Dear Student:

I am sorry to tell you that your English Competency Examination (ECE) was judged as failing. A copy of the exam will be on file in the office of Learning Services, located in the basement of Houston Cole Library. Learning Services, which is where most students choose to complete remediation, will review the failed essay with you during the remediation process. Remediation is not available during the summer. You will have to wait until fall semester, and then you must sign up within the first seven class days of the beginning of fall semester in order to receive remediation for that semester and to be eligible to attempt the fall exam in October. If you choose an option other than Learning Services, you should contact me to discuss and to approve your arrangements for remediation. I can be reached by phone at (256) 782-5512 or by email at ssellers@jsu.edu.

The ECE is a University graduation requirement. You must pass the examination before you can graduate from Jacksonville State University. Also, effective January 1, 1995, students must pass the ECE before filing an application for graduation; therefore, they must take (and pass) the exam no later than the semester prior to the one in which they plan to graduate. To prepare you to retake the exam, the University offers several remediation programs:

(ALL Forms of remediation are only valid for two semesters after completion.)

1. Take for credit or audit LS300M (1), Enhanced Writing Skills. Contact Learning Services.


3. Successfully complete the tutorial program offered by Learning Services. (For additional information on the remedial services that are provided by Learning Services go to http://www.jsu.edu/learningservices/ece.html).

4. Earn a grade of “C” or better in an upper-level (300 or above) writing course. The courses that count for remediation are EH322 (Technical Writing), EH344 (Advanced Composition), EH348 (Composition and Speech for Education Majors), and EH415 (Advanced Expository Writing). The course must begin after the semester of the most recently taken ECE. Be sure to advise the instructor at the beginning of the class that you are taking the class for remediation. If you choose to use one of these classes for remediation, you must call and let me know after you have completed the class so that I can clear to retake the exam.

5. If you need information concerning off-campus remediation, please contact me at the phone number or email address above in the first paragraph.

6. Distance Education students who take 100% of their classes online can contact Courtney Peppers-Owen in Learning Services at cpeppers@jsu.edu, or (256)782-5575 to discuss online remediation options. Only Distance Education students are eligible for this option.

As soon as you complete one of these programs, you will again be eligible for the English Competency Examination. The English Department is informed by Learning Services when a student is cleared to retake the ECE. You must complete an approved form of remediation to be eligible to retake the exam. Good luck to you.

Sincerely,
Susan S. Sellers, Director of the ECE
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