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ENGLISH 1105: ENGLISH MAJOR FORUM: 1 CR

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DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to enhance the transition, integration, and retention of new, newly declared, and prospective English majors by providing them with an introduction to peers and faculty affiliated with English Studies, timely access to information necessary for productive planning, strategies for academic success, and an opportunity to chart a course through the major that prepares them for success in the future.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will learn the requirements for successful completion of an English major.
2. Students will analyze and evaluate a variety of opportunities for enriching their academic experience.
3. Students will research and evaluate career options and graduate or professional programs.
4. Students will apply information and articulate strategies for achieving long-range goals effectively.

REQUIREMENTS: This course is pass/fail. Here is what is required to pass:

- Consistent attendance in class (as in, you may miss **one** class period only)
- Attendance at **four** or more English-related events (see calendar on next page)
- Attentive and polite engagement with presenters and peers (meaning, no phones)
- Two VERY informal presentations, one based on a podcast, another on a book
- At least one meeting with me in my office to discuss your plans for your major
- A complete potential “major map” due at the end of the semester

NOTE: These requirements are easy and not particularly taxing. If you complete all the above, you will pass. If you miss even one thing, you will fail and I'll see you in the Spring when you repeat the course.

Academic Integrity: Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as de-fined in EIU's Code of Conduct (<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>). Violations will be re-reported to the Office of Student Standards.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as appropriating words or ideas that are not your own without giving proper credit. The temptation to plagiarize can be great, particularly in the advent of extensive computer technology and the collaborative nature of our class. However, the consequences of plagiarism are dire and can result in a grade of F for the assignment and even for the course. It will also result in a report to the Judicial Affairs Office.

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, 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.

1105 SCHEDULE

- Aug. 27 Introduction, The English Major and Literary Studies, Pre-Surveys handed out
- Sept. 3 “Shattering the Silence of Sexual Violence,” by Angela Rose on Wednesday September 3rd, Grand Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union. Before the talk begins, be sure to sign in with me outside the Ballroom and give me your survey. **Pre-Surveys due**
- Sept. 10 Study Abroad Fair – You must attend this at some point from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Ballroom in the MLK Student Union. To get credit for this, you must sign-in at the English Department’s Harlaxton Table.
- Sept. 17 Creative Writing Minor: Dr. Charlotte Pence, guest speaker
- Sept. 24 Professional Writing Minor: Dr. Terri Fredrick, guest speaker
- Oct. 1 English Education Major and Film Studies Minor: Dr. Robin Murray, guest speaker
- Oct. 8 English Extras: English Club, Sigma Tau Delta, Writer’s Ink, *The Vehicle*
- Oct. 15 Departmental Honors Discussion
- Oct. 22 Career Services presentation by Roberta Kingery
- Oct. 29 Other minors (Women’s Studies, Communications, Journalism, Foreign Lang., Pre-Law)
- Nov. 5 Resumes/Internships
- Nov. 12 Awards/Scholarships, Podcast Presentations by each student
- Nov. 19 Podcast Presentations, Cont’d.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

- Dec. 3 Course Descriptions discussion, Career presentations about one career from: *Why to Major in English If You're Not Going to Teach* on reserve in Booth Library
- Dec. 10 Career Presentations, cont’d.
- Dec. 17 Career Presentations, cont’d., Post-Surveys **MAJOR MAPS DUE**

LIST OF EVENTS

<https://www.eiu.edu/calendar/index.php?d=2014-09-01&b=1>

This is an incomplete list of possible events you could attend. You must attend at least **FOUR** of these over the course of the semester. To get credit for the event, you must write a three-paragraph response to the event, describing what you saw and what you thought about it. You can turn those responses in via email.

NOTE: As the semester progresses, other events will be announced that may be appropriate. Please feel free to let the class know about such events and we will add them to the list!

Wed., Sept. 3

30-Minute Resumes | 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM: Don't have a resume or just stuck trying to get yours to be outstanding? Call 217-581-2412 to reserve your 30-minute time slot with an experienced resume writer who will make you look fabulous!

