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English 1001-002
Composition and Language
Fall 2010

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About the Course

This course should develop your skills in reading carefully, deeply, and analytically, while helping you recognize not just *what* writers say, but *how* they say it. Your writing will entail such modes as reflection, critique, and imitation, and will culminate in a research project of your own choosing.

Required Texts

Graff, *They Say/I Say*
Hacker, *A Pocket Style Manual*, 5th ed
Peterson, *The Norton Shorter Reader*, 12th ed
Ramage, *Allyn and Bacon Guide to Writing*
Webster's Dictionary

Course Requirements/ Evaluation

English 1001 is graded on an A, B, C, NC scale.

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| 1) Four essays, one of which will be a revision | 40% |
| 2) Research paper | 15% |
| 3) Presentation on the results of your research | 10% |
| 4) Numerous in and out of class writings, peer reviews, reading quizzes | 20% |
| 5) Class participation. This includes active engagement with and contribution to the small groups you'll be working with over the semester. It also includes thoughtful contribution to class discussions. | 15% |

*There is no final exam for this course.

Note: You may choose to submit an essay from this course to your Electronic Writing Portfolio. For more information, see me and/or the assessment website (www.eiu.edu/~assess).

Policies

- 1) The reading/writing/research load for this course is heavy, so make sure you allow yourself plenty of time to complete assignments. Much of what you will learn in this course will come from collaborative work in class so your presence in (and engagement with) the class are essential. *Missing more than three classes will lower your final grade.*
- 2) Assignments must be typed and must be handed in on the day they are due unless we have worked out a prior arrangement. Work handed in after that time will lose half a letter grade for each calendar day it is late. No work will be accepted a week after the deadline. If you must miss a class, you are still responsible for preparing all work required for the next meeting.
- 3) You must complete all work for the course in order to receive a passing grade.

Plagiarism Policy

The following is the English department's statement concerning plagiarism:

“Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism—‘The appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one’s original work’ (*Random House Dictionary of the English Language*)—has the right and the responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including a grade of ‘F’ for the course, and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office.”

While I assume I’ll have no need to impose penalties for plagiarism, the ones I consider appropriate are that the student fail the course and be reported to the Judicial Affairs Office. If at any point in your writing for this course (or for another, if you like) you’re uncertain about whether you’re using sources appropriately, please come to talk to me.

Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please let me know and please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.
