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## **EN1001 Composition and Language**

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**Hours: TTH 9:30 – 10:45 & 12:30 – 1:45**

### **Course Objectives:**

To foster awareness of effective use of language and methods of writing To improve critical thinking, writing, editing and revising skills To practice writing summaries, analyses, evaluations and argument To engage in academic research and attribution of sources using MLA style

### **Course Policies:**

You must complete all assignments, and participate in class discussion and group activities in order to pass the course. **Work done in class cannot be made up.**

**Students who accumulate more than three unexcused absences will not pass the course.** To be excused, absences require documentation from the following list:

A signed, dated document from a health-care provider

A memo confirming your participation in a university activity

A card from a funeral which shows the date the service took place

Sending me an e-mail if you're sick, while courteous, does not excuse the absence.

**Being tardy or having to leave class early will count as a fractional absence:**

10 -20min = 1/3, 20 -30 minutes = 1/2 (More than 30 minutes - you'll need a compelling story to gain admittance.)

**Using your phone while in class is absolutely unacceptable.** Stow it in your pocket, purse or backpack. If I see your phone, I will consider you absent in spirit and mark the attendance book accordingly!!

All assignments must be completed by the deadline to receive full credit. Turn them in during class; I hate to find them in my mailbox or under my office door. I consider papers submitted that way to be late. **Assignments will be marked down 10% for each calendar day they are late.**

Although there are unexpected problems with technology, running out of ink or paper are not acceptable excuses for late papers. There are many places you can print your document on campus. Plan ahead in case you need to use this option. You may print your document on both sides, or print it on the reverse of already used paper. You may also use a dark (blue, purple, green) ink instead of black.

### **Manuscript Form:**

Assignments must be typed and double-spaced throughout. Use one-inch margins all around. Put your first and last name in the upper right corner. Center your title using the same font and size as the body text. 11-point type is generally sufficient.

**Grade Determination:**

Grading will be based on the standard rubric of the EIU English Dept. (*see handout*), which is admittedly subjective. If you believe a grade you receive is lower than you deserve, your recourse is to submit a written explanation of why you think you have been misjudged. Refer to standards from the department rubric and demonstrate specifically why your essay should be scored higher in relationship to these standards. After examining your argument, I will reconsider your grade.

Assignments are weighted as follows:

Essay 1 (Rhetorical analysis)	15% (15=A, 12=B, 10.5=C, 9=D)
Essay 2 (Evaluation)	15%
(Essay 3 (Argumentation)	15%
Revision Portfolio	35% (35=A, 28=B, 24.5=C, 21=D)
Participation	20%

Further information about each essay and the portfolio will be given prior to due dates. Note that participation is not a synonym for attendance, so perfect attendance doesn't ensure a 20 in this category.

There will be 100 possible points for the course. In determining the final grade: 90-100=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, Below 70=NC

There is no extra credit.

**Policy on Plagiarism:**

The Random House Dictionary of the English Language defines plagiarism as "the appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas and/or thoughts of another author and representation of them as one's own original work." Plagiarism is cheating. If you turn in another person's work or material cut and pasted from the Internet, you will receive an F for the course. You will be reported to the Judicial Affairs Office, which will require you to take an ethics course, and the incident will become a part of your academic record.

**Disabilities:**

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, you must contact the Office of Disability Services at 581-6583.

**Texts:**

Goshgarian, Gary, ed. *The Contemporary Reader*. New York: Pearson, Longman, 2008.  
Graff, Gerald, and Cathy Birkenstein. *They Say/I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing*. New York, Norton, 2006. Faigley, Lester, ed. *Writing: A Guide for College and Beyond*. New York: Pearson, Longman, 2010.

**Course Schedule:**

I will send you the schedule of what you need to read and prepare and the due dates for the assignments via a Word attachment to an e-mail at your EIU address. Download that document, and save it to a file. You can then print as many copies as you need during the semester without having to tell me you lost your syllabus.