

GRADE 6/7 COURSE OFFERINGS – 2017 Fall Semester

ProClass code:

17FallMladinichWri6/7-1_MS1

17FallMladinichWri6/7-1_MS2

17FallMladinichWri6/7-1_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mladinich.com

Maximum students: 30

WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Punctuation and Grammar I (MS 6/7-1)

** This course is scheduled during three time slots in the fall semester only; the course will not be offered live in the spring semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Essentials 1 and 2 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (12 weeks of classes).*

** Though not required, it is recommended to sign up for Essentials 1 and 2 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 6

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 2 PM EDT (1:00 Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11:00 Pacific)

Sept 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17; 2017

OR

Wednesdays, 11:30 AM EDT (10:30 Central; 9:30 Mountain; 8:30 Pacific)

Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18; 2017

OR

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM EDT (12 noon Central; 11:00 Mountain; 10 Pacific)

Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18; 2017

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: No class prerequisite. Your student will also need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.

Suggested grade level: 7th or accelerated 6th grade

Fee: \$89 if you register on or before July 15, 2017; \$109 after July 15, 2017, for all six classes (\$129 after Sept. 4)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This is an essential writing course for all beginning middle school students, designed to give your middle school student confidence and the ability to use punctuation and grammar well. This foundational course will help your student not struggle with commas, the semicolon and colon, and the most challenging ideas within proper grammar for middle school students.

Course outline:

Class 1: Solid commas in a series and comas with conjunctions

Class 2: Solid commas within clauses and tough constructions

Class 3: Solid tense, competing punctuation, and quotations

Class 4: Sticky-pair sentence construction (if-then, not only-but also) and tough grammar

Class 5: Using colons and semicolons correctly

Class 6: Introducing tricky punctuation details and end punctuation

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Weekly quizzes, with an estimated two to three hours per week for homework outside of class time. Quizzes are graded automatically by the computer for instant feedback.

ProClass code:

17FallMladinichWri6/7-2_MS1

17FallMladinichWri6/7-2_MS2

17FallMladinichWri6/7-2_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mladinich.com

Maximum students: 25

WRITING ESSENTIALS 2: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph

Writing I (MS 6/7-2)

** This course is scheduled during three time slots in the fall semester only; the course will not be offered live in the spring semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Essentials 1 and 2 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (12 weeks of classes).*

** Though not required, it is recommended to sign up for Essentials 1 and 2 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 6

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 2 PM EDT (1:00 Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11:00 Pacific)

Oct 24; Nov 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec 5; 2017 (No class Oct. 31, All Hallows Eve)

OR

Wednesdays, 11:30 AM EDT (10:30 Central; 9:30 Mountain; 8:30 Pacific)

Oct 25; Nov 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6; 2017 (no class All Saints Day)

OR

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM EDT (12 noon Central; 11:00 Mountain; 10 Pacific)

Oct 25; Nov 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6; 2017 (no class All Saints Day)

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: *Writing Essentials 1: Punctuation and Grammar I (MS 6/7-1)* or written permission from the instructor. You may take the prerequisite course live or in Unlimited Access. Your student will also need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.

Suggested grade level: 7th or accelerated 6th grade

Fee: \$89 if you register on or before July 15, 2017; \$109 after July 15, 2017, for all six classes (\$129 after Oct. 16)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This is an essential writing course for all middle school students, to make sure your student has strong middle school writing foundations in place. Your student will learn how to create well-crafted sentences and paragraphs—including the absolute “must-have” knowledge and practice for the use of nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions and prepositional phrases, and compound sentence structures. Your student will also cover capitalization, end punctuation, and the use of quoted material. Even if your student has learned the composition of a sentence and paragraph in elementary materials, this course uses higher-level vocabulary and structures. This course can help your student finally master the details that are holding him or her back from writing well.

Course outline:

Class 1: Nouns, verbs, and capitalization in sentences

Class 2: Adjectives, adverbs, and end punctuation in sentences

Class 3: Prepositions, prepositional phrases, and compound sentence structures

Class 4: Using quotes in dialogue and academic writing

Class 5: Transitions and connectives in sentences

Class 6: Putting it all together: Transitions and linear sentences in paragraph writing

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Estimated one to three hours per week for homework outside of class time, depending on the student’s ability. All writing assignments are graded by the instructor.

