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COMPOSITION AND LANGUAGE
English 1001
Fall 2019 - MWF - 11-11:50 a.m. – CH3170

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Pronouns: he, him, his

Materials: Joining the Conversation, 2nd ed.
Blair Reader, 9th ed.
The Little Seagull Handbook with Exercises, 3rd ed.

Course description from EIU catalog:

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 learning objectives from EIU guidelines:

Students 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

Absences

As a college student you will be expected to attend every class. I will allow three absences, for any reason, without hurting your grade (other than in-class assignments you will have missed). Absences beyond three will affect your grade. I do not need or want excuses for these three absences. If you know in advance that you will be missing class, and that these three absences will not be enough, you should see me during office hours. Upon the fourth missed class you will lose half of your attendance and participation points. A fifth absence will result on no attendance and participation points, lowering your overall grade by one full letter. Excused absences (accompanied by appropriate legal, medical, and/or University documentation) will not count as part of the three "free" unexcused absences, and I do want documentation for them.

If you miss class, **do not E-mail or call me to ask what you missed.** We will create a class e-mail list so that you can get in contact with one of your classmates to find out what you missed. Attendance means more than simply showing up for class. You will receive participation points for the time you spend in class. These points account for a full ten percent of your grade. In earning this ten percent, I expect that you will come prepared for class, and ready to participate.

Plagiarism

Don't. It should be as simple as that. I will not tolerate copying or cheating in this class. If I catch you plagiarizing, I am obligated to report you to the Office of Student Standards. It will certainly result in a failing grade in this class, leave a permanent mark on your record, and may lead to expulsion. So, don't do it. We will be discussing plagiarism in depth during this class. Each of you will have a thorough understanding of what plagiarism is and how to avoid doing it.

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.

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) for assistance with time management, test 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.

Early Alert System

EIU has an early alert system. This means that if I notice you struggling in this course, I will try to contact you personally. If I don't hear back from you, I will use this early alert system. This system will try to contact you through your RA or through someone from the Academic Success Center. This system is designed to help you and is not intended to be punishment.

Grades

Percentage break down:

Attendance and participation= 10%

Short writing assignments = 30%

● Quizzes = 10%

1st Essay = 10%

2nd Essay = 20%

Research paper = 20%

Late Assignments

Assignments will be accepted late, but at a penalty to your grade. Assignments are due at the beginning of class. Assignments are considered late if they are not turned in at the beginning of class. Late assignments will lose 10% of the grade value. You will lose an additional 10% for every class period the assignment is late until the grade is a zero.

Quizzes

You cannot make up quizzes or in-class assignments unless the absence is excused. These activities take place during class time, and it just doesn't make sense to do them outside of class. Make sure that you consider this when deciding which classes to miss.

Conferences

We may meet on a one to one basis to discuss paper topics and your performance in this class. We will schedule conferences together. These conferences are not optional. If you miss a conference appointment, it counts as an absence.

Questions

I will keep regular office hours during the semester. You should feel free to come and talk to me during these hours or schedule an appointment outside of those hours if necessary.