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**Bring this syllabus to class every day so that you may note any
announced changes!**

English 1002G – Syllabus Spring 2010

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Required Texts: Writing Essays about Literature, 7th ed., Kelley Griffith.
Literature: The Human Experience, Eds. Abcarian and Klotz.
The Blair Handbook, 5th ed., Fulwiler/Hayakawa.

Course Description: English 1002G is a **writing centered** course designed to improve skills in critical thinking and analytical expression based on the reading of the texts in a variety of literary genres (fiction, drama, and poetry). During the semester you will be expected to write and revise in and out of class, to complete readings assigned, to participate in class discussions and peer groups, and to complete all assignments correctly and on time.

Course Objectives: Students should receive instruction that enables them:

1. to write expository and persuasive texts in which paragraphs, sentences, and words develop a central idea as the response to texts in a variety of literary genres including poetry, fiction, and drama. These papers should reflect an understanding and command of writing processes generating and pre-writing strategies for formulating a thesis, methods for planning and drafting a paper, strategies of revising for clarity and adequate development, and means for polishing and editing. These papers should demonstrate consideration and employment of effective methods of organization. At least one paper should introduce students to library, online and/or field research; entail the use of primary and secondary source materials drawn from both online and library sources; and reflect current principles of documentation.
2. to write focused, adequately developed paragraphs and sentences in standard written English that are direct, economical, free of ambiguity, structurally appropriate for the ideas expressed, and suitable for the purpose of the text.
3. to develop the ability to evaluate and criticize their own and their peers' writing.
4. to read a variety of genres (poetry, fiction, and drama) expressing various cultural attitudes and to think critically and write analytically about them.

Course Guidelines: All students enrolled in English 1002G should have passed English 1001G or must have fulfilled the requirement through transfer credit or through the CLEP proficiency examination. The minimum writing requirement for this course is 5000 words and will include work done both in and out of class. In addition to the assigned student authored

texts, a final exam will fulfill part of the writing requirement. Instructors will include a research component (e.g., and evaluative essay employing documented library and electronic secondary sources). Instructors may administer quizzes and tests on all readings, but the final will be writing centered. The final course grade will be determined primarily by performance on writing assignments with the most weight given to writing done later in the semester. Individual conferences will be scheduled as necessary. Essays will be evaluated according to the "Guidelines for Evaluating Writing Assignments in EIU's English Department" (GEWA). Note: As part of EIU's Core Curriculum, 1002G will be graded B, C, or NC (no credit). An NC is not figured into a student's GPA, but the student who earns a grade of NC must retake the course.

Required Materials: Since all essays must be typed, you need to invest in a flash drive on which to save and backup your work and two folders in the designated color--one in which to keep handouts, returned work, etc., and one in which to keep your Journal/Study Sheets.

Class Policy: You will contract for the grade you want to receive in this course, and each letter grade has a different set of requirements. The purpose of the contract is to help you establish and achieve a goal you set for yourself for the semester. Our focus will be on revising/rewriting, not just fixing errors. Your essays will receive written and verbal evaluation from me at all stages of development, but your **tentative** letter grade will already have been determined by your signed contract. If you do not fulfill the specifications of the letter grade for which you have contracted, you will drop to the grade for which requirements have been fulfilled. Fulfilling requirements for a given grade means YOU MUST BE WRITING AT THAT GRADE LEVEL!!!

Contract Terms: **For an A,** you must:

1. meet course attendance requirements (see attached policy),
2. make sure all drafts meet specifications of assignments,
3. conform to the basic writing requirements. See **Guidelines for Evaluating Writing Assignments** (GEWA) in EIU's English Department,
4. rewrite one of the three essays,
5. submit All 19 Journal/Study Sheets,
6. attend one session in each of the three writing workshops,
7. score an average of at least 85 on exams, and
8. achieve an A quality of writing in all final drafts (GEWA).

For a B, you must:

1. meet course attendance requirements (see attached policy),
2. make sure all drafts meet specifications of assignment,
3. conform to basic writing requirements. See GEWA,
4. rewrite one of three essays,
5. submit 15 Journal/Study Sheets,
6. attend one session in two of the three writing workshops,
7. score an average of at least 75 on exams, and
8. achieve a B quality of writing in all final drafts (GEWA).

For a C, you must:

1. meet course attendance requirements (see attached policy),
2. make sure all drafts meet specifications of assignment,
3. conform to basic writing requirements. See GEWA,
4. rewrite one of the three essays,
5. submit 11 Journal/Study Sheets,
6. attend one session in one of the three writing workshops,
7. score an average of at least 60 on exams, and
8. achieve a C quality of writing in all final drafts (GEWA).

