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G (Composition and Literature) is a writing-centered introductory course as well as an extension of English 1001 G (Composition and Language). Your work with the following literary genres--fiction, poetry, and drama--will involve reading, discussing, analyzing, and writing about the components of these types of literature. You must successfully complete English 1001G or its equivalent with a grade of C or above before enrolling in this course.

It is essential to keep up with the reading for this course. Lengths of assigned readings will vary quite a bit; no matter what length or type, though, you need to make certain that when you come to class not only have you read the material for that day, but you've familiarized yourself with it enough to be able to contribute specific, thoughtful comments and questions during our class discussions. Overall, this is not a lecture course; most days will be spent writing and/or discussing the readings, so you need to be prepared to contribute.

You will be introduced to material (authors, styles, topics), some of which may be unfamiliar, and challenging. Even if this is the case for you with some of the assignments, keep a positive attitude: read, take notes, try to apply what we've discussed in class, and, importantly, be an active participant in class discussion to help broaden your understanding.

Participation is an important component of your grade and involves far more than just showing up to class.

It is your responsibility to keep track of due dates, tasks, etc. listed on the syllabus, as well as any changes or additional assignments that are announced in class. I have posted copies of this policies statement as well as the syllabus on D2L (Desire2Learn) in case you need an extra copy.

If you show up unprepared --e.g. did not read the assignment, and/or did not bring required materials such as textbook, handout, rough draft—you may be dismissed from that day’s class. If this occurs, it will be considered an
unexcused absence, and one of your personal days will be used for it. (A discussion of personal days is included later here.)

Please also note that text-messaging during class, as well as habitual tardiness, may get you dismissed from that day's class.

Cell phones must not be used during class unless you are adding a due date to calendar or doing only class-related work (approved by me). They are to be zipped into your backpack or purse by the start of class time.

Headphones and earbuds must be unplugged, off your head, and out of your ears by the start of class.

The classroom door will be shut at 5 minutes after the hour, so make sure to be on time; if you are late the door will not be opened for you. Exceptions may include the following: if you know that you have an exam, an advising appointment, etc. and may be late, please inform me before class if possible.

Unless it is a true emergency, bathroom breaks must be taken either before this class or after it, not during.

You will write two essays: Essay # 1 will include a visual as well as written component and incorporation of citations. You will have two choices of topic for Essay # 2, one of which involves outside research. We will have conferences outside of class in order to discuss the rough draft of our first essay, and you will have an in-class work day for at least one of the essays. Additionally, there will be frequent in-class and/or homework assignments that will involve thoughtful, careful writing on your part. You may, of course, schedule conferences regarding ANY of your assignments.

There will be three exams: one covering literature, one covering drama, and one covering poetry, the last of which will count as the final exam. All examinations will consist of at least 50% essay questions.

DISABILITIES
If you have a documented disability and wish to receive accommodations, please let me know about it; you should also contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

GRADING
I. You must receive a grade of A, B, or C in order to pass English 1002G. Anything below this level results in a grade of NC ("no credit"). The course must be retaken if you get an NC. 
NOTE: An "NC" is not factored into your semester or cumulative grade point average. For example, an "A" would count as a 4.0, a "B" as a 3.0, "C" as a 2.0, but an "NC" would not be averaged into your GPA. It would show that you took the course but did not pass, or did not receive credit for it.

II. coursework is divided as follows:
20% for essays:  #1 = 10%  #2 = 10%

40% for essay exams:  #1 = 10%  #2 = 10%  #3 = 20% (final exam)

20% for quizzes and short homework assignments

20% for class participation, (includes preparedness, attitude, punctuality, etc.)

III. I use the "Guidelines for Evaluating Writing Assignments in EIU's English Department", a copy of which will be given to you during the early weeks of the semester. Additionally, we will review grading standards in more detail when I introduce the first essay assignment. Throughout the semester, and for each specific assignment, we will discuss what constitutes acceptable writing at the college level.

Grading scale for examinations:
100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-70 = C; 69-60 = D; 59 or below = F.

IV. If you fail to turn in an essay or fail to take an exam and you do NOT have an excused absence, your grade for that assignment will consist of two F's instead of one; I don't think it is fair to give equal grades to someone who at least attempted the assignment but may have had some problems, and someone who didn't even bother to try....

V. I am happy to meet with you to answer questions you may have concerning a grade or an assignment. For graded material, I do ask that you wait one full day before discussing it with me. This will give you time to read and process the comments that I include on your work and to review assignment guidelines if needed.

ATTENDANCE, PREPARATION, and LATE WORK

Participation and attendance are very important in this class, since much of the crucial information is obtained from class discussion (such as questions and ideas raised by YOU and your peers), lecture, and occasional collaborative activities—not just from a reading assignment in a textbook. In many cases, getting a copy of someone's class notes may not offer you the full picture of that day's lesson.

For this class, you have a total of three personal days which may be used at your discretion with no penalty. HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT USE YOUR PERSONAL DAYS ON DATES WHEN A TEST IS SCHEDULED OR A PAPER IS DUE. If your ride is leaving town early, if you have a wedding to attend or a non-school-related trip, etc. these are times when it may be wise to use one of your personal days. You are responsible for getting class notes, handouts, etc. from the day you missed.

