Required text: First Steps in Academic Writing, 2nd edition

Course Description: By the end of Writing 1, students should be able to write a coherent paragraph with a good topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding sentence with minimal errors in fragments and run-ons. In addition to paragraph structure, Level 1 focuses on handwriting, formatting, capitalization and punctuation, simple and compound sentences, and spelling. Students will write in a variety of rhetorical styles, including description and narration.

Student Learning Objectives (what students will be able to do by the end of the course):

• Produce legible handwriting with correct capitalization and punctuation.
• Complete written assignments using proper format.
• Identify and produce correct sentence formation (word order, sentence requirements, simple and compound sentences).
• Use pre-writing strategies to develop ideas.
• Recognize and produce the elements of a paragraph: topic sentence, supporting details and concluding sentence
• Communicate an idea in a series of logically connected sentences.
• Restate events of something experienced or read.
• Follow basic standard organizational patterns.
• Proofread simple texts.

Assignments/Activities:
Identify good topic sentences
Write paragraphs on particular themes
Complete sentence structure exercises in textbook
Keep a journal

Methods of Evaluation:
Written homework
In-class writing
Textbook exercises
Paragraphs