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HONORS COLLEGE COMPOSITION I: Critical Reading and Source-Based Writing
English 1091G Section 290 / 3 credit hours / 90291

FALL 2019 / TuTh 9:30 – 10:45 am / Room 3609 Coleman

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Catalog Course Description

College Composition I, Honors, focuses on informative, analytical, evaluative, and persuasive writing and introduces students to college-level research. Students will develop sound writing processes, produce cogent writing, strengthen analytical reading skills, and work with sources. Prerequisite: Enrollment in the Honors College.

Course Description

English 1091G is a reading and writing course designed to enhance your critical reading abilities as well as your overall grasp of types of college-level writing. The written word rules here, but so does your understanding of the sources that you read and evaluate. We will examine how good writing looks (grammar), how it sounds (style), and where it goes (audience-oriented rhetoric). Over the course of the semester, you will produce short documents and a longer essay through stages of brainstorming, drafting, and fleshing out thesis statements and supporting ideas. You will not do this alone, of course. This is a workshop, which means that, much as in the world outside the university, you will be writing for an audience larger than your professor. You will receive and offer feedback on fellow students' work. In these feedback loops, you will be encouraged to keep an eye on your own growth as a writer of clear, effective, persuasive, and citation-savvy documents.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a writing-centered, writing-intensive course. You will do a lot of writing and responding. If you foresee difficulty in attending class regularly this semester, you should reconsider taking this course. ***Missing six or more classes means that you will fail this course.***

Course Texts

Dellicarpini, Dominic, and Jack Selzer. *Conversations: Readings for Writing*. 3rd ed., Longman, 2012.
Graff, Gerald, et al. *They Say/I Say: The Moves that Matter in Academic Writing, with Readings*. W.W. Norton, 2008. .
Hanh, Thich Nhat. *The Miracle of Mindfulness: An Introduction to the Practice of Meditation*. 1975. Translated by Mobi Ho. Beacon Press, 1999.
Palmquist, Mike. *Joining the Conversation: A Guide for Writers*. 3rd ed., Bedford/St. Martin's, 2017.
Wysocki, Anne Frances, and Dennis Lynch. *The Little DK Handbook*. 3rd ed., Pearson, 2018.

Course Goals

The primary aim of this course is to help you to become a sharper, more persuasive, and more self-reflective writer. In Composition I, you will develop reading and writing processes ultimately enabling you to demonstrate the ability to:

- **know thy writing process:** develop effective writing processes
- **write in different genres:** write informative, analytical, evaluative, and persuasive documents
- **write with rhetorical skill:** know your audience, and write persuasively for different audiences and purposes
- **write ethically and reflectively:** reflect upon your own beliefs and consider the viewpoints and arguments of others
- **research and evaluate sources fairly:** find and evaluate secondary sources from academic databases in an efficient and fair manner
- **cite carefully and correctly:** economically and ethically incorporate and correctly document outside sources of ideas and information using MLA (Modern Language Association) citation guidelines
- **revise copiously:** revise, revise, revise your writing
- **write well both grammatically and stylistically:** learn grammatical principles and copy-edit your drafts so that they are grammatically sound, readable, and effective
- **speak powerfully:** develop your oral skills in communicating ideas

(To see the **EIU undergraduate learning goals**, go to: <http://www.eiu.edu/learninggoals/revisedgoals.php>)

GRADES

See the attached Guidelines for Evaluating Writing Assignments.

WHAT	WORTH (out of 100)	DUE DATE, subject to change
Participation	10 percentage points	<i>Every class period</i>
Paper 1 (pages)	5	
Paper 2 (pages)	10	
Paper 3 (pages)	15	
Paper 4a: Argument proposal ()	2	
Paper 4b: Argument draft ()	8	
Paper 4c: Argument final (pages)	15	
Writing Portfolio (pages plus a reflective memo of 2 pages)	15	D2L: 4:00pm on
Reading quizzes, grammar exercises, and peer editing sessions	10	<i>Throughout the semester</i>
●ral Presentation	10	

COURSE POLICIES FOR COMPOSITION

Plagiarism

Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade for the entire course. I will follow the departmental policy on plagiarism, and report all cases:

“Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism— ‘The appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one’s own original work’ (*Random House Dictionary of the English Language*)—has the right and responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignments of a grade of F for the assigned essay and a grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Office of Student Standards. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources.”

