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ENGLISH 1001G

Composition & Language

Course Description

English 1001G is the first part in the two required freshman writing courses. This course is designed to improve your skills in critical thinking and analytical expression, preparing you for the kinds of writing that you will be asked to perform throughout your university career. You will be asked to write a variety of papers—of different lengths, complexity, and for different audiences. Regardless of the writing task, however, the premise of this course is simple and clear: good writing comes from sustained inquiry and revision in an intellectually rich and cooperative environment. In short this course will challenge your critical thinking skills and sharpen your writing ability—helping you deploy these assets in the college classroom and beyond.

Writing Assignments & Grading

You will complete five writing projects over the course of the semester, projects that will vary in complexity, format, and/or writing style. **You will receive an assignment sheet for each project, indicating due dates, activities, and expectations.** While I will set guidelines for each project, in most cases I allow you some flexibility in both the topics you choose and the manner in which you explore the topic.

The five writing assignments comprise approximately 65% of your final grade, with the remaining 35% comprised of minor writing assignments, occasional quizzes, and participation. There is not final exam for English 1001G.

In other words, to receive a passing grade in this class, you not only need to perform satisfactorily on the major writing projects, but you also need to perform satisfactorily on in-class work and participation.

I allow revisions of the major writing projects, providing that (1) you have turned the paper in on time and (2) that you meet with me for a conference to discuss your revision, which you need to do within two days after receiving the graded paper.

Participation & Attendance

This is not a lecture course. The writing projects extend from our discussions and substantial class time is devoted to your writing and to understanding underlying concepts of the writing projects. It's vital that you're present to participate and follow the discussion.

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M W F 11-11:50

Coleman Hall 2120

Texts & Materials

Goshgarian, *The Contemporary Reader*

Graff, *They Say / I Say*

Other Readings & Handouts (D2L)

Instructor: Prof. R. Beebe
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Office: Coleman 3841

Office Hours: M,W 12-2:00
T,R 9-11:00
& by appointment

Requirements

5 Papers	70%
Brief Writing, Quizzes	15%
Participation	15%

D2L (Desire to Learn)

This course uses D2L, often quite extensively.

Learn how to use it—especially how to upload assignments to a dropbox.

Check it often. Sign up for automatic notification so you'll know when something new is posted.

Participation & Attendance (continued)

In this regard, I usually allow 2-3 personal days. Thereafter, you will lose 5% from your final grade for each unexcused absence. Six or more unexcused absences will automatically result in a grade of "No Credit" (NC).

Conferences

If you are having any problems with a paper, I encourage you to come by and see me during my office hours or make an appointment for a more convenient time. I will be more than happy to talk any number of times about a single paper or particular writing problem.

Classroom Etiquette

You're welcome to bring your notebook computer to class. However, I ask that you observe common rules of etiquette and decorum when you use it. In brief, you may use it to take notes or complete an in-class writing activity. You may not use it for anything not directly related to class work.

Please turn off (or mute) cell phones. Out of respect for the class and the integrity of class activities, please refrain from using your phone during class.

Electronic Writing Portfolio

This course is a writing-centered course and, as such, your papers satisfy the requirements for the Electronic Writing Portfolio. EWP guidelines insist that you complete your submission prior to the last day of class. Talk to me if you have any questions about this or consult the EWP website.

Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

Course Schedule & Due Dates

When we begin each major writing project, I will hand out a detailed writing assignment that will include a schedule of daily activities, reading and brief writing assignments, and quizzes.

So you can plan ahead: the approximate due dates for the major papers and final exam are listed in the right-hand column.

Plagiarism

Since the university is a place of ideas, discussion, and reflection, it views plagiarism—the taking of others' ideas as one's own—very harshly. The penalty for plagiarizing is swift and severe. You will receive an immediate F for the course and notice will be given to the Office of Student Standards.

If you have any questions about plagiarism—however small—please talk to me before you turn in your work.

Approximate Due Dates

Paper 1	10%	Sept 9
Paper 2	15%	Sept 30
Paper 3	15%	Oct 23
Paper 4	15%	Nov 18
Paper 5	15%	Dec 11