Paragraph Writing

Description: This course is intended to assist students develop their competence in writing some types of paragraphs. The course constitutes basic knowledge of paragraph structures including topic sentence, supporting sentences, and conclusion; stages in writing process covering pre-writing, writing, and re-writing; and several types of paragraphs comprising descriptive, narrative, compare—contrast, process, and cause-effect texts. Students are to complete various writing assignments and acquire the necessary skills for Essay Writing.

Materials:
1. Concepts of Paragraph Writing
   a. Topic Sentence
   b. Supporting Sentences
   c. Concluding Sentences
2. Stages in Writing:
   a. Pre-Writing (brainstorming, mind mapping, outlining)
   b. Writing (composing)
   c. Re-writing (revising and editing – peer)
3. Concepts and stages in writing descriptive paragraphs
   a. Organization: Spatial order
   b. Topic Sentence for descriptive paragraph
   c. Supporting sentences for descriptive paragraph
   d. Paragraph Unity (coherence and cohesion)
4. Concepts and stages in writing narrative paragraphs
   a. Organization: Characterization, plot, climax, resolution
   b. Sentence Structure: Past Tense
5. Concepts and stages in writing compare-contrast paragraphs
   a. Organization: block organization, point-by-point organization
   b. Comparison signals
   c. Contrast signals
6. Concepts and stages in writing process paragraphs
   a. Organization: block organization, point-by-point organization
   b. Ordering signals
   c. Writing process
7. Concepts and stages in writing cause-effect paragraphs
   a. Organization: block organization, point-by-point organization
   b. Cause signals
   c. Effect signals
   d. Writing process