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COMPOSITION AND LANGUAGE
English 1002
Spring 2020 – MWF – 11-11:50 – CH313170
MWF – 12-12:50 – CH3170
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Pronouns: he, him, his

Materials: Everything's an Argument with Readings, 7th ed.
Current Issues and Enduring Questions, 11th ed.
The Little Seagull Handbook with Exercises, 3rd ed.

Course description from EIU catalog:

College Composition II focuses on argumentation and the critical inquiry and use of sources and arguments. Course work entails analyzing others' arguments and writing a variety of well-researched and ethically responsible arguments. Students gain further practice finding relevant information from a variety of sources and evaluating, synthesizing, and presenting that information.

Learning Objectives

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

- Apply the principles of argument—claims, reasons, evidence, assumptions, counter-arguments, and counter-argumentation—in written documents
- Produce cogent written arguments that consider ideas, issues, problems, and evidence from multiple perspectives
- Evaluate primary and secondary source evidence, including quantitative data, to determine its credibility, appropriateness, and relevance
- Integrate sources ethically, appropriately, and consistently in written documents
- Use data and create graphical elements in their writing
- Recognize how to transfer their writing processes, understanding of rhetorical principles, genre awareness, understanding of argumentative principles, and the research process to other writing situations
- Present work in Edited American English

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. Every absence after three will reduce your overall grade by 5 percent.

I take attendance at the beginning of class. If you come in late and I have already taken attendance, you will be marked absent.

If you miss class, **do not E-mail or call me to ask what you missed.** 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.

Late or Incomplete 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.

Incomplete papers will not be graded. You may rewrite them for the late grade only. We will discuss what "complete" means in class.

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. I am available for individual conferences during normal office hours, if you would like to schedule one outside of the normal class conferences.

Etiquette

This is an argument class. We will be arguing in class. This often includes topics that people feel very strongly about. There is no excuse for being disrespectful, and I will not tolerate it. If you cannot participate in a polite and respectful manner, You will be asked to leave.

Cell Phones

I find it frustrating to even have to add this. Cell phones do not belong in class. It is disrespectful to me and your fellow classmates to have your phone out during class time. If I catch you using your phone during class (unless it is genuine research pertaining to a current discussion) I will mark you absent for the day. (See absence policy above). We all have lives outside of class, and phones allow us to connect to those outside lives, but unless it is an emergency whatever is on your phone can wait for fifty minutes.

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.

Grades

Short writing assignments and quizzes = 10%

1st Essay = 20%

2nd Essay = 30%

Research paper = 30%

Final Exam = 10%