**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Course Outline**

**Course Title: SL116 ESL4: Advanced Composition C-4, Cr-4**

**Course Description:**

This course introduces non-native English speakers to the writing of well-organized and well-developed essays. It focuses on form and content, improving the clarity and sophistication of written expression in English. Students must earn a minimum of grade of “C” or better to pass this course.

**Prerequisite:** A minimum grade of “C” in SL106 ESL3: Intermediate Composition or appropriate placement test result.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the student will

1. Write essays of at least five paragraphs using standard written English.
2. Recognize and use rhetorical modes.
3. Use common patterns of essay organization.
4. Use appropriate techniques for generating ideas, revising, and editing.
5. Demonstrate an awareness of the roles purpose and audience play in writing.
6. Recognize and use principles of coherence and unity in essay development.
7. Use a variety of sentence structures in essay writing (complex and compound-complex sentences).

**Major Topics:**

* Essays
* Rhetorical modes
* Essay organizational patterns
* Coherence and unity in essay development
* Prewriting
* Revision
* Editing
* Purpose and audience
* Complex and compound-complex sentences

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