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ENGLISH 1092G

College Composition 2: Argument & Critical Inquiry

Course Description

English 1092G College Composition 2 is the honors version of the second part of EIU's required two-semester sequence of freshman composition. This course focuses on argumentation, critical inquiry, and use of sources. Coursework entails analyzing arguments and writing a variety of well-researched and ethically responsible essays. Students gain further practice in locating and assessing information and as well as in evaluating, synthesizing, and presenting that information in a variety of formats.

Course Goals

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.

Writing Assignments & Grading

You will complete four writing projects over the course of the semester, projects that will vary in complexity, format, and/or writing style. These projects comprise approximately 60% of your final grade.

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; however, if you want to deviate from the primary topic, you must discuss this with me prior to submitting your final draft.

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Arcola-Tuscola Room
(MLK Jr Union)

TEXTS & MATERIALS

Rottenberg, Elements of
Argument 13 ed.

Other Readings & Handouts
(D2L)

Instructor: Prof. R. Beebe
rlbeebe@eiu.edu

Office: Coleman 3841

Office Hours (Online):
M, W 9:00 - 3:00 pm

Set up an appt using the link
below:

<https://calendly.com/rlbeebe>

REQUIREMENTS

5 Writing Projects	80%
Other Writing: Short Papers, Quizzes, & Presentations	20%

D2L (DESIRE TO LEARN)

This course requires you to
D2L.

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.

Attendance

See more information about attendance under EIU's COVID-19 Policy (last page).

Conferences

I strongly encourage that you meet with me to discuss any questions you have about a given assignment or writing issue. An important part of learning to write well is learning how to seek assistance and to get informed feedback.

We can meet in-person or online.

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, quizzes, or informal presentations you might be asked to give.

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

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.

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%	Jan 26
Paper 2	15%	Feb 4
Paper 3	20%	March 4
Paper 4	15%	March 23
Paper 5	20%	TBD

Revisions

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.

Contingency Plans

- If EIU moves to a lockdown or to remote learning during the semester, **we will continue to meet in synchronous sessions** on Zoom or D2L's Collaborate Ultra during our scheduled meeting time.
- Please work now to ensure you have access to ethernet/wifi to participate in any synchronous activities.
- You will not be penalized for missing class sessions. However, it is your responsibility to keep up to date with your work and communicate with me about your needs and status.

EIU's COVID-19 Policy

The University is asking all of us to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including wearing face coverings when we are in class together, walking around campus, in the library, or participating in office hours.

EIU's policy is intended to protect all of us on campus, as well as the community, your roommates, and loved ones at home.

Additionally, students are expected to not attend class if they are ill and to consult the student health clinic if they have any COVID-19 like symptoms.

EIU's COVID-19 campus practices including face coverings, avoiding campus if sick, sanitizing surfaces, social distancing, and hand washing are based on the best available public health guidance.

As a faculty member, I am responsible for ensuring students engage in practices that reduce risk. If you have a health condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please contact Student Disability Services.

If you are unable to follow EIU's COVID-19 guidelines, you may be asked to leave class or office hours as compliance with public health guidance is essential.

Accommodations for instruction and make-up work will be made for students with documented medical absences according to IGP #43 [<https://castle.eiu.edu/auditing/043.php>].

Overview of Writing Projects

Writing Project 1: Summarizing, Paraphrasing, & Quoting	10%
Due: Jan 26	
Writing Project 2: Developing a Position Paper 1	15%
Due: Feb 11	
Writing Project 3: Analyzing an Argument (Print Ad) Group Writing	20%
Due: March 4	
Writing Project 4: Analyzing Sources (Joining the Conversation)	15%
Due: March 23	
Writing Project 5: Developing a Position Paper 2 (Analysis & Poster Presentation)	20%
Due: TBD	