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English 1002G – Syllabus / Spring 2011

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Required Texts: Dictionary.
Literature. Kennedy and Gioia.
Writing essays about literature. Griffith.

Course Description: English 1002G is a writing centered course designed to improve skills in critical thinking and analytical expression based on the reading of the texts in a variety of literary genres (fiction, drama, and poetry). During the semester you will be expected to write and revise in and out of class, to complete readings assigned, to participate in class discussions and peer groups, and to complete all assignments correctly and on time.

Course Objectives: Students should receive instruction that enables them:

1. to write expository and persuasive texts in which paragraphs, sentences, and words develop a central idea as the response to texts in a variety of literary genres including poetry, fiction, and drama. These papers should reflect an understanding and command of writing processes of pre-writing strategies for formulating a thesis, methods for planning and drafting a paper, strategies of revising for clarity and adequate development, and means for polishing and editing. They should demonstrate consideration and employment of effective methods of organization. At least one paper will introduce students to library, online and/or field research; entail the use of primary and secondary source materials drawn from both online and library sources; and reflect current principles of MLA documentation.
2. to write focused, adequately developed paragraphs and sentences in standard written English that are direct, economical, free of ambiguity, structurally appropriate for the ideas expressed, and suitable for the purpose of the text.
3. to develop the ability to evaluate and criticize their own and their peers’ writing.
4. to read a variety of genres (poetry, fiction, and drama) expressing various cultural attitudes and to think critically and write analytically about them.

Course Guidelines: All students enrolled in English 1002G must have passed English 1001G or have fulfilled the requirement through transfer credit or through the CLEP proficiency examination. The minimum writing requirement for this course is 5000 words and will include work done both in and out of class. In addition to the assigned student-authored texts, a final exam will fulfill part of the writing requirement. The class will include a research component (e.g., an evaluative essay employing documented library and electronic secondary sources). Students should expect quizzes and tests on all readings. The final course grade will be
determined primarily by performance on writing assignments with the most weight given to writing done later in the semester. Individual conferences will be scheduled as necessary. Essays will be evaluated according to the "Guidelines for Evaluating Writing Assignments in EIU's English Department" (GEWA). Note: As part of EIU’s Core Curriculum, 1002G will be graded B, C, or NC (no credit). An NC is not figured into a student's GPA, but the student who earns a grade of NC must retake the course.

**Required Materials:** Since all essays must be typed, you need to invest in a flash drive on which to save and backup your work and two folders in the designated color—one in which to keep handouts, returned work, etc., and one in which to keep your Journal/Study Sheets.

**Cover Letter:** Each revision must have an 8-10 sentence (minimum) cover letter reflecting:

1. the points you were advised to revise,
2. suggestions acted upon,
3. reasons for all revisions,
4. process used, and
5. most difficult part of revision.

I will supervise your rough draft and evaluate your polished paper a maximum of two times—the initial submission and possibly one revision. I will keep records of your grades, attendance in class and workshops, and completed Journal/Study Sheets. Attached to this syllabus, you will find a form for keeping track of your progress—please keep accurate records. As your instructor, I have the right to decide if a draft is complete and in compliance with the assignment.

**Research Component:** For one paper you will prepare a Works Cited page that will contain at least three entries—the literature source (story, drama, or poem bibliography information) and two additional scholarly sources. You must use at least two outside sources. You must include complete copies of each of your sources with your paper submission. Your papers will be written using the MLA format.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is essential. You will have three (3) personal days for the semester. If you miss a day, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to find out what you missed and/or what changes might have been made in our schedule. A missed day does not give you permission to turn work in late. A scheduled University function—i.e. sports or academic club-sponsored event—is not counted as a personal day, but I must be notified about such situations one class day before they occur. Serious or prolonged illness or personal problems will be considered on an individual basis, but you must notify me about the situation. **If you miss more than THREE (3) personal days, you will receive an NC for the course.**
Plagiarism: Note--The English Department's statement concerning plagiarism: Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism--"The appropriation or imitation of 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 course and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office. Any time you use the exact words or paraphrase of another person's work, you must give credit to that person with in text citations that are noted on the Works Cited page that should accompany your essay. Anything listed on the Works Cited page must be used in the paper. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources. If you are not sure whether a source needs to be cited in the text and on the Works Cited page, please consult with me.

