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ENG 1002G-002: Composition and Literature

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Course Details

DESCRIPTION...

A required course for all students, English 1002G builds on your writing skills from English 1001G, focusing in particular on improving your analytic writing and research skills.

COURSE FORMAT & PARTICIPATION...

This is not a lecture course.

- Good writing habits rely on practice, drafting, and active feedback. We'll be doing all of these activities in class.
- Class meetings, therefore, will be a mix of large group discussions, smaller group workshops, and peer reviews.
- It’s vital that you are prepared to give your best efforts in class.
- A significant component of your final grade will be based on your in-class contributions.

GOALS...

- gain practical understanding of college-level research and writing;
- extensive practice in analytical and expository writing;
- increase reading comprehension skills through study of creative and academic writing.

REQUIREMENTS...

- Essay 1 ...... 15%
- Essay 2 ...... 15%
- Essay 3 ...... 15%
- Essay 4 ...... 20%
- Response Papers, In-Class Writing ...... 15%
- Participation ...... 10%
- Final Exam ...... 10%  
  65%

ESSAYS...

You will write four major essays over the semester, for each of which I will hand out an assignment sheet indicating due dates and expectations. Each essay usually involves completing several smaller writing tasks, so it’s important that you follow the directions and requirements of the assignment.
SUBMITTING PAPERS...

Unless otherwise indicated, all assignments are due on the date specified on the assignment sheet, which you will receive for each major writing project. Papers turned in after the due date will be penalized five percent for each calendar day they are late—unless you have made prior arrangements with me. I usually deny any requests to turn in a paper late that are made on the day a paper is due. If you have a legitimate reason, speak with me before the due date. I will not accept work that is more than one week late.

Papers turned in late (without prior approval) may not be revised.

ATTENDANCE POLICY...

This is not a lecture course. The writing projects extend from our discussions and substantial class time is devoted to your writing. Therefore, you need to attend all class meetings. But things happen, so I usually allow two personal days. Thereafter, you will lose 5% from your final grade for each unexcused absence. So, for instance, if your final grade is 85% (or a B) and you have 5 absences, your adjusted FINAL grade will be a 70% (or a C-).

If you have a University-approved excuse for missing class, you must present appropriate documentation to me—in person—within one week of missing class.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE...

You’re welcome to bring your notebook computer to class. However, I ask that you observe common rules of etiquette and decorum when you use it. In brief, you may use it to take notes or complete an in-class writing activity. You may not use it for anything not directly related to class work.

** Please turn off (or mute) cell phones. Out of respect for the class and the integrity of class activities, please refrain from text messaging during class.

Please do not email me, asking to update about what you missed when you were absent.

But please do come by my office and talk with me in person about what you missed or any other concerns you have.

PLAGIARISM POLICY...

Since the university is a place of ideas, discussion, and reflection, it views plagiarism—the taking of others’ ideas as one’s own—very harshly. According to University policy, the penalty for plagiarizing is swift and severe. You will receive an immediate F for the course and notice will be given to the Office of Judicial Affairs. If you have any questions about plagiarism—however small—please talk to me before you turn in your work.

ELECTRONIC WRITING PORTFOLIO...

This course is a writing-centered course and, as such, your papers satisfy the requirements for the Electronic Writing Portfolio. EWP guidelines insist that you complete your submission prior to the last day of class. Talk to me if you have any questions about this or consult the EWP website.

IF YOU ARE ABSENT...

It’s your responsibility to find out what we covered and what is due for the next class meeting. You may come by my office and discuss this with me; I’ll happily go over any material and fill you in.