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**English 1001**  
**College Composition I: Critical Reading and Source-Based Writing**  
**MWF 2:00-2:50 in 3210 Coleman Hall**

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**Office Hours:** Mondays—10:00-11:00 and 1:00-2:00

Wednesdays—10:00-11:00 and 1:00-2:00

Fridays—1:00-2:00

**Required Texts and Materials**

- *The Bedford Book of Genres: A Guide and Reader*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., Braziller and Kleinfeld
- A composition notebook for your process journal

Please bring these materials to class every day unless instructed otherwise.

**Course Description**

College Composition I focuses on informative, analytical, evaluative, and persuasive writing and introduces students to college-level research. Students will develop sound writing processes, produce cogent writing, strengthen analytical reading skills, and work with sources.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of English 1001, you will demonstrate the ability to:

- Develop effective writing processes for producing documents
- Produce informative, analytical, evaluative, and persuasive prose
- Implement reading processes to evaluate sources
- Adapt written texts to suit the text's purpose, audience, genre, rhetorical situation, and discourse community
- Recognize how to transfer their writing processes, understanding of rhetorical principles, and genre awareness to other writing situations
- Find appropriate sources through secondary research, including the use of academic databases
- Integrate sources ethically and appropriately using at least one recognized citation style
- Use effective language and delivery skills through speaking opportunities
- Present work in Edited American English

**Course Policies**

**Attendance**

It will be very difficult to succeed in this class if you do not regularly attend. You are allowed up to five unexcused absences; however, absences strongly correlate with lower final grades. After five unexcused absences, I may deduct fifty points, or half of a letter grade, for each missed class.

### **Tardiness**

Please make every attempt to come to class on time. Four instances of tardiness will qualify as one unexcused absence.

### **Classroom Decorum**

Constructive university classrooms require professors and students to respect differences—of background, thought, opinion, and belief. This notion holds special significance in our writing classroom, where you will be asked to routinely engage with your classmates' perspectives and experiences. Therefore, respect will serve as the guiding principle and bedrock expectation of our work together this semester.

On a daily basis, you will be required to bring the appropriate materials to class and to have completed assigned tasks. Focused classroom discussion plays a vital role in the development of critical thinking skills, so you will be expected to participate. Please remember to turn off cell phones and remove headphones before class, as inappropriate use of electronics may result in the loss of participation points. If you must leave early, please let me know at the beginning of class.

### **Late Work and Make-Up Work**

Unless otherwise specified, essays will be due at the beginning of class on the assigned dates. I do not accept late essays unless qualifying circumstances are discussed with me beforehand. If you will be absent from class, you must make arrangements to turn in your essay on time. I do not allow make-up work for missed in-class assignments or homework.

### **Revision**

Because writing presents challenges that are best solved over time, revision practices are crucial to a writer's success. For this reason, you will have the opportunity to revise three (Rhetorical Analysis, Informative Essay, and Researched Argument) of the four major writing assignments. Upon receiving graded feedback, you will have one week to turn in your revision. For instance, if you were to receive graded feedback on October 1<sup>st</sup>, then your revision would be due by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Policy on Plagiarism**

Here is the English department's plagiarism policy: "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 own original work' (*Random House Dictionary of the English Language*)—has the right and responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignments of a grade of F for the assigned essay and a grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources."

For our purposes, all intentionally plagiarized assignments will receive a grade of zero, and subsequent instances of academic dishonesty will result in a course grade of F. However, you will not be required to navigate the treacherous waters of plagiarism alone; we will discuss this issue throughout the term and will work together to ensure that you leave the course with a clear understanding of academic theft. If, at any point this semester, you find yourself uncertain about your use of sources, the best strategy is to ask me—*before* turning in your assignment.

### **Academic integrity**

Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as defined in EIU's Code of Conduct (<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>). Violations will be reported to the Office of Student Standards.

### **Students with Disabilities**

If you are a student with a documented disability in need of accommodations to fully participate in this class, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). All accommodations must be approved through OSDS. Please stop by Ninth Street Hall, Room 2006, or call 217-581-6583 to make an appointment.

### **D2L**

You will use D2L to view the syllabus, access supplemental readings, and turn in major assignments, so it will be important for you to familiarize yourself with the D2L platform. If, at any time, you have questions about our online resources or encounter a course-specific problem with D2L, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Essay Formatting**

All essays should be submitted in accordance with MLA document style (12 point Times New Roman font, standard headers, a correctly formatted Works Cited page, etc.). Please refer to our D2L site for more information, and feel free to contact me with additional questions.

### **Electronic Writing Portfolio**

English 1001 is a writing-centered course; therefore, essays written in this class may be included in your Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP). Students who plan to submit one of our assignments to their EWP will be required to meet with me during office hours. Please note that any student who submits an essay from English 1001 will not be allowed to include an essay from English 1002.

## **Additional Support**

### **Office Hours**

Students who take responsibility for their progress have the greatest chance for success—not only in this class but in all university courses. For that reason, I urge you to visit me during office hours. If the demands of your schedule prevent you from meeting during office hours, please contact me to make other arrangements—we will find a time that works well for both of us.

