ENG 1105-001: English Forum

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ENGLISH 1105
English Forum: Or How to Be a Great
English Major

Fall 2019
Wed 3:00-4:00 pm
Coleman Auditorium

Course Description
What makes English such a great major? And how can
students be empowered to get the most of out 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 your 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 English Major
Narrative) 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.
How to Get an Easy A

- Attend each class.
- Earn 10 points. This is easy and maybe even fun. Various ways to earn points will be announced throughout the semester or can be found by looking for English-related events and activities on the Department calendar.
- Complete Résumé and English Major Narrative

Course Schedule (tentative)

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