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ENGLISH 1001G, Fall 2010, Sections 003, 011, 042

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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.

Description: English 1001G is a writing course involving the reading, writing, and critiquing of both professional and student essays. 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.

Attendance: Each student is allowed one unexcused absence. Every unexcused absence after one will lower the student's grade by 5% (half a letter grade). 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. Quizzes may not be made up; the lowest quiz grades after Quiz #10 will be dropped. Exams may be made up with an excused absence and prior arrangement.

Readings: Much of what students learn in this course depends on careful, multiple readings of textbook selections, consideration of discussion questions, and participation in class discussions and activities. Students are responsible for introductory sections of the various chapters.

Late Work: Essays are due at the beginning of class on the due dates. The penalty for late essays is one letter grade per day late – including weekends.

Essays: All essays must be typed in black, standard fonts, double-spaced, and paper-clipped (no plastic covers or folders, etc.). The student's name, the date, the assignment, and the essay's title should be typed at the upper left corner of the first page (no cover page is necessary). If an essay has five or more major usage errors, it will most likely receive a failing grade. Any essay or grade may be discussed during office hours.

Plagiarism: EIU English Department 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.*

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.

Cell phones must be turned OFF during class.

Assignments and Grading:

Quizzes (daily, unannounced)	20%
Major Usage Exam 1	10%
Major Usage Exam 2	10%
Major Usage Exam 3	10%
Essay 1 (diagnostic)	--
Essay 2	10%
Essay 3	10%
Essay 4	10%
Essay 5	20%

Grading Scale:

90-100% A 80-89% B 70-79% C 60-69% D 0-59% F

A course grade lower than 70 will appear on the student's grade report and on EIU records as NC (no credit).

COURSE SCHEDULE

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8/24: Intro to course

8/26: Essay 1 (diagnostic, in-class)

8/31: Discuss diagnostics; "The A vs. the F Essay"; David Sedaris, *Big Boy*; What is SWE?

9/2: MUE Practice Exam 1; Intro to APSM and relevant chapters

9/7: MUE Practice Exam 1, APSM cont.

9/9: MUE Practice Exam 2

9/14: Review for MUE Exam 1

9/16: MUE EXAM 1

9/21: TNR p. 21, Lars Eighner: *On Dumpster Diving*, and p. 30, Nancy Mairs: *On Being a Cripple*; Review MUE Exam 1; discuss Essay 2

9/23: Pre-writing activities for Essay 2; Intro to LFW and relevant chapters

9/28: Essay 2 Drafts due; Essentials of Revision

9/30: Essay 2 due

10/5: MUE Practice Exams 3 and 4

10/7: MUE Practice Exams 5 and 6

10/12: Review for MUE Exam 2

10/14: MUE Exam 2

10/19: TNR Readings (TBA); Discuss Essay 3

10/21: Pre-writing activities for Essay 3

10/26: Essay 3 Drafts due

10/28: Essay 3 due

11/2: MUE Practice Exams 7 and 8; Discuss Essay 5 topics

11/4: MUE Practice 7 and 8 cont., Essay 5 topics due

11/9: TNR Readings (TBA) Practice Activities for Essay 4 (in-class)

11/11: Review for MUE Exam 3

11/16: MUE Exam 3

11/18: Essay 4 (in-class)

11/23: THANKSGIVING

11/25: THANKSGIVING

11/30: Essay 5 draft 1 due (conferences)

12/2: Essay 5 draft 1 due (conferences)

12/7: Essay 5 draft 2 due

12/9: Essay 5 due

There is no Final Exam in 1001G. Happy Holidays.