Write101x – VEP Course Profile

This document outlines the course profile for a MOOC or MOOC+VEP companion materials proposed as part of the Virtual Exchange Program (VEP) with 'MOOCs for Credit' Alliance Partners.

Included are descriptions of activities and assessments for the MOOC and the VEP companion materials. The aim is for the MOOC and the VEP companion materials to be as comparable to the on-campus course as possible, given the constraints of a fully on-line delivery.

VEP students will be required to enrol in the Verified Track in the public MOOC and participate in activities for the companion cohort in a variety of ways.

This MOOC is delivered through edX. VEP students will be supplied a code to upgrade to the Verified Track. VEP students must provide UQ with the email address associated with their edX ID.

Course Name
Write101x - English Grammar and Style

Equivalent UQ on-campus course code and title
WRIT1250 – Fundamentals of English Grammar

Course Level
This course is derived from a 1st year bachelor level course.

Expected Prior Knowledge
This course assumes a good command of English.

Unit Value
2 Units (7.5 ECTS)

Course Aims
Write101x MOOC
WRITE101x introduces students to key concepts and strategies related to grammar, sentence and paragraph structure, style, and punctuation. The course aims to enhance students' ability to revise and edit their writing by building on their intuitive understanding of how words work. Learning and absorbing these strategies will enhance students' ability to respond with confidence and competence to the unprecedented and accelerating 21st century demand for high levels of literacy.

Write101x VEP Companion
Materials in the companion course will build on students' intuitive understanding on how words work, and equip them with a command of sentence structure and style by providing them with strategies to edit their own and others' work. The course will cover word usage; phrases and clauses; sentence structure and types of sentences; case of nouns and pronouns; tense, mood, form and voice of verbs; modal verbs; verbals; agreement of subject and verb; pronoun reference; adjectives and adverbs; modifiers, conjunctions, parallelism; prepositions; punctuation; and paragraph coherence and cohesion.

VEP students will be provided with:
- access to additional materials from WRIT1250 not used in Write101x;
- additional assessments to ensure comparable assessment to WRIT1250;

Learning Objectives

After successfully completing the Write101x MOOC and the Write101x VEP Companion, students should be able to:

1. Reliably identify the roles and relationships of words in a sentence.
2. Demonstrate mastery of grammatical concepts and syntactical strategies and apply this knowledge to produce coherent, economical, and compelling writing.
3. Critique and edit their own and others' writing.

Learning Activities

Write101x MOOC

Week	Content	Activities
1	Course introduction: - What is grammar? - Why does it matter? - Writing standard English. - How words work.	Welcome Diagnostic test 3 learning sequences 10 question quiz
2	Introduction to Sentences - Parts of speech and word classes - structure and patterns of sentences - phrases - clauses - common sentence-level problems	Overview 3 learning sequences 10 Question quiz
3	Introduction to Verbs - Finite and non-finite verbs - Linking verbs - Auxiliary verbs - Transitive and intransitive verbs - Verb phrases - Phrasal verbs - Verbal phrases - Infinitives, participles, and gerunds - Tense, mood, and voice of verbs	Overview 2 learning sequences 10 question quiz
4	Introduction to Nouns and Pronouns - Form and function of nouns: noun strings and nominalisations - Form and function of pronouns - Problems with pronouns	Overview 3 learning sequences 10 question quiz
5	Introduction to Adjectives and Determiners - Form, function, and use of adjectives including the 'Royal Order of Adjectives' and degrees of comparison - Adjectival sequencing, punctuation, and determiners	Overview 2 learning sequences 10 question quiz Style Guide Entry 1 set
6	Introduction to Adverbs and Conjunctions - Form, function, degrees of comparison, and placement of adverbs - Intensifiers - Weasels	Overview 2 learning sequences 10 question quiz Style Guide Entry 1 due

7	Introduction to Prepositions and Paragraphs - Identify how prepositions function - Problems associated with the use of prepositions - Paragraph development and cohesive ties	Overview 2 learning sequences 10 question quiz Style Guide Entry 2 set
8	Introduction to Punctuation - Explore punctuation marks and associated problems.	Overview 2 learning sequences 10 question quiz Style Guide Entry 2 due End of course survey

Write101x VEP Companion
Required textbook, supplementary readings, and comprehensive lecture notes.

Assessment
Write101x MOOC

MOOC Verified Certificate pass mark 50%

Assessment Task	Weighting
8 x weekly quiz	80%
Style-guide entry 1 (250- 300 words) + read & grade 5 peers	10%
Style-guide entry 2 (250- 300 words) + read & grade 5 peers	10%

Write101x VEP Companion

The final VEP grade is based on the VEP Companion assessment with the provision that a pass in the MOOC assessment is required for a VEP pass grade or higher.

The VEP Companion assessment and weighting is currently being finalised and will comprise:
- Participation in the Write101x MOOC discussion board
- Quizzes
- Final exam graded by the MOOC lead instructor
- Style guide entries graded by the MOOC lead instructor

Key Dates

11 Sept	Final date to nominate at home institution
9 Oct	Course Commences
11 Dec	End of course

Policies
The University of Queensland has a suite of policies, procedures and guidelines that are designed to ensure students and staff are aware of their academic obligations and are familiar with administrative aspects of their enrolment at the University. The University's policies and associated procedures relating to teaching and learning can be found at: 3. Teaching and Learning
Students are expected to undertake the on-line academic integrity tutorial after they have enrolled. They will be provided with a link to that tutorial when they sign into the University's student record system, called mySI-net.

Additional course costs

VEP students will be supplied a code to enrol, without cost, in the Verified Track of the Write101x MOOC.

The required textbook is available worldwide as a paperback and as an e-book.

Support for Students
The University offers a number of support services for students. Information on these is available online from Student Services.

Other Information
To enrich the portfolio of students, UQ and a number of other leading universities started the 'Credits for MOOCs' project. Students are able to benefit from the available MOOCs offered by experts in the field by incorporating these MOOCs in their study program, usually as elective credit.

Application/Enrolment
This course is open to a limited number of students from Credit for MOOCs partner institutions.

Students must contact their home institution for details. UQ will not accept applications from individual students.