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ENGLISH 1001G: Composition & Language  
SPRING 2014, Section 004

NOTE: Students who have ACT scores of 14 or below or have no test scores on file with the university must pass English 1000 before enrolling in 1001G.

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Office: CH3840 Office Hours: T/R: 9:15 - 10:45, 3:00-3:30, and by appointment  
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Texts: 1) A Pocket Style Manual, 2) Reading Packet

Description: English 1001G is a writing-centered course focused on critical thinking and the writing of essays culminating in a research project.

Lab: If your section is computer assisted, we will be doing some writing and evaluating in the computer lab. No part of a student’s grade will be affected by his or her computer savvy (however, computer problems outside the classroom do not serve as valid excuses for late or missing work). Each student needs a USB key. This will be used to store notes, outlines, drafts, and any in-class writing done during lab time.

EIU Online: The EIUO (D2L) page for this course will be active and serve as a place for course documents, announcements, email, and links to resources. Features such as quizzes, assessments, and grades may also be activated. Please check the course homepage regularly for changes to the syllabus, announcements, etc.

Attendance: Each student is allowed two discretionary absences. Every unexcused absence thereafter will lower a student’s grade by 30 points. Punctuality is a must; lateness will be noted. Students are responsible for all lessons and materials covered in class, including changes to the syllabus, regardless of absences.

Readings: Much of what students learn in this course depends on careful, multiple readings of assigned texts, consideration of discussion questions, and participation in class discussions and activities.

Writing Assignments: All assignments must be typed in black, Times New Roman 14 and double-spaced. The student’s name and the assignment’s title should be typed (single-spaced) at the upper left corner of the first page only (no cover page is necessary). Unless otherwise specified, all assignments should be submitted to the appropriate D2L Dropbox in .doc, .docx, or .rtf format.

Late Work: The penalty for late assignments is one letter grade per day late – including weekends. Again, an excused absence and prior arrangement with the instructor applies.
Plagiarism: EIU Policy: Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism – the appropriation or imitation of language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one's original work – has the right and responsibility to impose upon the student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignment of the grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office.

Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP): See EWP page on the EIU website.

Students with Disabilities: If you are a student with a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (-6583) as soon as possible.

Device Policy: Silent and out of sight. No exceptions.

Assignments and Grading:

MUE Quizzes (150)  
Reading Quizzes (150)  
Assignment 1 (100)  
Assignment 2 (150)  
Assignment 3 (200)  
Assignment 4 (250)

TOTAL: 1000

Grading Scale:

900-1000 points: A  
800-899: B  
700-799: C  
<700: NC