

**Course Outline for:**

**Writing Tutorials (online)**

<b>Grade Levels:</b>	9 - 12		
<b>Assignments:</b>	9 lessons	<b>Credits:</b>	5
<b>Course Materials:</b>	all online		
<b>UC a-g Requirements:</b>	none		

**Course Description:**

Writing Tutorials offers students instruction on the process of writing as a craft and as a skill. Students learn how to write a comprehensive and well formed essay, and about how the parts of the essay work together to form a persuasive whole. The course also offers students a chance to read and analyze a variety of professional essays and writing samples. Students will exit this course with the ability to cite sources in their writing and put together persuasive and accurate essays.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Students learn how to effectively pre-write and brainstorm
- Students learn about various forms of outlines to guide their essay writing and development
- Students understand the form and parts of essays and their mutual relationships and purposes, and demonstrate their understanding by writing their own essays
- Students read and write various kinds of essays, including comparison-contrast, persuasive, eyewitness account, critical review, reflective, interpretive, and research based essays, as well as narrative prose
- Students learn how to properly cite sources and to avoid plagiarism
- Students use grading rubrics and proofreading guides to evaluate and revise their own writing
- Students read a variety of professional and published sample essays which illustrate the principle points of each lesson

**Course Outline:**

**Lesson 1: Introduction**

- A) General proofreading guide - pre-writing & brainstorming
- B) Outlines - thesis development