GRADE 6/7 COURSE OFFERINGS – 2018 Spring Semester

ProClass code:

18SprMladinichWri6/7-3_MS1

18SprMladinichWri6/7-3_MS2

17FallMladinichWri6/7-3_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mladinich.com

Maximum students: 30

WRITING ESSENTIALS 3: Punctuation and Grammar II (6/7-3)

** This course, a continuation of the Writing Essentials series for 6/7 students, is scheduled three time slots in the spring semester only; the course will not be offered in the fall semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Essentials 3 and 4 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (12 weeks of classes).*

** Though not required, it is recommended to sign up for Essentials 3 and 4 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 6

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 2 PM EDT (1:00 Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11:00 Pacific)

Jan 16, 23, 30; Feb 6, 20, 27; 2018 (No class Feb. 13)

OR

Wednesdays, 11:30 AM EDT (10:30 Central; 9:30 Mountain; 8:30 Pacific)

Jan 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 21, 28; 2018 (No class Feb. 14 for Ash Wednesday)

OR

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM EDT (12 noon Central; 11:00 Mountain; 10 Pacific)

Jan 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 21, 28; 2018 (No class Feb. 14 for Ash Wednesday)

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: *Writing Essentials 2: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph Writing I* (MS 6/7-2) or written permission from the instructor. You may take the prerequisite courses live or in Unlimited Access. Your student will also need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.

Suggested grade level: 7th or accelerated 6th grade

Fee: \$89 if you register on or before November 15, 2017; \$109 after November 15, 2017, for all six classes (\$129 after Jan. 8)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This is an essential writing course for all middle school students, designed to further your middle school student's ability and confidence to use punctuation and grammar well. The course will focus on identifying and using correct punctuation in longer passages of text, including the use of commas, semicolons and colons, and quotation marks. Special emphasis will be placed on using punctuation correctly in systems of testing, such as standardized tests, and the student's ability to identify wrong uses of punctuation, making the corrections easily.

Course outline:

Class 1: Correct comma use with clauses, compound sentences, and commas vs. semicolons in lists

Class 2: Odd punctuation challenges with colons, semicolons, and capitalizations

Class 3: Correct usage of quotation marks and their surrounding punctuation

Class 4: Complete Sentences vs. fragments in academic work vs. Advertisements and informal writing

Class 5: Punctuation, capitalization, and form in formal letters

Class 6: Common punctuation and grammar mistakes with pronouns, questions, compound sentences, and more

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Weekly quizzes, with an estimated two to three hours per week for homework outside of class time. Quizzes are graded automatically by the computer for instant feedback.

ProClass code:

18SprMladinichWri6/7-4_MS1

18SprMladinichWri6/7-4_MS2

18SprMladinichWri6/7-4_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mladinich.com

Maximum students: 25

WRITING ESSENTIALS 4: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph

Writing II (MS 6/7-4)

** This course, a continuation of the Writing Essentials series for 6/7 students, is scheduled three time slots in the spring semester only; the course will not be offered in the fall semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Essentials 3 and 4 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (12 weeks of classes).*

** Though not required, it is recommended to sign up for Essentials 3 and 4 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 6

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 2 PM EDT (1:00 Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11:00 Pacific) Mar 6, 13, 20; Apr 3, 10, 17; 2018 (No class Mar. 27 for Holy Week)

OR

Wednesdays, 11:30 AM EDT (10:30 Central; 9:30 Mountain; 8:30 Pacific)
Mar 7, 14, 21; Apr 4, 11, 18; 2018 (No class Mar 28 for Holy Week)

OR

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM EDT (12 noon Central; 11:00 Mountain; 10 Pacific)
Mar 7, 14, 21; Apr 4, 11, 18; 2018 (No class Mar 28 for Holy Week)

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: *Writing Essentials 3: Punctuation and Grammar II* (MS 6/7-3) or written permission from the instructor. You may also take the prerequisite courses in Unlimited Access. Your student will also need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.

Suggested grade level: 7th or accelerated 6th grade

Fee: \$89 if you register on or before November 15, 2017; \$109 after November 15, 2017, for all six classes (\$129 after Feb. 25)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This essential writing course for middle school students continues teaching how to create well-crafted sentences and paragraphs using specific nouns, strong verbs, appropriate adjectives and adverbs, prepositions and prepositional phrases, and compound sentence structures. Special emphasis will be placed on using words correctly in systems of testing such as standardized tests and the student's ability to identify improper word choice and make the corrections.

Course outline:

Class 1: Identifying and building on specific nouns and strong verbs in sentences

Class 2: Identifying and building on appropriate adjectives and adverbs in sentences

Class 3: Identifying and correctly using prepositions, prepositional phrases, and compound sentence structures within sentences and paragraphs

Class 4: How to easily identify incorrect usage in standardized tests

Class 5: Creating paragraphs with strong transitions and connectives

Class 6: Critical know-how for writing multi-paragraph essays

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Estimated one to three hours per week for homework outside of class time, depending on the student's ability. All writing assignments are graded by the instructor.