### **The Writing Center**

I encourage you to use EIU's Writing Center located at 3110 Coleman Hall. This free service provides one-to-one conferences with writing center consultants who can help you with brainstorming, organizing, developing support, documenting your papers, and working with sentence-level concerns. The writing center is open to help any student from any major at any stage of his or her writing process, and its system of one-to-one conferences demonstrates value and respect for individual writers, all of whom can benefit from feedback about their works in progress.

To schedule an appointment, you can drop by the center (3110 Coleman Hall) or you can call 581-5929. The writing center is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Friday hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### The Student Success Center

Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center ([www.eiu.edu/~success](http://www.eiu.edu/~success)) for assistance with time management, text taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

### Grading

Assignment	Point Value
Rhetorical Analysis Essay (3 --4 pages)	100 (10%)
Informative Essay (5-6 pages)	150 (15%)
Researched Argument Essay (7-8 pages)	200 (20%)
Recast Project	50 (5%)
Recast Presentation and Rationale (2 pages)	100 (10%)
Reflective Narrative Essay (3-4 pages)	100 (10%)
Research Steps (33.3 points x 3)	100 (10%)
Process Journal (8 Entries)	100 (10%)
Participation (class discussions, quizzes, exercises, and informal writing) and Peer Support (paired work, group activities, and peer review)	100 (10%)
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>1,000</b>

Percentage Score	Final Grade
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
0-69	NC

## Schedule

The following schedule is tentative; I reserve the right to make adjustments for the benefit of the class.

### Unit One: Rhetorical Analysis

Week One	Monday, the 19th	Wednesday, the 21st	Friday, the 23rd
August 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Introducing English 1001	Understanding Genres	Evian Discussion
Intro to the Course	Syllabus, Course Policies, and Expectations	"One Event, Two Genres" (p. 17 and on d2l)	Rhetorical Analysis Essay Introduced
The Writing Process	Diagnostic Writing: Your		Homework for next
Rhetorical Situations	Writing Process	Homework for Friday: <i>Read pp. 189-195.</i>	week: <i>View rhetorical appeals video (D2L), jot down definitions of key terms, and bring them to class.</i>
Week Two	Monday, the 26th	Wednesday, the 28th	Friday, the 30th
August 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Logos, Pathos, and Ethos	"Adam and Steve" Discussion	"Today's Homes" Discussion
Analyzing Persuasive Genres	Michelin activity	Process Journal: Prewriting	Collage activity
Rhetorical Appeals	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Read pp. 198-208.</i>	Homework for Friday: <i>Read pp. 247-255.</i>	Homework for next week: <i>Finalize topic/text for Rhetorical Analysis Essay, and read "Advertisements R Us" (D2L).</i>
Prewriting			
Week Three	Monday, the 2nd	Wednesday, the 4th	Friday, the 6th
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Class Canceled: Labor Day	"Advertisements R US" Discussion	"Stay-at-Home Dad" Discussion
Guided Drafting	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Read "Advertisements R Us" (D2L).</i>	In-Class Drafting: Body Paragraphs	In-Class Drafting: Sharpening Thesis Statements
Essay Structure		Homework for Friday: <i>Read "Stay-at-Home Dad" (D2L).</i>	Homework for next week: <i>Work on Rhetorical Analysis workshop draft.</i>
Body Paragraphs			
Thesis Statements			
Week Four	Monday, the 9th	Wednesday, the 11th	Friday, the 13th

<b>September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup></b>	Process Journal: Drafting	<b>Rhetorical Analysis Workshop Draft Due</b>	Small-Group Workshop
<b>Process Journal</b>	Peer Review	Small-Group Workshop	Homework for next week: <i>Finish Rhetorical Analysis Essay.</i>
<b>Small-Group Workshop</b>	Procedures	MLA Checklist	
<b>MLA Guidelines</b>	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Read pp. 480-484, and finish Rhetorical Analysis Workshop Draft.</i>	Homework for Friday: <i>Review pp. 485-496, and post revision list on D2L.</i>	

### Unit Two: Research and Informative Writing

<b>Week Five</b>	<b>Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rhetorical Analysis Final Draft Due</b>	Wade Discussion	Fraser Discussion
<b>Informative Genres</b>	Informative	Topic Selection	Refining Topics: Elevator Pitches
<b>Research Topics</b>	Essay Introduced		Research Step #2 Introduced—Gathering and Evaluating Sources
	Research Step #1 Introduced— Research Topic		Homework for next week: <i>Finish Research Step #1.</i>
	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Read pp. 137-140.</i>	Homework for Friday: <i>Read pp. 596-601.</i>	

<b>Week Six</b>	<b>Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Research Step #1 Due</b>		One-on-One Conferences
<b>Conferences</b>	One-on-One Conferences	One-on-One Conferences	Homework for next week: <i>Read pp. 625-628, and gather sources for Research Step #2.</i>

