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ENGLISH 189 SYLLABUS

	Sept. 3 CLASS INTRODUCTION: What is English 189? Review Syllabus and Class information Logging onto class website	Sept 5 Diagnostic Writing Test Diagnostic Grammar Tests
Sept 8 <i>Reading and HW for this week:</i> <i>Chapter 1 "Learning Sentence Skills." pp. 2-10</i> <i>--Do "available" online quizzes</i> Diagnostic Essay Returned How essays are scored in 189	Sept 10 The rules of success— Tips for how to do well in this class In class essay: Write about a time When good communications skills were essential to your survival or well-being.	Sept 12 A study of some good writing. What makes writing good? (photocopied handout)
Sept 15 <i>Reading for this week: Chapter 2</i> <i>"A Brief Guide to Effective Writing," pp. 11-40)</i> <i>--Do all the exercises in the chapter: write answers IN your books</i> <i>--Do "available" online quizzes</i> What is a paragraph? Read some examples in class (lecture will cover pages 11-14)	Sept 17 How to make a point How to support a point (lecture will cover pages 15-32)	Sept 19 How to organize your ideas --using an outline -- using transition words (lecture will cover pages 33-40) Homework Check! Have books ready and marked, so I can check off your homework.
Sept 22 <i>Reading and HW for this week: -----</i> <i>--Chapter 3, "The Writing Process,"</i> <i>pp. 41-62</i> <i>--Essay #1 (see separate handout</i> <i>sheet for description of topic).</i> <i>--Do "available" online quizzes</i> Prewriting Techniques: How to unlock the stubborn mind	Sept 24 How do I organize all those good ideas into a pattern that makes sense? --Using an Outline --What does an outline look like?	Sept 26 Revising, editing, and proofreading exercises Homework Check! Turn in writing assignment #1. Staple your completed outline to the back. Read to the class for extra credit

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Sept. 29 PARTS OF SPEECH WEEK Reading for this week: Appendix B "Parts of Speech," pp. 520-532. Do all the exercises in the chapter. This week I will pass out a handy grammar packet. Make sure you get one. --Revise Essay #1. --Do all "available" online quizzes WRITING #1 RETURNED NOUNS --proper, concrete, and abstract --pronouns VERBS --action verbs --linking verbs --helping verbs	Oct. 1 PREPOSITIONS and PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES ADJECTIVES and ADVERBS	Oct. 3 CONJUNCTIONS --coordinating --subordinating Don't forget ARTICLES and INTERJECTIONS! Homework Check! I will check the exercises for this week's chapter. I will also collect revised drafts of essay #1. Include BOTH the graded copy and the new copy.
Oct. 6 SUBJECTS AND VERBS WEEK Reading and HW for this week: Chapter 4 "Subjects and Verbs" pp. 66-78. Do all the exercises in the chapter. --Do Essay #2 (See separate hand out for instructions, due Friday) --Do all "available" quizzes for this week Essay #1 Revisions Returned Finding Subjects and Verbs in a sentence	Oct. 8 Finding Subjects and Verbs through process of elimination Compound Subjects Compound Verbs Work on Essay #2 if time permits	Oct. 10 More Subject/Verb Review PUNCTUATION WORKSHOP#1: Periods, semicolons, colons. Homework Check! I will collect Writing #2. I will also check HW in Chapter 4.
Oct. 13 FRAGMENTS WEEK Reading and HW for this week Chapter 5 "Fragments" pp. 79-102. --Do all the exercises in the chapter. --Do all "available quizzes for this week Essay #2 Returned What is a sentence fragment? The 3 types of fragments --"ING" Fragments	Oct. 15 Added Detail Fragments PUNCTUATION WORKSHOP #2: THE APOSTROPHE''''''''	Oct. 17 Missing Subject Fragments Fragments Review Homework Check! I will check homework in Chapter 5. I will also collect your revised ESSAY #2.

