Humanities/Behavioral Sciences 277 & 477 Syllabus

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This course is designed to individually help students through an online program (MyWritingLab) to improve writing and grammar skills. You will also have the opportunity to submit your papers online to a tutoring service for detailed personalized comments.

What you need:
- English Simplified with MyWritingLab course code, available for purchase at the bookstore
- Access to a computer with the internet

You can either follow the PowerPoint online and register yourself for the program and begin working, or you can come to an orientation in person where we will walk you through the process of registering for the program and answer any questions you might have. Remember that if you choose, you may forgo attending orientation and just register yourself in the program.

**ORIENTATION:**

When: Saturday, April 10th from 11:00-12:00 pm
Where: CB 101

If you choose to attend orientation, please bring your code, packaged with English Simplified.

Online Document showing how to register for the program:
http://MyWritingLab.com/studentregguide/index.html

**What is this course?**

Humanities/Behavioral Sciences 277/477 is an online writing lab using the MyWritingLab program that generates individualized lesson plans for each student. This program focuses primarily on writing and grammar/mechanics. In the first few weeks of the quarter, you should register for the program and take a diagnostic test on the areas you will be learning about in the online workshop. You also have the opportunity to “place out” of a topic if you do well on the topic in the diagnostic test. For example, if you master Fragments in the diagnostic, you do not need to work on Fragments separately in the program.

**What do I do in this online class?**

You are responsible for taking a diagnostic test and completing 20 MyWritingLab topics. You choose the topics you work on – whether they are in the Reading, Writing, or Study Skills areas or a combination of all three. Since this is an online course, you work on these topics outside of class at your pace, at your own time, from any computer with internet access.

**What are the steps I should take?**

1. Sign up for MyWritingLab.com using your code from English Simplified (the book for the course, which can be purchased at the bookstore)
The MyWritingLab.com Student Manual can be found here:
http://media.pearsoncmg.com/long/english_mylab_user_guides/MyWritingLab_Student_Guide.pdf

You’ll also need the course ID to enroll in MyWritingLab: Hughes759859W

The school zip code is 93311

2. On your own time, complete all Diagnostic Pre-Tests

3. Then, based on your personalized lesson plan, decide which topics you’d like to explore and complete.
   • You MUST reach mastery (80%) in at least 20 topics (see chart below for more info)

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<th>If working in the Writing subject area….</th>
<th>Receive 80% or higher on both the Recall and Apply activities. <strong>Do not do Write activity.</strong></th>
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<td>• If you reach mastery in any topics by taking the Diagnostics, these topics count toward your mastery of 20 topics. For example, if you master three topics in the Diagnostics, you only need to master 12 more topics.</td>
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<td>• If you don’t master a topic after exhausting the sets, you may move on to another topic, or have us unlock the area for you</td>
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<td>• To complete your mastery of 20 topics, you may choose any combination of reading, writing, and/or study skills.</td>
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4. You may work on mastery of 20 topics until the last day of classes.

5. We will send reminder emails during the third, fifth, seventh, and the ninth week

Optional:
• In MyWritingLab, there is an area where you can get detailed feedback on any papers you are writing. This is not required for 277/477; however, if you are interested, instructions for submitting and more information about the Smart Thinking program, see http://www.csub.edu/mwl/humbehs277477mwl.html

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I know if I’ve received mastery in a topic?
   You’ll be able to log in and see which areas you’ve received mastery in. Remember that a checkmark (either blue, black, or green) designates mastery in that area. Just add those up, and you’ll know how many topics you’ve mastered. You’ll also receive an email from us every week reminding you of how many topics you still need to master.

2. Help! I’ve tried all the sets in a topic and “exhausted” them, or I’m confused!!
   If you’re ever confused, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Information is on the first page.