For any contracted grade, each revision must have an 8-10 sentence (minimum) cover letter reflecting:

- 1. the points you were advised to revise,**
- 2. suggestions acted upon,**
- 3. reasons for all revisions,**
- 4. process used, and**
- 5. most difficult part of revision.**

I will supervise your rough draft and evaluate your polished paper a maximum of two times--the initial submission and possibly one revision. I will keep records of your rewrites, attendance in class and workshops, and completed Journal/Study Sheets. Attached to this syllabus, you will find a form for keeping track of your progress--please keep accurate records. As your instructor, I have the right to decide if a draft is complete and in compliance with the assignment. You will need to rewrite at least one paper to fulfill your contract. If you have contracted for an A but your revisions contain serious errors, I have the right not to accept those revisions as sufficient and subsequently drop you down to the next contracted grade. At such time, we will discuss your options. We will spend considerable time discussing just what a rewrite or revision is. As the semester progresses, the process will become clear as you move toward your contracted goal.

Research Component: For one paper you will prepare a Works Cited page that will contain at least three entries--the literature source (story, drama, or poem bibliography information) and two additional scholarly sources. You must use at least two outside sources. You must include complete copies of each of your sources with your paper submission. Your papers will be written using the MLA format.

Attendance: Regular attendance is essential. You will have four personal days for the semester. If you miss a day, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to find out what you missed and/or what changes might have been made in our schedule. A missed day does not give you permission to turn work in late. A scheduled University function--i.e. sports or academic club-sponsored event--is not counted as a personal day, but I must be notified about such situations one class day before they occur. Serious or prolonged illness or personal problems will be considered on an individual basis, but you must notify me about the situation. **If you miss more than four (4) personal days, you will receive an NC for the course.**

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Plagiarism: Note--The English Department's statement concerning plagiarism: 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" (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 immediate assignment of a grade of F for the course and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office. Any time you use the exact words or paraphrase of another person's work, you must give credit to that person with in text citations that are noted on the Works Cited page that should accompany your essay. Anything listed on the Works Cited page **must** be used in the paper. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources. If you are not sure whether a source needs to be cited in the text and on the Works Cited page, please consult with me.

Plagiarism in any form will absolutely not be tolerated!

Prerequisites: Any student in a section of 1002G who has not completed 1001G is not eligible to enroll in 1002G and must reregister for 1001G--through the regular registration and add/drop procedures--and should do so as soon as possible. If a student has passed 1001G at another institution since last attending this University, he or she needs to consult immediately with the department chair of the English Department so that he can verify the transfer of such credit to this University.

Electronic Writing Portfolio: Instructions in this process are included in this handout. A deadline for submission will be set.

Disabilities: If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodation, please contact the coordinator of disability services (581-6538) as soon as possible.

Writing Center: The Writing Center (WC) is available to you as a free tutorial service; however, it is not a "magic" remedy for all writing problems, and you should not expect to take an essay there to be proofread and corrected before it is submitted for grading. You can expect the WC staff to help you find and eliminate specific problems.

Laptop and Cell Phone Policy: In class, you may use your own computer or the computers that have been provide **only** in a scholarly fashion. In other words, you will open only applications related to class discussions. You are absolutely not allowed to check e-mail, news, or box scores; surf the Web; use chat applications; play games; or otherwise distract yourself and/or others from the business of class. I will, at random times, tell everyone who is using a computer to turn the monitor around so that I may see what you are doing on it. If you have distracting applications and events open on your computer, you will receive one warning; if you persist after the warning, you will no longer be allowed to use a computer in class.

You are likewise expected to use cell phones in a responsible manner; turn them off when you come in to class. If you have an emergency for which you must be available, you should leave your phone out on your desk with the ringer ON. In the event that it rings, you may retrieve it and then leave the room to take the call. Under NO conditions are you allowed to text message, take pictures or video (illegal in class), play games, or use the cell phone in any other manner during class.

Course Work: Life / Death / Relationships

WEEK #1 INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATION OF CONTRACT GRADES

WEEKS #2---#5 FICTION: "The Story of an Hour," Chopin —handout
"Everyday Use," Walker—742
"A Rose for Emily," Faulkner—696
"The Lesson," Bambara —136
"The Lottery," Jackson—416
"A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," Hemingway-- 107

WEEK #6 WRITING WORKSHOP CONFERENCES

WEEKS #7--#10 DRAMA: Trifles—1236
Oedipus Rex—194

WEEK #11 WRITING WORKSHOP CONFERENCES

WEEKS # 12—14 POETRY: Two Poetry definition poems, Handout
"Cinderella," Sexton—800 & companion work
"Stopping by Woods...", Robert Frost-1393
"Out, Out—," Robert Frost-1392
"Mid-Term Break," Heany-1451
"My Papa's Waltz," Roethke-1113
"To an Athlete Dying Young," Houseman-1387
"Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Night," Thomas-1408

WEEK #15 WRITING WORKSHOP CONFERENCES

Guidelines for Evaluating Writing Assignments **in EIU's English Department**

Grades on written work range from A to F. The categories are based on rhetorical principles and assume intellectual responsibility and honesty. Strengths and weaknesses in each area will influence the grade, though individual teachers may emphasize some categories over others and all categories are deeply interrelated. (See attached)

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Electronic Writing Portfolio

what you need to know

What is the purpose of the Electronic Writing Portfolio?