If you use all three personal days and have additional absences that are not excused (that is, if you "blow off" class) you automatically fail the class.

You will not lose points for absence due to illness as long as you are able to provide approved documentation (such as a note from Health Service, ER or Doctor's note, etc.) and you maintain timely contact regarding the illness. That is, you must notify me (email is best) when you become ill and then show approved proof immediately upon
your return to class. I will not consider it an excused absence if you are gone and do not contact me, or if you wait to explain the situation beyond what I deem is a reasonable amount of time.

If you are unable to attend due to illness or another LEGITIMATE excuse (e.g. a true emergency, unsafe travel conditions for commuters --not those walking from the dorms!-- or participation in a University-sponsored activity for which I have been notified in advance), it is your responsibility to contact me as soon as possible to make arrangements regarding late work. If you are ill or an emergency arises and you must be absent from campus, it is imperative that you contact me ASAP via email, voice mail, etc. --not three weeks later—so that I am aware of the situation. I do not make arrangements for, nor do I accept late work from someone who has missed several classes in a row and has not contacted me. I reserve the right to determine what constitutes an excused or an unexcused absence.

For Essays 1 and 2, I will accept ONE of them ONE CLASS DAY late. For example, if the essay is due on Monday, you have until the start of the next class meeting (in this example case, it would be Wednesday) to get it to me without a penalty. Aside from this ONE instance, I will accept late work (homework, exams, essays) ONLY if you have an excused absence that falls under the aforementioned examples.

Assignments are due at the start of class. If you come in late that day (this includes rushing in five or ten minutes late because the "printer wouldn't work") or do not have all required materials at the start of class, that essay will count as your one “free” late paper. After that, any late work that is not an excused absence will not be accepted.

You must be in class to turn in material unless previous arrangements have been made with me. No credit will be given for work turned in by a friend, put in my mailbox, or slid under my office door by someone who did not attend that day's class unless prior arrangements have been made with me.

Quizzes will be given at the start of class, so be on time, as these cannot be made up unless you have an excused absence. Please note that oversleeping, missing the bus, and rides going home for the weekend are not excused absences!

EMAIL CONTACT
If you need to contact me, email is the best way, as I do not have a phone in my office. I do not use D2L for email, so remember that you must email me at my panthermail address, which is kmolsen@eiu.edu.

REVISIONS
You have the OPTION of revising Essay # 1 or Essay # 2. The grades from the first version and the revision will be averaged to create a final grade to replace the original one. For example, if you got a C on the original and an A on the revision, the final grade for that essay would be a B. Turn in the first copy of the essay with the revision. Deadlines for the optional revision are on the syllabus.

ESSAYS
Final versions of essays must be typed (double-spaced, with one-inch margins and font size 10-12). Short homework or in-class writing should be done in ink on standard lined paper or printed off from computer. Essays are due at the start of class and must be printed out before you come to class.

Know that I am willing to meet with you on an individual basis if you need direction regarding writing assignments. In general, I can answer brief questions through email, but to get feedback, tips, etc. about a rough draft, you must make an appointment to discuss your work face-to-face. Do not email the draft to me. Please also remember that, while it may be helpful to obtain feedback from friends, relatives, English majors on your residence hall floor, etc., it is most beneficial to discuss your work with the instructor of the course for which you are doing the assignment.

**PLAGIARISM POLICY**

The English Department’s policy on plagiarism is as follows:

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)* --has the right and responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignment of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office.

Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources.

**CONFERENCES**

This semester we’ll hold one mandatory conference session. Class will not meet on conference days. I strongly encourage you to ask questions during class, phone me, or stop by my office if you have any special problems with a reading or writing assignment. If my office hours don’t fit your schedule, we can try to set up an alternate time to meet. Please see me if you are having difficulties!
COURSE SYLLABUS

PLEASE NOTE: Assignments are to be completed by the date on which they appear on the syllabus. This is a tentative syllabus; changes may be made as needed and will be announced in class. Bring book(s) to class if requested or if a reading assignment is due that day. Remember that we switch rooms on a weekly basis.

TSAIW = The Story and Its Writer
WEAL = Writing Essays About Literature
BID = The Bedford Introduction to Drama
PAI = Poetry: An Introduction
LB= The Little, Brown Handbook

WEEK ONE (CH3210)
M(1/13) course introduction, policies, discussion
W(1/15) in-class diagnostic writing
F(1/17) Read WEAL pp 3-15, 44-49, 61-64. Lit intro, plot, setting.

WEEK TWO (CH3140)
M(1/20) Dr. MLK jr’s. bday. NO SCHOOL.
W(1/22) More lit intro. Read WEAL pp 54-60; 37-41; Lit intro, character, point of view.
F(1/24) Hand in notetaking assignment. Read TSAIW "Story of an Hour" pp 283+.

WEEK THREE(CH3210)
M(1/27) Finish discussion of "Story of an Hour". (Bring TSAIW) Also read WEAL pp 66-68. (irony)
W(1/29) Discussion questions due at start of class. Read TSAIW "Cathedral" pp 191+.
F(1/31) Discussion questions due at start of class. Read “Boys” (Handed out in class previously.)

