

Hi, Z,

Thanks for your note. Normally, I never like to encourage any student to withdraw from a class unless I think there's no way that student can pass. I certainly think you can pass the course, but there are some issues you should try to work on: just looking over your last two essays, I noticed the main problems being informal tone, lack of citations where information given should require a source, and use of generalizations. These problems are not insurmountable, but it will take a little effort on your part, such as revising all papers extremely carefully before submitting, perhaps having some one peer review the essay for you, and reading the essay aloud to see if you can "hear" any of the errors yourself. Creating a detailed outline before writing your essay may help with some of the organizational issues that were marked.

I understand that you would not want a C on your transcript, so I agree with Ms. W that you should take into consideration all other factors (your baseball schedule, other classes, etc.) before making a decision. Hopefully, the information I provided to you can help you in that decision-making process.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.
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On Fri, Mar 14, 2014 at 12:00 PM, Z <@gmail.com> wrote:

I have a few questions that I would like to ask you so that I could make a more educated decision about dropping the English 102 course. I'm discouraged about my grades in the class so far. Through your comments, I do not know what I need to improve upon with Essay 3 and 4 to receive better grades. I also am concerned with my own personal schedule due to baseball because of the time issue. I nearly have 3 games during the week, tournaments on the weekend, and when I do not have games, I have practice till 6. On top of baseball, I have five other classes to study and do work for. Ms. W suggested I email you for gaining more information/insight to make a better decision. She said that I need to look at my personal schedule as well as the class calendar and due dates, but again, I hoped you could offer more information. Also, I do not want to have a C on my college transcript. So, from my 2 papers, do you think I will be able to make higher than a C? Or should I drop and take a W? I know you cannot guarantee grades, but I'm wondering if you see something in my writing that I would specifically need to improve to ensure a more solid grade.

Thanks,
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