Essay	10%
Week 7: Research Essay	10%
Week 8: Expository Essay	10%
Week 9: Cause/Effect Essay	10%
Week 10: Personal Essay	10%
Week 11: Revision of Essay (any previous essay may be chosen)	5%
Week 14: Final Persuasive Essay	15%
Class Participation	10%