GRADE 7/8 COURSE OFFERINGS – 2017 Fall Semester

ProClass code:

17FallMladinichWri7/8-1_MS1

17FallMladinichWri7/8-1_MS2

17FallMladinichWri7/8-1_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mldinich.com

Maximum students: 25

SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 1:

Foundations of Composition I (MS 7/8-1)

** This course, a continuation of the Simplified Writing series for 7/8 students, is scheduled during three time slots in the fall semester only; the course will not be offered in the spring semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Simplified Writing 1 and 2 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (14 weeks of classes).*

** Though not required, it is recommended to sign up for Simplified Writing 1 and 2 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 8

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)

Sept 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017

OR

Thursdays, 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11 AM Pacific)

Sept 07, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; 2017

OR

Thursdays, 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)

Sept 07, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; 2017

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: *WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Punctuation and Grammar I (MS 6/7-1)*. Students may take the requisite course live or in Unlimited Access. Your student will also need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.

Suggested grade level: 8th or accelerated 7th grade

Fee: \$177 if you register on or before July 15, 2017; \$197 after July 15, 2017, for all eight classes (\$217 after Aug. 27)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This course introduces middle school students to the skills and habits creating strong and clear writing foundations for high school level writing. The course covers the purposes of writing, including expression, informing, and persuading; the effect of audience on writing; and how to sculpt a piece of writing with direction, including the characteristics of an effective introduction, body, and conclusion. Students continue to perfect effective topic sentences, linear writing, and transitions with specific feedback from the instructor.

Course outline:

Class 1: Writing for a purpose and audience: the “why” of writing

Class 2: Great word choice: how to choose the “right” word

Class 3: Strong sentences: how to write a great sentence

Class 4: Clear paragraphs: what makes a great paragraph/linear writing that makes sense to the reader

Class 5: Writing with direction: great introductions and the hook

Class 6: Writing with direction: great introductions and the thesis

Class 7: Writing with direction: the body (of your paper) and how to make it “shapely”

Class 8: Writing with direction: the conclusion

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Weekly writing assignments, with grading and direct feedback from the instructor. Estimated three to four hours per week for homework outside of class time, depending on the student’s ability.

ProClass code:

17FallMladinichWri7/8-2_MS1

17FallMladinichWri7/8-2_MS2

17FallMladinichWri7/8-2_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mladinich.com

Maximum students: 25

SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2:

Introduction to Essays and Papers I (MS 7/8-2)

** This course, a continuation of the Simplified Writing series for 7/8 students, is scheduled during three time slots in the fall semester only; the course will not be offered in the spring semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Simplified Writing 1 and 2 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (12 weeks of classes).*

** **Though not required**, it is recommended to sign up for Simplified Writing 1 and 2 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 6

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)

Oct. 31; Nov 7, 14, 28; Dec 5, 12; 2017 (No class Nov. 21 for Thanksgiving week)

OR

Thursdays, 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 PM Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11 Pacific)
Nov 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec 7, 14; 2017 (no class Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving)

OR

Thursdays, 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)
Nov 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec 7, 14; 2017 (no class Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving)

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: *SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 1: Foundations of Composition I* (MS 7/8-1); students may take the requisite courses live or in Unlimited Access. Your student will also need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.

Suggested grade level: 8th or accelerated 7th grade

Fee: \$97 if you register on or before July 15, 2017; \$117 after July 15, 2017, for all six classes (\$137 after Oct. 23)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This is a writing course that takes the foundational writing skills learned in the Simplified Writing 1 course and puts into critical practice, with specific feedback and coaching regarding how your student's writing can improve. Students will brainstorm and craft the outline of an essay and a short paper during the course, introducing hooks, thesis statements, and connecting sentences in an essay/paper's introduction and creating outlines. Attention will be given to writing with a Christian worldview.

Course outline:

Class 1: Writing structure and skill: practicing the introduction, hook, and thesis

Class 2: Writing structure and skill: practicing outlines and the conclusion/concluding statements

Class 3: Writing an essay: rough drafts

Class 4: Writing a paper: five types of papers & practicing the introduction, hook, and thesis

Class 5: Writing a paper: practicing outlines and concluding statements; revising an essay

Class 6: Writing a paper: rough drafts; editing an essay

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Weekly writing assignments, with grading and direct feedback from the instructor. Estimated three to four hours per week for homework outside of class time, depending on the student's ability.