Sat., Sept. 6

EIU Career Boot Camp | 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Most high profile jobs and internships are interviewed by October. Getting teaching jobs is difficult. That's why you **must** be the consummate candidate by early September if you want to be competitive!

Network with successful EIU alumni at this one day intensive mini-conference.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Sign up at: http://www.eiu.edu/careers/bootcamp_students.php

Tues., Sept. 9

Mock Interview Day with Career Services | 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Career Counselor to practice developing your interview skills, get valuable advice and learn techniques to overcome the fear of interviewing and let your inner rock star shine at your next internship or job interview! **Reservations Required. Call 217-581-2412.**

Wed. Sept. 10

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Thurs. Sept. 11

How to Research Employers | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Applying for jobs should not be like going on a blind date! Learn how to research employers, what to look for and how to use this critical knowledge to your advantage. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call 581-2412 or RSVP HERE.**

Tues., Sept. 16

Gallery Talk: 2014 Art Faculty Exhibition | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Tues., Sept. 16

24th Annual Phi Beta Kappa Fall Lecture | 06:00 PM

Guest Lecturer, Dr. Catherine Belling, Doudna Lecture Hall

Professor Catherine Belling, who teaches in the Program in Medical Humanities and Bioethics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, will serve as the 24th Annual Phi Beta Kappa Fall Lecturer.

Wed. Sept. 17

Mock Interview Day with Employers | 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Schedule a practice interview with a visiting employer. Get feedback on your answers to interview questions, and the questions you plan to ask employers. Real hiring agents have great hints on how to make you into the best candidate! **Reservations required. Call 217-581-2412.**

Wed. Sept. 17

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Thurs., Sept. 18

Resume Review Blitz | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Bring in your resume for a quick 15-minute critique. No advance appointments necessary! **Walk-in hours: 1-4 p.m.**

Fri., Sept. 19

Isabel Hull: 'Rethinking the First World War Through the Lens of International Law' | 07:00 PM

Isabel V. Hull is a professor of History at Cornell.

Mon. Sept. 22

Resume Review Blitz | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Bring in your resume for a quick 15-minute critique. No advance appointments necessary! **Walk-in hours: 1-4 p.m.**

Tues. Sept. 23

Job Fair Prep Workshop | 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Learn how to make the most of a job fair: to build relationships, make employers remember you, what to say, when to come & how long to stay, and much more! **Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP HERE.**

Wed. Sept. 24

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Mon. Sept. 29

Job Shadowing for Sophomores | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Interested in shadowing a professional throughout the day to see what the field is really like? Consider an Externship. Learn the benefits & how to find them. **Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP HERE.**

Tues. Sept. 30

Best Internships for Juniors | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Did you know most internships are filled by December? Learn effective ways to find them, and what you should start doing now to get one! **Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP HERE.**

Wed. Oct. 1

Cover Letters 101 | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Learn how to communicate why you are a match for the job in a cover letter! Impress them with your knowledge of what they do in a well crafted letter that demonstrates specifically how your experience and skills are on target with their needs.

Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP HERE.

Wed. Oct. 1

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Tues. Oct. 7

Classroom Visit: 'A Journey with Two Poets of Color' | 12:30 PM - 01:45 PM, 02:00 PM - 03:15 PM

Two poets from the University of Michigan Helen Zell Writers' Program will to speak to creative writing students about applying to MFA programs from 12:30-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014 in CH 3159. They will offer an informational workshop that outlines the do's and don'ts of applying and answer questions.

All undergraduate and graduate students interested in learning about MFA programs are welcome to attend.

Wed. Oct. 8

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Thurs. Oct. 9

Alice Bag: 'Violence Girl: A Chicana Punk Story from East L.A.' | 05:00 PM

Alice Bag was the lead singer of the Bags, the first female-fronted punk band to play the Masque during the West Coast punk revolution of 1977. Her new book, *Violence Girl, From East LA Rage to Hollywood Stage*, is the story of her upbringing in East Los Angeles., her eventual migration to Hollywood, and the euphoria and aftermath of the first punk wave. *Violence Girl* reveals how domestic abuse fueled her desire for female empowerment and sheds a new perspective on the origin of hardcore, a style most often associated with white suburban males.