<b>Week Seven</b>	<b>Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September 30<sup>th</sup>- October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Library Day (Research)	Process Journal: Conferencing	<b>Research Step #2 Due</b>
<b>Library Visit</b>	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Read "The Right to Preach on a</i>	"Right to Preach" Discussion	Research Step #3 Introduced— Integrating Sources
<b>Gathering Sources</b>		Homework for Friday:	

Analyzing Informative Essays	<i>College Campus</i> (available on D2L).	Finish Research Step #2.	Homework for next week: Read pp. 661-670.
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<b>Week Eight</b> October 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monday, the 7th</b> "Spin the Bottle" Discussion	<b>Wednesday, the 9th</b> Research Step #3 Due	<b>Friday, the 11th</b> Class Canceled: Fall Break
Drafting	Signal Phrases and Parentheticals	Library Visit: For All the People Exhibit	Homework for Next Week: Complete workshop draft of Informative Essay, and post it on D2L discussion board.
Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing	Homework for Wednesday: Finish Research Step #3.		
Citing Sources			

<b>Week Nine</b> October 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monday, the 14th</b> Informative Essay Workshop Draft Due	<b>Wednesday, the 16th</b>	<b>Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup></b> Informative Essay Final Draft Due
Workshop	Small-Group Workshop	Small-Group Workshop	Process Journal: Workshop
Revision	Homework for Wednesday: Post your revision list on D2L discussion board.	Homework for Friday: Update your revision list.	Researched Argument Introduced
			Homework for the 18 <sup>th</sup> : Begin Researched Argument.

### Unit Three: Researched Arguments

<b>Week Ten</b> October 21st-25th	<b>Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup></b>
The Purpose of Academic Arguments	Homework for Wednesday: Read pp. 527-537.	"What Your Stuff Says about You" Discussion	Dickinson Discussion
Evaluating Arguments		Evaluating Arguments	Sound Reasoning vs. Logical Fallacies
Annotated Bibliographies		Homework for Friday: Read pp. 223-228.	Homework for next week: Read for argument structure.

<b>Week Eleven</b>	<b>Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup></b>
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<b>October 28<sup>th</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Slow Reading for Argument Structure	Process Journal: Sources and Citations	Small-Group Argument Sharing
<b>Argument Structure</b>		“Villains in Film”: Diagramming Its Structure	Thesis Statement Exercise
<b>Parts of an Argument</b>	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Read pp. 706-713.</i>		Homework for next week: <i>Work on Researched Argument draft.</i>
<b>Counterarguments</b>		Homework for Friday: <i>Complete outline of your argument.</i>	

<b>Week Twelve</b>	<b>Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup></b>	Topic Sentences	Draft Inventory Activity	Guided Drafting
<b>Guided Drafting</b>	Guided Drafting	Guided Drafting	
<b>Thesis Statements and Topic Sentences</b>	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Work on Researched Argument draft.</i>	Homework for Friday: <i>Finish Researched Argument draft.</i>	Homework for next week: <i>Post revision list to D2L discussion board.</i>
<b>Workshop</b>			

**Unit Four: Recast**

<b>Week Thirteen</b>	<b>Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup></b>	Researched Argument Workshop Draft Due	In-Class Revisions	Researched Argument Final Draft Due
<b>Revision</b>	Workshop	Mini-Conferences	Recast Assignment Introduced
<b>Mini-Conferences</b>		Process Journal: Revision	
<b>Recast Assignment</b>	Homework for Wednesday: <i>Work on final draft of Researched Argument</i>	Homework for Friday: <i>Complete final draft of Researched Argument.</i>	Homework for Monday: <i>Review pp. 497-500, explore the Recast resources on d2l, and begin working on your project.</i>

<b>Week Fourteen</b>	<b>Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Process Journal: Recasting	Discuss Kipp’s Rationale	Discuss Ganow Rationale
<b>Sample Recast Projects</b>	Recast Project Examples	Guided Drafting: Rationales	Reflective Narratives Introduced
<b>Sample Rationales</b>			Process Journal: Reflecting on Your Process
<b>Drafting Rationales</b>		Homework for Friday:	

Homework for  
Wednesday: *Read pp.*  
237-242.

*Read pp. 476-480.*

Homework for next  
week: *Finish Recast and*  
*Rationale.*

**Week Fifteen**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Break**

**Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Class Canceled:  
Thanksgiving Break**

**Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Class Canceled:  
Thanksgiving Break**

**Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Class Canceled:  
Thanksgiving Break**

**Week Sixteen**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

**Recast Presentations:**

**Recast Rationales**

**Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Recast Project and  
Rationale Due**

Recast Presentations

Homework for  
Wednesday: *Work on*  
*Reflective Narrative.*

**Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup>**

Recast Presentations

Homework for  
Friday: *Work on*  
*Reflective Narrative.*

**Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>**

Recast Presentations

Homework for next  
week: *Work on*  
*Reflective Narrative.*

**Finals Week**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**

**Reflective Narratives**

**Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Reflective Narratives  
Due at 4: 45 p.m.**