**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Utica and Rome, New York**

**Course Outline**

**EN090 Basic Writing Skills C-3, P-2, Cr-0**

**Catalog Description**

This composition course focuses on the organization and development of ideas, the subordination and coordination of sentences, and the practice of standard usage. Students develop skills in writing, revising, and editing paragraphs and short essays.

**Prerequisite:** Appropriate score on placement test writing.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

* Compose brief personal/narrative essays at a level of writing fluency adequate for success in English 101
* Utilize such composing skills as generating, focusing, developing, organizing, critiquing, and revising ideas directed to a specific audience
* Produce unified, coherent, well supported writing in an essay format
* Demonstrate an ability to use the basic conventions of standard grammar, punctuation, word choice, and spelling
* Articulate the roles of writing as a means of self-expression and communication, and as a tool for thinking

**Major Topics:**

* Understanding the importance of writing in a variety of contexts
* Brainstorming, outlining, and other prewriting activities
* Organizing and connecting ideas
* Understanding different rhetorical strategies
* Planning writing projects based on purpose and audience
* Understanding different kinds of evidence or support used in writing
* Drafting, revision, and rewriting processes
* Using critical reading skills in revision, editing, and rewriting
* Understanding the importance of authorial credibility and point of view
* Proofreading for proper grammar usage and word choice

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