GRADE 7/8 COURSE OFFERINGS – 2017 Spring Semester

ProClass code:

18SprMladinichWri7/8-3_MS1

18SprMladinichWri7/8-3_MS2

18SprMladinichWri7/8-3_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mladinich.com

Maximum students: 25

SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 3: Writing the Excellent Essay (MS 7/8-3)

** This course, a continuation of the Simplified Writing series for 7/8 students, is scheduled during three time slots in the spring semester only; the course will not be offered in the fall semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Simplified Writing 3 and 4 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (12 weeks of classes).*

** **Though not required**, it is recommended to sign up for Simplified Writing 3 and 4 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 8

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb 6, 13, 20, 27; 2018

OR

Thursdays, 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 PM Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11 Pacific)

Jan 11, 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar 1; 2018

OR

Thursdays, 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)

Jan 11, 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar 1; 2018

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2: Introduction to Essays and Papers I (MS 7/8-2). Students may take the requisite courses live or in Unlimited Access.

Suggested grade level: 8th or accelerated 7th grade

Fee: \$177 if you register on or before July 15, 2017; \$197 after July 15, 2017 for all eight classes. (\$217 after Jan. 1)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This course takes the skills learned Simplified Writing 1 and 2 and puts into practice the writing of essays, with specific feedback and coaching regarding how your student's writing can improve. Students will go through the start-to-finish process of creating an academic essay. Attention will be given to using all of the correct forms and skills of writing to this point in the Essentials and Simplified Writing courses.

Course outline:

Class 1: Types of essays – an introduction to rhetoric and choosing an essay topic

Class 2: Narrowing topics (from last class); brainstorming content for your topic and creating the thesis statement

Class 3: Analyzing and improving thesis statements (from last class); creating outlines

Class 4: Analyzing and improving outlines (from last class); creating introductions

Class 5: Creating rough drafts

Class 6: Revising the essay

Class 7: Editing the essay

Class 8: Formatting for the academic essay; an introduction to style guides

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Weekly writing assignments, with grading and direct feedback from the instructor. Estimated three to five hours per week for homework outside of class time, depending on the student's ability.

ProClass code:

18SprMladinichWri7/8-4_MS1

18SprMladinichWri7/8-4_MS2

18SprMladinichWri7/8-4_MS3

Instructor email: lisa@mladinich.com

Maximum students: 25

SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 4: Writing Form and Style (MS 7/8-4)

** This course, a continuation of the Simplified Writing series for 7/8 students, is scheduled during three time slots in the spring semester only; the course will not be offered in the fall semester.*

** This is a two-part course; take the Simplified Writing 3 and 4 courses together, to receive one full semester of credit (12 weeks of classes).*

** Though not required, it is recommended to sign up for Simplified Writing 3 and 4 in the same Time Offering (same time slot) within each semester.*

Total Classes: 8

Class dates and starting times:

Tuesdays, 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)

Mar 6, 13, 20; Apr 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1; 2018 (No class Mar. 27 for Holy Week)

OR

Thursdays, 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 PM Central; 12 noon Mountain; 11 Pacific)

Mar 8, 15, 22; Apr 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3; 2018 (No class Mar. 29 for Holy Thursday)

OR

Thursdays, 3:30 PM EDT 3:30 PM EDT (2:30 Central; 1:30 Mountain; 12:30 Pacific)

Mar 8, 15, 22; Apr 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3; 2018 (No class Mar. 29 for Holy Thursday)

Duration: 50 minutes

Prerequisite: SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 3: *Writing the Excellent Essay* (MS 7/8-3). Students may take the requisite courses live or in Unlimited Access. Your student will also need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.

Suggested grade level: 8th or accelerated 7th grade

Fee: \$177 if you register on or before July 15, 2017; \$197 after July 15, 2017 for all eight classes. (\$217 after Feb. 27)

Instructor: Lisa Mladinich

Course description: This course instructs your student in the many types of non-fiction and fiction writing that he/she will encounter, including descriptive writing, reviews, how-to articles and instructions, news articles and journalistic reporting, types of business writing, speeches, creative/expressive story writing (songs, plays, and other forms of story) and the kinds of writing used in the bible (epistles/letters, genealogical writing, historical narratives, laws and statutory writing, parables, poetry, and proverbial writing). Special emphasis will be placed on knowing the characteristics of each kind of writing and how to identify types of writing. Students will also experiment within and practice writing within most of the forms. This course will use all of the skills of writing to this point in the Essentials and Simplified Writing courses for middle school students.

Course outline:

Class 1: Types of Writing Overview, Purpose and Audience, Nonfiction and Fiction Writing

Class 2: How-to Writing and Instructional Writing

Class 3: An introduction to Journalism and News Reporting

Class 4: Expressive Writing – Forms of Story and Expression

Class 5: Descriptive Writing

Class 6: Business Writing

Class 7: Writing Reviews and Speeches

Class 8: Forms of Writing in the Bible

Course materials: Word 2007 or later version. Your student may be required to purchase one or two books under \$25. Information forthcoming.

Homework: Weekly writing assignments, with grading and direct feedback from the instructor. Estimated three to five hours per week for homework outside of class time, depending on the student's ability.