ENG 1105 001: English Forum

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What makes English such a great major? And how can students be empowered to get the most out of their studies and time at EIU?

These are the main questions we will be answering in English Forum this semester as the course acquaints you with practical advice and important information about your home department at EIU.

**Course Goals**

The course has several goals:

1. to introduce you to the students and faculty, options of study, and other opportunities in the English Department;
2. to provide you with information you need to get the most out of your time in the English Department;
3. to help you begin career planning, including planning a path through the major.

In order to meet these goals, we will explore:

- resources;
- share our favorite literary/linguistic thinking;
- meet and talk with poets, directors, actors, and professors about different ways to interact with literary texts;
- attend cultural events together (maybe even a play);
- and begin thinking about how to build your electronic portfolio/resume.

**Course Expectations**

This is a one-credit designed to assist you in your transition to college life and into the English Department. The most important requirement is that you attend all classes.

I hope to provide an environment where you feel comfortable asking questions and just feeling at home. But in this informal and friendly class—where you concerns are the priority—you will also need to observe the requirements—which I will be reminding you about through D2L.

The main writing requirements (résumé and cover letter) will not be graded, but you will need to work with me to help me better understand your experiences and goals. More on all that later.

**Fall 2017**

Mon 3-3:50 pm

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T 11-1:00  
& by appointment

**Requirements**

- Attend every session
- Attend a cultural event at EIU
- Complete a Résumé & Cover Letter
- Draft of Major Narrative

**D2L (Desire to Learn)**

Check D2L often for course updates.
## Course Schedule

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<td>Guest: Dr. Angela Vietto. Important Essentials: How to Plan &amp; Prepare</td>
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| Oct. 9          | Career Fair — Doudna (1-5 pm). Meet at Doudna  
|                 | http://www.eiu.edu/AHColleg/Career_fair.php |
| Oct. 16         | Writing a Résumé & Cover Letter |
| Oct. 23         | Guest: Prof. Yan Yu (Dalian University, China)  
|                 | Study Abroad, Exchange, Internships |
| Oct. 30         | Guest: Bobbi Kingery (Director, Career Services)  
|                 | Résumé/ Cover Letter Due (D2L) |
| Nov. 6          | Guest: Dr. Terri Fredrick. Professional Writing |
| Nov. 13         | Guest: Dr. Suzie Park, Graduate Study |
| Nov. 20         | No Class. Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 27         | Workshop: Major Narratives |
| Dec. 4          | Course Wrap-Up |