ENG 1001C-010-040-052: Composition and Language

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Course Description
This course offers guided practice in several steps involved in the writing process: from consideration of audience and purpose to editing and revising. The use and documentation of sources, one of the major aspects of academic writing, is also studied.

Your personal experience and observations are used as the starting point for assignments, but you will be required to supplement these with research. For each assignment, you will have the opportunity to choose a topic that interests you.

Editing and revising are important in the course.

Policies/Grading
Some writing, all peer editing, all discussion and group work will be done in class. There is no opportunity to receive points in these areas if you do not attend class. More than three absences is excessive for a class which meets twice a week. Excessive absences, even in cases of illness, may result in your not receiving credit for the course. If you fail to turn in any major assignment, you will not receive credit for the course.

There are deadlines for each assignment. Late work will be marked down ten points. Late papers will not be accepted more than a week past the original due date. Expect no leniency on this policy. You are given the deadline dates well ahead of time. It is your responsibility to plan a schedule of study with adequate time to complete papers.

Give assignments directly to me, in class on the date they are due. Assignments which appear in my mailbox or under my door after class will be considered late.

I will be following "Standards for Evaluating Themes at Eastern Illinois University" to determine grades for your assignments. Thoughtful content, clarity, development and effective organization are important elements. Standard English grammar and spelling are necessary.

Assignments will be weighted as follows:

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<td>1: Taking a Position</td>
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<td>2: Evaluating a Peer Essay</td>
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<td>3: Evaluating a Work of Art</td>
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<td>4: Profile</td>
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<td>5: Research Argument</td>
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Deadlines for these assignments are noted on the daily schedule. Any changes in deadlines will be announced in class.

Points will also be given for class discussion (Maximum 5 per Class meeting), peer editing (10 pts), group work (10 pts). All points will be added at the end of the semester. Students with 90% or more of the total possible points will receive an A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, less than 70% NC.

Policy on Plagiarism
Random House Dictionary of the English Language defines plagiarism as "the appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one's own original work." Such misappropriation will not be tolerated in this course. If evidence of plagiarism is discovered in your work, you will receive an F for the assignment. In cases of blatant and intentional plagiarism, you will receive an F for the course. Plagiarism cases will be reported to the appropriate administrative offices, and will become a part of your academic record at EIU.

Disabilities
If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 581-6583 as soon as possible.