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Course Guidelines
English 1000 Fundamental English

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Required Texts:
Text distributed via email or WebCT that needs to be printed
They Say I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing, Graff and Birkenstein

Course Description:
A course in the improvement of fundamental writing abilities. Practice and instruction in developing and organizing ideas; in using words, sentences, and paragraphs effectively; and in acquiring and strengthening skills of revising and editing prose. Credit/No Credit.

Materials
Writing instruments, paper, notebook, a good college dictionary, a computer, a printer able to print chapters of the textbook, and other appropriate supplies

Student Learning Objectives and Expected Performance Outcomes
- Demonstrate college-level writing produced through an individualized process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading
- Grow as independent writers and thinkers
- Recognize multiple perspectives while discovering and developing one’s own perspective
- Develop analytical reading skills to understand and critically evaluate diverse reading materials
- Show the ability to collaborate and help fellow students in the writing process through workshops/peer review sessions that focus on developing the ideas, support, and details
- Develop research skills by showing the effective use of source materials and the principles of documentation
- Be able to annotate, paraphrase, summarize, quote, and synthesize written material accurately and ethically
- Appreciate the precise meaning of words and how they are the center of writing and communicating
- Understand what a dictionary and thesaurus offer and the social influence of dialects
- Discriminate among levels of diction (informal, middle, formal) and appropriate usage of such word choices
- Understand the differences between general, specific, and concrete details and be able to employ them appropriately in written discourse
- Be able to employ strong evidence, examples, and supporting details
- Write well developed paragraphs and sentences that are direct, economical, free of ambiguity, and structurally appropriate for the ideas expressed and the audience addressed
- Craft paragraphs that exemplify paragraph unity
- Use effective transitions to create cohesion within and between paragraphs
- Write documents that have sentence variety—varied lengths and types of sentences
- Write clear, precise, concise, expository prose in Edited American English

Attendance Policy:
Regular attendance, punctuality, preparation, and participation are expected of all students. The only acceptable reasons for missing class are: 1) illness; 2) death in the family; 3) religious holiday; 4)
officially organized, documented university event. In order to deal with unforeseen emergencies, you are allowed to miss up to four class meetings without excuse for Tuesday/Thursday or Monday/Wednesday schedule and up to six class meetings for M/W/F schedule. Any additional absences will, however, be penalized at a rate of one letter grade per class meeting; any student who is absent for more than three classes beyond the allowed absences will Fail the course. Do not ask if class will be dismissed early. The answer is no.

Academic Honesty
All written work (papers, exams, tests, quizzes) must be original and independent. Do not resort to prefabricated papers and research materials found on the net. Please make sure that you understand the meaning of plagiarism and the policy of the English Department: 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 original work" (Random House Dictionary of the English Language)—has the right and the responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignment of the grade of F for the course, as well as to report the incident to the university's Judicial Affairs Office. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources.

Late Work and Assignments
I accept late assignments ONLY in the case of excused absences (work for other absences may be submitted in advance if pre-approved). While I don't accept late work, I will grant extensions under certain circumstances. You must speak with me in advance of the due date to receive an extension—that means, don't come to class on the due date and expect to be given more time. Extensions are handled on a case-by-case basis, so I urge you to speak with me a.s.a.p. if you realize you may not have an assignment finished on time. Otherwise, late assignments receive no credit. This includes instances of computer, CD, jump drive, and/or printer problems. Make a back-up copy of all coursework and leave yourself plenty of time before class to print assignments.

Assignments are to have been completed by class time on the date for which they appear on the syllabus. The book(s) in which the day's assignments are contained should be brought to class. Students are responsible for all material covered in class and all announcements or assignments made in class as well as for all assignments on the syllabus. Work turned in late with clearance will be penalized, usually at the rate of 10% per day, including weekends. Any lateness may delay the grading and return of the paper. Keep a hard and electronic copy of every paper you hand in and never throw away any work from class.

Exams and Quizzes: There will be no opportunities to make up a missed exam or quiz other than in cases of documented excused absences; (signing in at Health Service does not constitute documentation of a medical emergency). Unannounced quizzes on assigned material may be given at any time.

Papers must be typed (double-spaced) and printed in black on 8.5 x 11 paper. Margins should be one inch on all sides. Each paper must include student's name, the title of the paper, and course number. Papers must be stapled with the pages in the correct order. Page numbers must be used on all papers. Only papers that are neat and in correct form can be accepted.