Mon. Oct. 13

Exploring Careers Through Job Shadowing | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Interested in shadowing a professional throughout the day to see what the field is really like? Consider an externship. Learn the benefits & how to find them. **Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP HERE.**

Wed. Oct. 15

Graduate School Information Day | 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Interested in graduate school? Learn about entrance requirements, testing deadlines and course offerings.

Wed. Oct. 15

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Wed. Oct. 15

How to Build an e-Resume | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Don't let your resume get garbled in transmission! Learn how to create a resume that will look good when e-mailed, scanned or viewed within a simple text editor. **Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP [HERE](#).**

Thurs. Oct. 16

Gallery Talk: Ansel Adams: Masterworks | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Join EIU Professor Emeritus Al Joyner for a gallery talk on the noted photographer Ansel Adams in conjunction with the exhibition titled *Ansel Adams: Masterworks*. As a passionate photographer, Mr. Joyner will share some of what he has learned.

Tues. Oct. 21

Mock Interview Day with Career Services | 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Career Counselor to practice developing your interview skills, get valuable advice and learn techniques to overcome the fear of interviewing and let your inner rock star shine at your next internship or job interview! **Reservations Required. Call 581-2412.**

Wed. Oct. 22

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Mon. Oct. 27

Job Fair Prep for Education Majors | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

What do I say to school administrators at the job fair? What will they ask me? I don't really need to wear professional attire do I? Get valuable tips and information so you can be successful at the Fall Education Job Fair. Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP [HERE](#).

Wed. Oct. 29

Resume Review Blitz | 02:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Bring in your resume for a quick 15-minute critique. No advance appointments necessary! **Walk in hours: 2-5 p.m.**

Wed. Oct. 29

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Thurs. Oct. 30

Allen Neff Memorial Poetry Reading | 05:00 PM

D. Nurkse will be the featured poet at the 2014 Allen Neff Memorial Poetry Reading at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014, in the Recital Hall at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Mon. Nov. 3

Resume Review Blitz | 03:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Bring in your resume for a quick 15-minute critique. No advance appointments necessary!

Walk in hours: 3-6 p.m.

Tues, Nov. 4, 11:00am-12:15pm

"LYRIC YAWNS: KEATS" DR. BRIAN McGRATH

Tues., Nov. 4, 6:00pm

LECTURE: "DEAD MEN RUNNING" DR. BRIAN McGRATH

Wed. Nov. 5

COFFEE AND CAKES DISCUSSION: "APOSTROPHE, ANIMATION, AND ABORTION" DR. BRIAN McGRATH

Wed. Nov. 5

Resume Review Blitz | 03:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Bring in your resume for a quick 15-minute critique. No advance appointments necessary!

Walk in hours: 3-6 p.m.

Thurs. Nov. 6

How to Build Your LinkedIn Account | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Learn how to maximize your exposure to connect with employers and find internships or jobs using this professional social media tool. Learn how to build your LinkedIn account and get started!

Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP [HERE](#).

Tues. Nov. 11

30-Minute Resumes | 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Don't have a resume or just stuck trying to make yours outstanding?

Reservations Required. Call 217-581-2412 to reserve your 30-minute time slot with an experienced resume writer who will make you look fabulous!

Wed. Nov. 12

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Thurs. Nov. 13

Mock Interview Day with Career Services | 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Schedule a one-on-one appointment with a career counselor to practice developing your interview skills, get valuable advice and learn techniques to overcome the fear of interviewing and let your inner rock star shine at your next internship or job interview! ***Reservations Required. Call 581-2412.***

Tues. Nov. 18

How to Build Your Network and Develop Networking Skills | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Networking in the job market is critical! Learn how to start building your network and develop the skills to successfully do it.

Reservations Required. Call 581-2412 or RSVP [HERE](#).

Wed. Nov. 19

Resume Review Blitz | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Bring in your resume for a quick 15-minute critique. No advance appointments necessary! **Walk in hours: 1-4 p.m.**

Wed. Nov. 19

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Wed. Dec. 3

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.

Wed. Dec. 10

English Club Meeting | 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM, Coleman Hall 3691.