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### Course Content

“Essay “ is the third and the last course in writing. It is designed to focus on the argumentative essay and to provide students with the rationale, examples, techniques, and training in this type of academic and public mode of text-type.

The course covers the traditional structure of argumentation (major premise, minor premise and conclusion), and thesis statement-supporting details model. The course takes the form of analysis of exemplary essays, of detailed outlines and of the methods of collecting and using published resources to report and argue a certain position.

### Course Rationale

This course has been suggested because:

- 1- It provides students with the main models of argumentative writing .
- 2- It focuses on the collection and use of a variety of resources in the process of developing and writing – up of a medium length essay(1.000-2.000 words)
- 3- The course is needed to enable students to go up to the more specialized courses.

### Course Objectives

**By the end of the course, students should be able to:**

- 1- analyze argumentative essays of various types .
- 2- extract and use information from various sources ( books , newspapers , magazines , journals , and internet ) in their writing .
- 3- make an elaborate online including a thesis statement and sections of supporting details .
- 4- write a well – structured essay ( about 1.500 words in length ) arguing a given position addressed to the general public

### Grading and Evaluation

**Total mark is out of 100**

- 1- 30% of the total mark is for your performance.
  - 10% is for your participation on Blackboard Forum.

- 10% is for your main three assignments.
- 10% is for your attendance (live and recorded lectures).

## 2. 70% of the total mark is for the FINAL TEST.

The exact date and time of the final test will be announced later.

**Note:** The Final Test is only multiple choice test.

### Note: Three Main Assignments

- You have to HAND IN these Assignments ON TIME. NO excuse will be accepted for ANY kind of delay.

### Attendance

You have to attend all live and recorded classes.

You also have to attend and participate on Blackboard Forums.

**Note:** If you drop down any of these attendances, your grade will be deducted automatically by the end of the semester. So, ATTEND.

### Textbooks & Recommended References

#### 1- Main Textbook :

1. DiYanni , Robert Ed. (2007). *One Hundred Great Essays* . London, Longman.
2. Ellis, C and Northedge , A. (no date ) . *The Arts Good Study Guide* . The Open University .

#### 2- References :

1. University of Cambridge ( 2005 ) . *IELTS 4*. Cambridge University Press .
2. University of Cambridge ( 2005 ) . *IELTS 5*. Cambridge University Press .

#### 3- Websites :

- 1- [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)
- 2- [www.IRICDATABASE.org](http://www.IRICDATABASE.org)

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