Documentation: Use the current MLA system to cite both primary and secondary sources used in your papers. The system is fully explained and illustrated in The Little Brown Handbook and other current handbooks. Inform yourself about documentation conventions for electronic media information and materials. All such materials must be documented and citation forms are illustrated in recent handbooks; go to the Writing Center for assistance. Electronic-media materials must be evaluated for quality at least as scrupulously as print materials. Please remember that you must absorb and process all materials: downloading is not research.
General Course Policies

*Turn off cell phones, iPods, and any other electronic devices before class begins.* I reserve the right to ask you to leave for the day if your cell phone disrupts class. Anyone found text messaging or tweeting during class will be asked to leave, counted absent, and receive a zero for that day’s assignment. You will not need a laptop for class and are not allowed to open one in class. Do not check email while in a computer class. If you are caught you will be asked to leave and you will receive an absence.

*Take advantage of my open door policy.* If you’re having difficulty with any aspect of the course, please come see me as soon as the problem arises. In addition to my office hours, I’m happy to make appointments with you at other times if needed. Don’t suffer in silence; talk to me, and we’ll see if we can work out a solution.

Required Conferences:

At a few strategic points in the semester, I will cancel class in order to hold conferences with you and your classmates on particular writing projects. You are required to attend your chosen conference time; the course attendance policy applies to conference days.

Students with Documented Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodation, please note that arrangements must be made through the Office of Disability Services; you should, therefore, contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

Composition of the Overall Grade: You are expected to complete the following coursework.

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Grading Scale for Formal Documents:

- 100-92% = A
- 91-90 = A-
- 89-88 = B+
- 87-82 = B
- 81-80 = B-
- 79-78 = C+
- 77-72 = C
- 71-70 = C-
- 69-60 = D
- 59 and below = F

Overall Grading Scale:

- Pass = C (70%) or better
- Fail = D (69%) and below
DAILY SCHEDULE
English 1000

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The following is subject to deletion and expansion based on our progress.

Week One

MON/ Aug. 23
Lesson: Class Introductions and Diagnostic Essay Guidelines

WED/ Aug. 25
Lesson: Ad Paper Guidelines
Have Read: 1) Course Guidelines & Day-to-day Schedule 2) Advertisement Elements Handout
3) They Say, I Say (TSIS) pages 133-135 4) Guidelines for the Advertisement Analysis Paper
Have Written: Diagnostic Essay Due

FRI/ Aug. 27
Lesson: 15 Basic Appeals & Approval of Advertisement
Have Read: 1) “Advertising’s Fifteen Basic Appeals” by Jib Fowles
Bring to Class: A one-page magazine advertisement for your first paper.

Week Two

MON/ Aug. 30
Lesson: Audience
Have Read: 1) 15 Basic Appeals Handout.
Have Written: 1) WN#2: Find which of the “Advertising’s 15 Basic Appeals” are in your ad then explain why the ad uses the appeals

WED/ Sept. 1
Lesson: Layout
Have Read: 1) “Elements of Effective Layout” by Dorothy Cohen.
Have Written: 1) WN#3: Write detailed description of the audience for your ad.

FRI/ Sept. 3
Lesson: Copy
Have Read: 1) “Making the Pitch in Print Advertising” by Bovee, Thill, Dovel, and Wood
Have Written: 1) WN# 4: Write detailed description of your advertisement including its layout

Week Three

MON/ Sept. 6 –NO CLASS

WED/ Sept. 8
Lesson: Color and Models
Have Written: 1) WN#5: Write highly detailed description of the Copy in your ad.
Have Read: 1) Color Connotation Handout.

FRI/ Sept. 10
Lesson: In Class Group Work
Have Written 1) WN#6: Tell me how the use of color enhances your ad 3) WN#7 Write detailed description of the Model(s) in your ad.
Bring to Class: Markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.

Week Four

MON/ Sept. 13

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Lesson: In Class Group Work
Have Written: 1) Revision on your paragraphs.
Bring to Class: Markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.

WED/ Sept. 15
Lesson: Global Peer Review
Have Written: 1) Revising your paragraphs 2) WN#8: List specific problems you are encountering with your paper.
Have Written: 1) Ad Analysis Draft for Peer Review - 5% of the paper’s grade.

FRI/Sept.17
Lesson: Local Peer Review
Have Written: 1) Ad Analysis Draft for Peer Review - 5% of the paper’s grade.

Week Five

MON/ Sept. 20
Mandatory Conferences

WED/ Sept. 22
Mandatory Conferences

FRI/ Sept. 24
Ad Analysis Paper Due

Week Six

MON/ Sept.27
Lesson: Narrative Paper Guidelines and High/Low Exercise.
Have Read: 1) Guidelines Literacy Narrative Paper 2) High/Low Point Exercise.

WED/ Sept. 29
Lesson: Elements of an Essay & Brainstorming.
Have Read: 1) “Theme: What’s your point” 2) Elements of Nonfiction Memoir Handout.
Have Written: 1) WN#1: Choose One High/Low Point.