Effective writing is a goal of Eastern's undergraduate program, and the EWP allows the University to assure that its students are effective writers. The EWP gathers authentic artifacts of students' writing to ascertain that Eastern's students are meeting that goal. Completing the EWP is a graduation requirement of all undergraduate students.



What does Eastern consider effective writing?

Competent writing at Eastern displays the following skills: establishing and maintaining focus and appropriate voice; organization that enhances presentation of material/ideas; development of ideas supported by details; use of effective sentence structure, syntax, and diction; and the use of correct mechanics.

What courses are eligible for paper submissions?

Three submissions are required for the portfolio. Submissions may come from any writing-centered or writing-intensive course, or from any other undergraduate course for which you have completed an appropriate writing assignment (see below). Courses designated as writing-intensive or writing-centered are indicated in the catalog, or a list is available at www.eiu.edu/~assess.

Only one submission is allowed from any one course. If you submit from ENG 1001G/1091G, you may not submit from ENG 1002G/1092G. Before you submit from any course, it is a good idea to discuss your plan to submit with your instructor.

What kind of papers may be submitted?

- ◆ The paper must be at least 750 words in length (approximately 3 pages).
- ◆ It must be written in standard English.
- ◆ It must be developed in a manner consistent with the demands of the discipline for which it was written.
- ◆ It must contain a coherent writing sample that connects ideas within and between paragraphs. Therefore, lists, lesson plans, and other such documents may not be submitted.
- ◆ Submissions may not be creative pieces, such as poems, short stories, or plays.

When do I need to submit?

All papers must be submitted the semester a student is enrolled in a course. Students may not submit papers for courses after the semester ends. If you fail to submit a paper from a course from which you planned to submit, you will need to choose a new course for your EWP submission.

You must submit your first two papers by the time you have earned **60 credit hours**. If you do not, a registration hold will be placed on your record at 75 hours.

The third and final submission must be submitted by the time you earn **105 hours**. A registration hold will be placed if this deadline is not met.

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How do I submit to the EWP?

- ◆ Go to <http://www.eiu.edu/~assess>.
- ◆ Click on "student login" under the EWP heading. Instructions are also available here.
- ◆ Enter your EIU login and password. Click "submit." This is the same as your EIU e-mail login and PAWS login. (Please call the Help Desk at 581-help (217-581-4357) if you have trouble with your login.)
- ◆ This should take you to the EWP Student: Main Menu page. Click on "Submit a Writing Sample."
- ◆ Select the course from which you want to submit from the drop-down menu.
- ◆ Click the "Upload Writing Sample" button.
- ◆ Click the "browse" button and go to the file you want to submit and click on the file.

The file must be one of the following types: Microsoft word (.doc), plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or PDF (.pdf). If you have questions about converting a file to one of the formats listed above, please call the Help Desk at 217-581-4357.

- ◆ Click the "open" button. The file location will appear in the "File to Upload" box. Type in a description of the assignment that was given for the paper you are submitting.
- ◆ Click the "validate file" button.
- ◆ Click the "Upload File and Complete Submission" button. You will receive a message that you have successfully submitted a writing sample to the Electronic Writing Portfolio and will be taken back to the main menu.

How will I know the ratings my papers received?

After you have submitted your document, a notice will be sent to your professor to rate your paper. To check your ratings, log in by following the first 4 steps given under the submission instructions. At the main menu, click on "View Ratings" to see your ratings.

How will my ratings be used?

Ratings will be used to determine how well you write. Students whose 3 submissions are primarily "superior" will be given a "writes with distinction" designation.

Students whose first two submissions are "unsatisfactory" and/or "needs improvement" will be required to take a diagnostic test that will determine if further remediation is needed. An average score below 2.0 will determine who is required to test.

Students will be contacted through their **EIU email** account if this test or other requirements are needed.

Do I have to submit if I transfer in to Eastern?

Yes. Transfer students must submit 3 documents to the EWP as part of their graduation requirements. Additional time may be needed for transfer students to submit, so leeway will be granted. Students who transfer into Eastern should consult with their advisors concerning their submission plans. It is recommended to submit at least one paper your first semester at Eastern.

GOOD PRACTICE:

Keep all your coursework electronically until you graduate!

Contract

NAME _____ Contracted Grade _____

PAPERS: PAPER #1 _____ REVISED _____ NOT REVISED _____

PAPER #2 _____ REVISED _____ NOT REVISED _____

PAPER #3 _____ REVISED _____ NOT REVISED _____

STUDY SHEETS: FICTION _____ DRAMA _____ POETRY _____

EXAM: POETRY _____ DRAMA _____ FICTION _____

EXTRA CREDIT POINTS: _____

WRITING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED AND DATES:

WORKSHOP #1 _____ WORKSHOP #2 _____ WORKSHOP #3 _____

I, _____ (Print), am contracting for a letter grade of _____
For English 1002, Spring 2010. I have read the contract requirements and understand them and the syllabus.

Signed, _____

Contract

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EXAM: FICTION _____ DRAMA _____ POETRY _____

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