**COM356/ENG 310**

**Editing and Publishing**

**Spelling**

**TIPS:**

* Try to develop an “eye” for incorrect spellings.
* Is there an obvious Latinate root word? (recall podium and podiatrist)
* Is there a non-Latinate origin? (e.g. amok)
* Keep a short list of ones you have trouble with.
* Turn off your spellchecker. Editing tests (e.g. Dow Jones) will be given to you on paper.

The AP Stylebook includes several key ones. See *Think Like an Editor* Strategy 26. I also put some of these on my AP cheat sheets. Some important, tricky or classic ones, with a *common misspelling in parentheses*, several of which MSWord allows:

accommodate (accomodate)

adviser — may be AP only (advisor) a lot (alot)

all right (alright) amok (amuck)

barbecue (barbeque, bar-B-Q) broccoli (brocolli)

canceled (cancelled) changeable (changable)

consensus (concencus) dietitian (dietician)

embarrass (embarass) espresso (expresso)

fluorescent (flourescent) glamour (glamor)

guerrilla (guerilla) harebrained (hairbrained)

harass (harrass) indiscriminately (indiscriminantly)

inoculate (innoculate) judgment—also mainly AP (judgement) liaison (liason) likable (likeable)

mementos (mementoes) minuscule (miniscule)

misspell (mispell) newsstand (newstand)

pastime (passtime) predominantly (predominately)

prostate gland (prostrate) questionnaire (questionaire)

raccoon (racoon) restaurateur (restauranteur)

rock ’n’ roll (rock and roll) sacrilegious (sacreligious)

separate (seperate) skiing (sking)

small-business person (small business) supersede (supercede)

ukulele (ukelele)

vacuum (vaccum) weird (wierd)

worshiped (worshipped) zeros (zeroes)