FRI/ Oct. 1
Lesson: Narration, Plot, & Tension (Topic Pre-approval Deadline)
Have Read: 1) “Creating Structure” by Stephen Minot.
Have Written: 1) WN#2: A Focus/Theme Perspective.

Week Seven

MON/ Oct. 4
Lesson: Style, Tone, Voice
Have Read: 1) “Literary Concerns: Style, Tone, Suggestions” by Stephen Minot.
Have Written: 1) WN#13: Discuss your narration using specific elements.

WED/ Oct. 6
Lesson: Characterization
Have Read: 1) “Indian Education” by Sherman Alexie.
Have Written: 1) WN# Tell me how you use Style, Tone, or Word Choice to help your essay 2)
Sign up for conferences

FRI/ Oct. 8 – NO CLASS

Week Eight

MON/ Oct. 11
Lesson: Revision and Junk Words

**Have Read:** 1) Junk Work Handout.

**Have Written:** 1) First Draft of Essay Due. 2) Sign up for conferences 3) WN# Tell me how you are using dialogue, thoughts, feelings, anecdotes, summary, flashbacks, flash-forwards, parallelisms, or differences to tell the story 4) Sign up for conferences.

**WED/ Oct. 13**

**Mandatory Conferences**

**FRI/ Oct. 15**

**Have Written:** 1) Literacy Narrative Paper Due

**Week Nine**

**MON/ Oct. 18 – Library Day**

**Have Written:** 1) Must Have Pre-Approved Research Topic

**WED/ Oct. 20**

Lesson: How to Research Other Sources

**Have Read:** 1) Your four articles that have at least two different opinions on the same topic 2)

Research Paragraphs Guidelines

**Have Written:** 1) Handout Exercise: Defining Important Terms

**FRI/ Oct. 22**

Lesson: How to Comb Through Essays/Articles

**Have Written:** 1) Notes on Each Author’s Opinion.

**Week Ten**

**MON/ Oct. 25**

Lesson: Mini-Annotated Bibliography

**Have Written:** 1) Mini-Annotated Bibliography

**WED/ Oct. 27**

Lesson: Starting with What Others Are Saying

**Have Read:** 1) TSIS ONE pages 17-27.

**Have Written:** 1) TSIS Exercise #1 pages 26-27

**FRI/ Oct. 29**

Lesson: Summarizing

**Have Read:** 1) TSIS TWO pages 28-38

**Have Written:** 2) TSIS Exercise #1 page 38

**Week Eleven**

**MON/ Nov. 1**

Lesson: Quoting

**Have Read:** 1) TSIS THREE pages 39-48

**Have Written:** 1) Summarizing Paper Due

**WED/ Nov. 3**

Lesson: Three Ways to Respond

**Have Read:** 1) TSIS FOUR pages 49-63

**Have Written:** 1) TSIS Exercise #1 page 47

**FRI/ Nov. 5**

**Mandatory Conferences**

**Week Twelve**

**MON/ Nov. 8**

Lesson: Distinguish What You Say from What They Say
**Have Read:** 1) TSIS FIVE pages 64-73  
**Have Written:** 1) **Quoting Paper Due**

**WED/ Nov. 10**  
Lesson: Skeptic Objection and Against the Grain Argument  
**Have Read:** 1) TSIS SIX pages 74-87  
**Have Written:** 1) Handout Exercise

**FRI/ Nov. 12**  
Mandatory Conferences

**MON/ Nov. 15**  
Lesson: Connecting Parts  
**Have Read:** 1) TSIS EIGHT pages 99-114  
**Have Written:** 1) You Say, I Say Paper Due

**WED/ Nov. 17**  
Lesson: Voice  
**Have Read:** 1) TSIS NINE Page 115-122

**Have Written:** Handout Exercise for Re-Rewrites

**FRI/ Nov. 19**  
Mandatory Conferences

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**MON/ Nov. 29**  
Lesson: Re-Rewrites for Ad Paper  
**Have Written:** 1) Re-Rewrites for Ad Paper

**WED/ Dec. 1**  
Lesson: Re-Rewrites for Ad Paper  
**Have Written:** 1) Re-Rewrites for Narrative Paper

**FRI/ Dec. 3**  
Lesson: Re-Rewrites for Research Paper  
**Have Written:** 1) Re-Rewrites for Research Paper

**MON/ Dec. 6**  
Lesson: Review for Final Exam

**WED/ Dec. 8**  
Lesson: Review for Final Exam

**FRI/ Dec. 10**  
Mandatory Conferences

**FINAL EXAMS**