

Welcome to English 109 Writing ☺

Tell me about yourself!

Fill in the blanks or circle the answer that best describes your answer.

Personal Information

1. Name _____

2. Age _____

3. Where are you from? _____

4. Why have you chosen to study English? _____

5. Why did you choose this university? _____

6. Did you attend college in your home country or another country? Yes No

If yes, please write...

1) what country _____

2) how many years you attended college _____

3) what you studied _____

7. Did you do any academic writing in your home country? Yes No

8. Would you consider yourself a good writer in your first language? Yes No

9. Why are you taking this course?

a. It's required

b. I enjoy writing

c. I want to improve my writing skills

d. Other _____

How I Like To Learn

Number each option from 1–8 according to your preference. Use each number only ONCE.
(1 = my favorite, 8 = my *least* favorite)

I learn best ...

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|--|---|
| ___ when I work in groups | ___ when I work alone |
| ___ when listening to lectures | ___ when I apply what I learn in class activities |
| ___ when I actively participate in class | ___ when the teacher uses demonstrations |
| ___ when I read from a textbook | ___ when I memorize information |

Number each option from 1-4 according to your preference.
(1 = my favorite, 4 = my *least* favorite)

I am motivated to study English and do well in school by...

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| ___ getting good grades | ___ my desire to learn English |
| ___ my desire, or need, to get a job | ___ a reason that is not listed
<i>(please explain below)</i> |
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Number each option from 1-9 according to your preference. Use each number only ONCE.
(1 = my favorite, 9 = my *least* favorite)

I like to...

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|---|--|
| ___ do group projects | ___ write essays |
| ___ give PowerPoint presentations | ___ do projects / assignments individually |
| ___ create websites | ___ create portfolios |
| ___ create posters | ___ do research assignments |
| ___ have creative freedom in my assignments | |

Please circle the answer that describes your feeling the best.

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| 1. I do not like written exams (in-class or take-home essays) | agree | disagree |
| 2. I feel nervous when I take tests or quizzes | agree | disagree |
| 3. I like to participate in class discussions | agree | disagree |
| 5. I feel comfortable asking questions when I do not understand something | agree | disagree |
| 6. I express my ideas better when I... | ___ speak about them. | ___ write about them. |

Writing

Please circle the answer that describes your feeling the best.

1. I like writing in...

my first language English both languages NOT at all

Please write a short answer to the following questions.

2. If you like writing, what do you **like** about it?

3. If you do **not** like writing, what do you **not** like about it?

Please circle which answer describes your knowledge about these elements of writing the best.

1. Introductions I **know / think I know / don't know** how to form an introduction.

2. Thesis I **know / think I know / don't know** how to form a thesis.

3. Topic Sentences (TS) I **know / think I know / don't know** how to form and use TS.

4. Transitions I **know / think I know / don't know** how to use transitions.

5. Conclusions I **know / think I know / don't know** how to form a conclusion.

6. Citing I **know / think I know / don't know** how to cite sources.

7. Plagiarism I **know / think I know / don't know** what it is and how to avoid it.

Reading

Please circle the answer that describes your feeling the best, or write a short answer in the space.

1. I like to read in...

my first language English both languages NOT at all

2. How often did / do you read in your language?

Every day Once a week Once a month Almost never

3. How often do you read in English?

Every day Once a week Once a month Almost never

4. What do you like to read? _____

Class Expectations

Please write a short answer to the following questions.

1. What do you want to learn from this class?

2. What do you expect of / from the teacher? (For example, the teacher should be flexible, understanding, not go through the material too quickly, give clear instructions, etc.)

Thank you for sharing!