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ENG 1001-030: Composition and Language

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Description: This course introduces the reading and writing of expressive, expository, and persuasive essays. It also includes a basic review of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. This course is designed to instruct the student in clearly communicating his or her ideas through writing. Quite simply, we will improve our writing by the act of writing. All phases of the writing process from invention to editing will be discussed and experienced. Hopefully, this process will produce four papers from each student this semester which use standard English to effectively express the writer's mind. In addition, maybe this semester we will achieve another goal beautifully stated by Elie Wiesel:

"I write to understand as much as to be understood."


Graded Essays: Four 3-5 page, double-spaced typewritten essays
Note: There is no final examination in ENG 1001C

Grading Policies: Each student will complete an in-class diagnostic writing which will not be graded. Each student will write four major essays. Failure to complete all essays will result in a failing grade for the course. The final course grade will be computed on the basis of a possible 500 points.

Essay #1 Narrative 100 points
Essay #2 Comparison/Contrast 100 points
Essay #3 Analysis 100 points
Essay #4 Position (Research) 100 points
Five Quizzes 100 points

A = 450-500 points
B = 400-449 points
C = 325-399 points
N/C = Below 325

Late work: Papers received after the due date will be penalized ten points.
Attendance Policy: Attending class is essential for success in this class. If you have more than four unexcused absences over the course of the semester, your course grade will drop one full letter grade for the semester. If you are absent due to an illness or personal emergency, please contact me as soon as possible.

Concerning Plagiarism

Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism—"The appropriation of 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 a grade of F for the assignment and a grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to the appropriate Eastern Illinois University authorities.

Tentative Syllabus

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Week 10  10/28 St. Martin's 318-331 Making Evaluations
       10/30 Quiz #3 & In-class Writing

Week 11  11/04 Conferences--Class Dismissed
       11/06 Conferences--Class Dismissed

Week 12  11/11 Essay #3 Due St. Martin's 594-604 Acknowledging Sources
       11/13 Library Work

Week 13  11/18 St. Martin's pp. 259-286 Argumentation & Quiz #4
       11/20 Writing Workshop

Week 14  11/25 Thanksgiving Break
       11/27 Thanksgiving Break

Week 15  12/02 MLA Harbrace 441-463
       12/04 Quiz #5 & Writing Workshop

Week 16  12/09 Final Draft Peer Editing
       12/11 Essay #4 Due & Wrap-up and Celebration

FINALS WEEK--THIS COURSE DOES NOT MEET

NOTE TO COMPUTER SECTIONS: ALWAYS BRING YOUR FORMATTED DISK TO CLASS. COMPUTER GAMES AND/OR PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE COMPUTER CLASSROOM; THEREFORE, FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE CLASS WITH A FAILING GRADE.