**Plagiarism in any form will absolutely not be tolerated!**

Prerequisites: Any student in a section of 1002G who has not completed 1001G is not eligible to enroll in 1002G and must reregister for 1001G through the regular registration and add/drop procedures--and should do so as soon as possible. If a student has passed 1001G at another institution since last attending this University, he or she needs to consult immediately with the department chair of the English Department so that he can verify the transfer of such credit to this University.

Electronic Writing Portfolio: Instructions in this process are included in this handout. A deadline for submission will be set.

Disabilities: If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodation, please contact the coordinator of disability services (581-6538) as soon as possible.

Writing Center: The Writing Center (WC) is available to you as a free tutorial service; however, it is not a "magic" remedy for all writing problems, and you should not expect to take an essay there to be proofread and corrected before it is submitted for grading. You can expect the WC staff to help you find and eliminate specific problems.

Laptop and Cell Phone Policy: In class, you may use your own computer or the computers that have been provide only in a scholarly fashion. In other words, you will open only applications related to class discussions. You are absolutely not allowed to check e-mail, news, or box scores; surf the Web; use chat applications; play games; or otherwise distract yourself and/or others from the business of class. I will, at random times, tell everyone who is using a computer to turn the monitor around so that I may see what you are doing on it. If you have distracting applications and events open on your computer, you will receive one warning; if you persist after the warning, you will no longer be allowed to use a computer in class.
You are likewise expected to use cell phones in a responsible manner; turn them off when you come in to class. If you have an emergency for which you must be available, you should leave your phone out on your desk with the ringer ON. In the event that it rings, you may retrieve it and then leave the room to take the call. Under NO conditions are you allowed to text message, take pictures or video (illegal in class), play games, or use the cell phone in any other manner during class.

Course Work: Life / Death / Relationships

WEEK #1 INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATION OF CONTRACT GRADES

WEEKS #2---#5 FICTION

WEEK #6 WRITING WORKSHOP CONFERENCES

WEEKS #7--#10 DRAMA:

WEEK #11 WRITING WORKSHOP CONFERENCES

WEEKS #12—14 POETRY

WEEK #15 WRITING WORKSHOP CONFERENCES

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Grades on written work range from A to F. The categories are based on rhetorical principles and assume intellectual responsibility and honesty. Strengths and weaknesses in each area will influence the grade, though individual teachers may emphasize some categories over others and all categories are deeply interrelated. (See attached)
Records

NAME ____________________________________

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PAPER #1 ____ REVISED ______

PAPER #2 ____ REVISED ______

PAPER #3 ____ REVISED ______

STUDY SHEETS:  FICTION ______ DRAMA ______ POETRY ______

EXAM:  FICTION ______ DRAMA ______ POETRY ______

EXTRA CREDIT POINTS:  

WRITING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED AND DATES:

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I have read and understand the syllabus.