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.

Conferences

As I get to know your writing better throughout the semester, I will require that you meet with me on an individual basis. In these conferences, we will discuss where you think your writing and critical skills are improving or need more work. You should be prepared to ask questions about assignments I have returned, or assignments that you are writing for the course.

Tests, In-Class Assignments, and Grammar

You cannot make up a test, grammar assignment, or other in-class assignment after the class period in which it is administered.

Late Policy—All Assignments Are Due at the Beginning of Class

I’ll say it twice because it bears repeating: all assignments are due at the BEGINNING OF CLASS. I will not accept late assignments. Two exceptions:

- 1) Turning in a **LATE DRAFT** of an assignment means that a) you will not receive written feedback from the professor, and b) you will not be able to make up peer assessments (if you miss these days).
- 2) For the **FINAL VERSIONS OF YOUR PAPERS**, you will lose a full grade for every day (not business day) past the due date. Thus five days late means a grade of “zero.”

Respect

Because you have chosen to be in a university classroom, please show respect for your professor and fellow students. Turn off the sound on your cell phone and any other electronic device. **I will lower participation grades aggressively for those who show disrespect for others. This includes leaving cell phones on, texting in class, and snoozing.**

Emailing

I want to get to know you and your work this semester. Thus I ask that you stop by my office during office hours (or other scheduled times) so that we can talk. **DO NOT EMAIL ME TO ASK FOR AN “UPDATE” ON MISSED ASSIGNMENTS, OR TO EXPLAIN AN ABSENCE.** You will want to contact class members for notes and missed work.

Attendance and Participation

Participation is key. It means more than simply being present in class. It means being prepared, thoughtful, respectful of others, engaged, and fruitfully open to criticism. Because you are adults who have signed up for this course, I expect that you attend class. Do not bring excuses for missing class.

The professor does not need for you to document or explain your absences. If you miss six or more classes, you will fail the course. For each class, I will note who attends and participates. Those who are “on” and present, ready for thoughtful discussion throughout the semester, will receive high participation grades. Accordingly, those who do not, will receive low participation grades. **Bring your textbooks to class and be prepared for discussion.** If I note that you are struggling in the course, I will use the **EIU Early Alert System** in order to get you the help you need to succeed in college.

Required Format for All Papers and Assignments

- When asked for a hard copy, you should paper-clip sheets or leave them **without staples**
- Include page numbers
- Use **12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced lines, and one-inch margins**
- Use correct MLA (Modern Language Association) format for all quoted or paraphrased material
- Include a Works Cited page for all papers

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 (●SDS). 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, text 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.

Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP)

Students can submit a sample of their writing for the Electronic Writing Portfolio. Instructors assess each sample according to the rubric provided on the submission form that each student fills out. Submission forms, as well as other information about the Electronic Writing Portfolio, are available at <http://www.eiu.edu/assess/ewpmain.php>

EIU Writing Center: open Monday - Thursday, 9am to 3pm, and 6 - 9pm / Friday 9am - 1pm

I strongly encourage you to use EIU's Writing Center located at 3110 Coleman Hall. This free service provides one-to-one conferences (in person or via Skype) with writing center consultants who can help you with brainstorming, organizing, developing support, documenting your papers, and working with sentence-level concerns. The writing center is available to help any student from any major at any stage of his or her writing process, and its system of one-to-one conferences demonstrates value and respect for individual writers, all of whom can benefit from feedback about their works in progress. To schedule an appointment, you can drop by the center or you can call 217-581-5929.