L.A. Trade Tech College | Norma de la Pena, Instructor
Fall, '08, # 0835, E208 | M- Th. 11:45 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

ESL 5A – Writing and Grammar
6 units, Credit/No Credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides practice and guidance in writing organized, well developed paragraphs and essays with effective introductions and conclusions. Pre-writing, rough draft, editing, and rewriting will lead to the finished composition, usually a five-paragraph essay. A variety of rhetorical modes will include: narration, expository, comparison and contrast, and simple argumentation. The importance of careful reading and critical thinking skills will also be emphasized in the course.

TEXTBOOKS:
1.) Ready to Write More, 2nd edition. K. Blanchard and C. Root, Pearson Educ., Longman Publishers, $32.85.
2.) Grammar Exercises, M. Fuchs and M. Bonner. Longman Publishers, $41.50.
3.) A dictionary
Bilingual (your language and English) or English only
4.) A novel (to be determined)

GRADING: Students will receive a grade of **Credit/No Credit** at the end of the semester, but will receive grades of A, B, C, D, or Fail on assignments, as follows:

Classwork, homework, participation	25%
Essays (in-class and out –of- class)	25%
Mid-Term Exam, quizzes	25%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

OTHER:
1.) Attendance is very important. More than **three unexcused absences will lower your grade and may result in a "Fail"** or **No Credit for the course. Three unexcused tardies equals one absence.**
2.) You are expected to do your own work. Working with your peers (classmates) is allowed for some assignments, but you must provide most of the ideas and writing for your essays. **Plagiarism** (submitting another's work as yours) is **not** allowed and may result in a "Fail" for the assignment or the course.
3.) If you need more assistance in grammar/punctuation, you can enroll in Learning Skills 5 (ESL Fundamentals), Learning Skills 2A, 2B, or 2C (English Fundamentals), or Learning Skills 4 (Mechanics of Spelling). Register for any of these one-unit courses in C102.

NOTE: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO NEED ANY ASSISTANCE OR ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR.