**English Composition (Композиция английской письменной речи)**

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No matter what your future job is going to be, you must be able to communicate effectively if you want to be successful. The course of the *English Composition* will enhance your ability to do so by sharpening your critical thinking and writing skills. Your goal is to produce clearer, more active sentences, better structured paragraphs, and more coherent and interesting personal and analytical essays.

In this course you will learn how to

* compose effective thesis statements;
* demonstrate proficiency in writing skills based on the criteria of standard essay structure and English usage;
* compose a clear, coherent, unified essay organized around a single central idea using a variety of techniques for support;
* demonstrate understanding and effective use of paragraph structure, including topic sentences and supporting examples;
* demonstrate effective use of introductions and conclusions;
* employ various strategies for gathering information (brainstorming, free-writing, mapping, etc.), stages of the writing process (pre-writing, drafting, revising and editing), basic rhetorical modes (narration, description, comparison/contrast, cause & effect, etc.);
* identify effective writing techniques in your essays and peer writing.

The course is delivered in English and involves a lot of writing practice.