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<td>Focus</td>
<td>Has clearly stated purpose or main idea/thesis quite thoughtfully and/or originally developed within the guidelines of the assignment</td>
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<td>Has a discernible purpose or main idea/thesis which is not very clearly stated and is developed with limited originality and/or thoughtfulness; may have missed or failed to conform to some element of the assignment's guidelines</td>
<td>Has no apparent purpose or main idea/thesis and/or shows little thoughtfulness and/or originality; may not conform to significant elements of the assignment's guidelines</td>
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<td>Organization</td>
<td>Is logically organized but without overly obvious organization devices; has unity, coherence, strong transitions; has well-defined introduction, body, conclusion</td>
<td>Is logically organized; has unity, coherence, competent transitions; has well-defined introduction, body, conclusion</td>
<td>Is organized, but not necessarily in the most logical way; has unity and coherence but may make inconsistent use of transitions; has introduction, body, conclusion, one of which may be weak</td>
<td>Is somewhat organized, but is confusing to readers; shows significant problems with coherence, unity, transitions; no or poorly written introduction, body or conclusion</td>
<td>Is not organized; has little or no coherence and unity; poor or no use of transitions; no or poorly written introduction, body or conclusion</td>
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<td>Development</td>
<td>Supports purpose or main idea with abundant, fresh details; details are specific and appropriate; users sources well when sources are called for in the assignment</td>
<td>Supports purpose or main idea with sufficient details; details are fairly specific and appropriate; uses sources adequately</td>
<td>Supports purpose or main idea with details, but some parts of the paper are inadequately/inappropriately developed or vague</td>
<td>Makes an attempt to use details to develop purpose or main idea but is, for the most part, inadequately/inappropriately developed</td>
<td>Does not develop main idea; may use sources inadequately/inappropriately</td>
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<td>Style &amp; Awareness of Audience</td>
<td>Word choices show consideration of purpose and audience; shows thoughtfully and imaginatively constructed sentences; incorporates sources well</td>
<td>Word choices are appropriate to purpose and audience; sentences often constructed thoughtfully and imaginatively; incorporates sources adequately</td>
<td>Word choices are mostly appropriate to purpose and audience; sentences aren't particularly thoughtful or imaginatively constructed; sources may sometimes be awkwardly incorporated</td>
<td>Word choices may be inappropriate to purpose or audience; sources incorporated poorly</td>
<td>Word choices are generally poor; sources are incorrectly or very awkwardly incorporated</td>
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<td>Mechanics</td>
<td>Has very few grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors; uses appropriate documentation style correctly when necessary for assignment</td>
<td>Has minor grammatical, punctuation or spelling errors that do not interfere with reading of essay; uses appropriate documentation style correctly</td>
<td>Has some grammatical punctuation and/or spelling errors that occasionally interfere with reading of essay; uses appropriate documentation style but may have some errors</td>
<td>Has grammatical, punctuation and/or spelling errors that make reading difficult; documentation style may be poorly used</td>
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<td>Process</td>
<td>Shows abundant evidence of careful planning and drafting and attention to peer and teacher comments</td>
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**Electronic Writing Portfolio**

**what you need to know**

What is the purpose of the Electronic Writing Portfolio?

Effective writing is a goal of Eastern's undergraduate program, and the EWP allows the University to assure that its students are effective writers. The EWP gathers authentic artifacts of students' writing to ascertain that Eastern's students are meeting that goal. Completing the EWP is a graduation requirement of all undergraduate students.

What does Eastern consider effective writing?

Competent writing at Eastern displays the following skills: establishing and maintaining focus and appropriate voice; organization that enhances presentation of material/ideas; development of ideas supported by details; use of effective sentence structure, syntax, and diction; and the use of correct mechanics.

What courses are eligible for paper submissions?

Three submissions are required for the portfolio. Submissions may come from any writing-centered or writing-intensive course, or from any other undergraduate course for which you have completed an appropriate writing assignment (see below). Courses designated as writing-intensive or writing-centered are indicated in the catalog, or a list is available at www.eiu.edu/~assess.

Only one submission is allowed from any one course. If you submit from ENG 1001G/1091G, you may not submit from ENG 1002G/1092G. Before you submit from any course, it is a good idea to discuss your plan to submit with your instructor.

What kind of papers may be submitted?

- The paper must be at least 750 words in length (approximately 3 pages).
- It must be written in standard English.
- It must be developed in a manner consistent with the demands of the discipline for which it was written.
- It must contain a coherent writing sample that connects ideas within and between paragraphs. Therefore, lists, lesson plans, and other such documents may not be submitted.
- Submissions may not be creative pieces, such as poems, short stories, or plays.

When do I need to submit?

All papers must be submitted the semester a student is enrolled in a course. Students may not submit papers for courses after the semester ends. If you fail to submit a paper from a course from which you planned to submit, you will need to choose a new course for your EWP submission.

You must submit your first two papers by the time you have earned 60 credit hours. If you do not, a registration hold will be placed on your record at 75 hours.

The third and final submission must be submitted by the time you earn 105 hours. A registration hold will be placed if this deadline is not met.
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