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ENG 1105: ENGLISH FORUM

Spring 2019 | Section 001 | CRN 34744 |
Wednesday | 3:00 – 3:50pm | 3170 Coleman Hall

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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 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.

The course has several goals:

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

In order to meet these goals, we will explore:

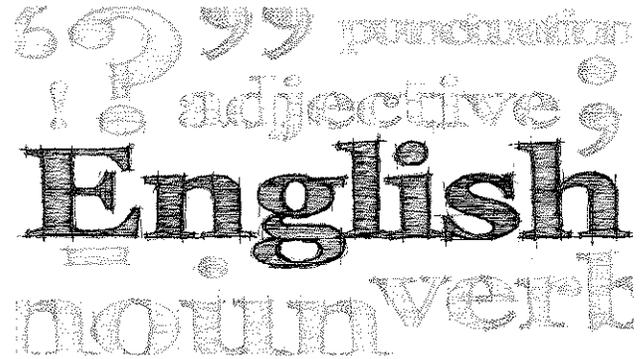
- resources;
- share our favorite literary/linguistic thinking;
- meet and talk with poets, directors, actors, and professors about different ways to interact with literary texts;
- attend cultural events together (maybe even a play); • and begin thinking about how to build your electronic portfolio/resume.

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.



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WED 2:30-3PM

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SO YOU ARE AN ENGLISH MAJOR? I
SUPPOSE YOU ARE GOING TO TEACH
... MAYBE OR MAYBE NOT.

ENGLISH MAJORS FROM EIU HAVE
GONE ON TO:

TEACH IN THE USA & OVERSEAS IN K-12,
COMMUNITY COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES,
WRITE & PUBLISH SCREENPLAYS, NOVELS
AND POETRY, OWN BUSINESSES,
PRODUCE B-2-B CONTENT, EDIT BOOKS
& JOURNALS.

EIU ENGLISH MAJORS HAVE ALSO
BECOME LAWYERS, PARALEGALS, LEGAL
ASSISTANTS, & ACTIVISTS, MANAGED
NON-PROFITS, ENTERED THE FIELDS OF
PUBLIC RELATIONS, LIBRARY SCIENCES &
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, COLLEGE
STUDENT AFFAIRS, INTERNEED AT
DISNEYWORLD... AND MUCH MORE.

REQUIREMENTS

- Attend every class
- Earn 10 Points (more on that later)
- Complete a Résumé
- Draft of Major Narrative

TEXTS & MATERIALS

Important documents will be distributed in class and via D2L —

D2L = Desire to Learn

If you have any trouble using D2L, please let me know right away.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Any student who needs disability accommodations for this course should please speak with one or both of the instructors as soon as possible. Please note that the University's Office of Disability Services (581-6583) will help with designated learning needs, mobility needs, etc.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

In this course, we will comply with EIU's academic integrity policy (please see your undergraduate catalog). The nature of this course and its assignments is such that plagiarism will be very easy to avoid. Do note, however, that plagiarism is not the only form of academic dishonesty. "Cheating" can also involve falsifying information (e.g., saying you attended a program that you did not attend; signing someone else in on an attendance sheet; etc.). Please be aware that we take academic integrity very seriously.



How to Get an Easy A

- Attend each class.
- Earn 10 points. This is easy and maybe even fun. More explanation later.
- Complete Résumé and English Major Narrative

WORDS NO ENGLISH MAJOR WANTS TO HEAR

"WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THAT DEGREE?"

"NOBODY CARES ABOUT THE OXFORD COMMA."

"SOLVE FOR X."