WEEK FOUR(CH3140)
M(2/3) Discuss Essay # 1 topic.
W(2/5) Discussion questions due at start. Read TSAIW "newborn thrown in trash and dies" pp 1376+.
F(2/7) Discussion questions due at start. Read TSAIW "The Red Convertible" pp 400+.

WEEK FIVE(CH3210)
M(2/10) More essay # 1 discussion. Citation review. Bring WEAL and LB to class.
W(2/12) Discussion questions due at start. Read TSAIW “Old Father, Old Artificer” pp 112+; also read TSAIW “What The Little Old Ladies Feel” pp 1700+.
F(2/14) Lincoln’s bday. NO SCHOOL.

WEEK SIX(CH3140)
M(2/17) LITERATURE EXAM. (Bring paper and writing implement.)
WEEK SIX continued…
W(2/19) CLASS WILL NOT MEET TODAY. INSTEAD, MEET IN MY OFFICE—3055 COLEMAN—FOR MANDATORY MIDTERM CONFERENCE. BRING REQUIRED MATERIALS.
F(2/21) NO CLASS TODAY. CONFERENCES. SEE ABOVE DIRECTIONS.

WEEK SEVEN(CH3210)
M(2/24) NO CLASS THIS WEEK. CONFERENCES.
W(2/26)
F(2/28) .

DUE DATES FOR ESSAY #1 WILL BE STAGGERED AND ARE BASED ON THE DATE OF YOUR CONFERENCE. Due dates are listed below. Turn in your essay to the box that will be located outside my office, slide it under my office door, or place it in my mailbox located in the English Dept. mailroom by 1:00 on the due date listed below.

• If your conference was on Tues. 2/19, Wed. 2/20, or Thurs. 2/20, the due date is Monday, 2/24.
• If your conference was on Fri. 2/21, the due date is Wed. 2/26.
• If your conference was Mon. 2/24 or Tues. 2/25, the due date is Friday, 2/28.
• If your conference was on Wed. 2/26, the due date is Monday, 3/3. (Turn in at start of class.)
• If your conference was Thurs. 2/27 or Fri. 2/28, the due date is Wed., 3/5 (Turn in at start of class.)

WEEK EIGHT(CH3140)
M(3/3) Return to class! Drama intro.
W(3/5) More drama intro. Bring BID to class.
F(3/7) Class will not meet today. Begin reading Tartuffe for our next class meeting.

WEEK NINE
(3/10-3/14) SPRING BREAK!

WEEK TEN (CH3210)
M(3/17) Read BID Tartuffe Act I pp 510+
W(3/19) Read Tartuffe Acts II-III.
F(3/21) Read Tartuffe Act IV. Discuss essay # 2 topics.

WEEK ELEVEN(CH3140)
M(3/24) Read Tartuffe Act V.
W(3/26) Finish discussion of Tartuffe and/or first day of in-class progress check. (TBA)
F(3/28) in-class work/progress check on Essay # 2 rough draft. Bring required materials

WEEK TWELVE(CH3210)
M(3/31) Read BID Trifles pp 897
W(4/2) ESSAY # 2 DUE for 10:00 class at start of class. Read "A Jury of Her Peers" (handed out in class). Also bring drama book. Group writing today.
F(4/4) ESSAY # 2 DUE FOR 12:00 and 2:00 classes at start of class. Read Waking Women (this play was handed out in class)
WEEK THIRTEEN (CH3140)
M(4/7) DRAMA EXAM (Bring paper and writing implement.)
F(4/11) more poetry intro.

WEEK FOURTEEN (CH3210)
M(4/14) OPTIONAL REVISION DUE FOR 10:00 CLASS. Meter. Read WEAL pp 130-136.
W(4/16) OPTIONAL REVISION DUE FOR 12:00 AND 2:00 CLASS. Read PAI "My Papa's Waltz" p 238; "Those Winter Sundays" p 21; "Dusting" p 478
F(4/18) Read PAI Rites of Passage" p. 546; "We Real Cool" p 96

WEEK FIFTEEN (CH3140)
W(4/23) read in PAI: carpe diem poems: “To His Coy Mistress” pp 80+; “To The Virgins…” p 79
F(4/25) IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT TO THE EWP AN ESSAY FROM THIS CLASS, YOU MUST SUBMIT IT TO THE EWP WEBSITE BY 3:00 TODAY. Read in PAI: love poems. “The Magic of Love” p 42; “Love Poem” p 42. Also read “With His Venom” (handed out in class).

WEEK SIXTEEN (CH3210)
M(4/28) Read “Daddy” (handed out in class)
W(4/30) Read “Lady Lazarus” (handed out in class)
F(5/2) Read haiku (handed out in class).

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULES:

SEC 009 (10:00 CLASS): Tuesday, May 6. 10:15-12:15.
SEC 018 (12:00 CLASS): Wednesday, May 7. 10:15-12:15.
SEC 029 (2:00 CLASS): Thursday, May 8. 8:00-10:00.