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Oct. 20 RUN-ONS WEEK Reading and HW for this week: Chapter 6 "Run-Ons" pp. 103-124. - --Do all the exercises in the chapter. --Complete Writing Assignment #3 by Fri. Oct 24th (see separate handout) --Do "available quizzes" for this week What is a run-on? 4 ways to correct them	Oct. 22 Run-On Review A LITTLE WORKSHOP ON COMMA USAGE	Oct. 24 MIDTERM WRITING EXAM Do not be late! This is a timed exam. Homework Check! I will check hw in Chapter 6 and I will collect Essay #3
Oct.27 SENTENCE VARIETY WEEK Reading and HW for this week: Chapter 7 "Sentence Variety I" pp. 125-142. --Do all the exercises in the chapter. Essay #3 Returned: Revision due on Friday The 4 types of sentences: Simple, compound, complex, compound- complex	Oct. 29 The 4 types of sentences	Oct. 31 4 types of sentences, review and exercises Homework Check! I will check the hw in Chapter 7. Essay #3 revision is due.
Nov. 3 VERB FORMS WEEK Reading and HW for this week: Read chapters 8 & 9, "Standard English Verbs" and "Irregular Verbs", pp. 142-170. (This is a lot of reading, so allow time for this homework.) Do all the exercises. Do available online quizzes. Essay #4 Assignment: See separate handout sheet, due Friday. Basic Verb Conjugation. Present tense and past tense	Nov. 5 IRREGULAR VERBS: Some commonly misused verbs and their proper forms. WORKSHOP: Some commonly confused words	Nov. 7 WORKSHOP: More commonly words Homework check! I will check hw for ch's 8 and 9 and I will also collect writing assignment #4.

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Nov. 10 Veteran's Day—NO CLASS (Have a nice day off, but don't forget to do your reading for this week!) <i>This week's reading and hw:</i> <i>Read Chapter 10, "Subject Verb Agreement" pp. 171-185.</i> <i>--Do all exercises and "available online exercises."</i>	Nov. 12 SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT WEEK Essay #5 Returned Review of Chapter 10	Nov. 14 More Review of Chapter 10 HW Check! I will check exercises in chapter 10 and collect Essay #5 Revisions
Nov. 1 CONSISTENT VERB TENSE AND PRONOUNS WEEK <i>Reading and HW for this week:</i> <i>Read Chapter 11, "Consistent Verb Tense," pp. 186-191</i> <i>AND</i> <i>Chapter 13, "Pronoun References..." pp. 201-215)</i> <i>--Do all exercises in the chapters.</i> <i>--Do all "available" online exercises.</i> <i>--Do Writing Assignment #5, See separate handout sheet</i>	Nov. 19 Consistent Verb Tenses	Nov. 21 Pronoun Problems HW Check! I will check Chapters 11 and Chapters 13. I will collect Writing Assignment #5
Nov. 24 Student Conferences and personal progress reports Work on online exercises <i>NO reading or extra homework for this week. Please catch up on online exercises.</i>	Nov. 26 Student Conferences and personal progress reports Work on online exercises	Nov. 28 THANKSGIVING—NO CLASS

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Dec. 1 ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS WEEK <i>Read chapter 15 "Adjectives and Adverbs" pp. 230-239. Do all the exercises in book and online.</i> <i>Additional homework: Study your graded essays. What do you need to study most for the final exam?</i> <i>NOTE: Only for students who need special accommodations: You must go to the High Tech Center or DSS to make an appointment to take your final exam. Don't forget to bring me a sheet to sign!</i>	Dec. 3 Practice Final Exam (Timed)	Dec. 5 Class Review/Discussion of practice exam All online quizzes must be completed by today HW CHECK! Chapter 15 exercises
Dec. 8 FINAL EXAM (Last day of class) This is a ONE HOUR timed essay exam. Be in class at 8:15 SHARP ready to write.		