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ENGLISH 1001C  Fall 1998 Eastern Illinois University
Section 22 (MWF NOON) CH 340 & 302

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Description: ENG 1001C 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."

Texts: St. Martin's Guide to Writing and The Prentice Hall Reader
Standard College Dictionary

Graded Essays: Three 3-5 page and one 6-8 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 Collaborative 100 points
Essay #4 Position (Research) 150 points
Five Quizzes 50 points

A = 450-500 points
B = 400-449 points
C = 350-399 points
N/C = Below 350

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

Week 1  
08/24  Get Acquainted  
08/26  Diagnostic Essay  
08/28  University Essay

Week 2  
08/31  Course Explanation and Syllabus Review  PHR 53-60  
09/02  SM 42-54  
09/04  Strategies  SM 429-440  Email Accounts Due

Week 3  
09/07  Labor Day—No Class  
09/09  Tarble Art Center  
09/11  Cueing the Reader  SM 465-480 & Thesis Statement

Week 4  
09/14  Sentence Combining & Revising PHR 491-509  
09/16  No Class--Conferences  
09/18  No Class--Conferences

Week 5  
09/21  Final Draft Review Workshop  
09/23  Essay #1 Due & Comma Day  
09/25  Quiz

Week 6  
09/28  Comparison/Contrast  SM 520-525  
09/30  PHR 234-236 & 243-248  
10/02  Group Activity

Week 7  
10/05  Subject-Verb Agreement  
10/07  Commonly Confused Words  
10/09  In-class Writing

Week 8  
10/12  Final Draft Writing Workshop  
10/14  Comma Day  
10/16  Essay #2 Due

Week 9  
10/19  Making Evaluations  SM 317-331  
10/21  SM 408 & Group Division  
10/23  No Class—Fall Break

Week 10  
10/26  Topic Development  
10/28  Collaborative Work Discussion  
10/30  In-class Writing

Week 11  
11/02  Conferences—Class Dismissed  
11/04  Conferences-- Class Dismissed  
11/06  Conferences-- Class Dismissed

Week 12  
11/09  Essay #3 Due  
11/11  Argumentation  SM 526-543  
11/13  Connotation and Denotation & PHR 447-459
Week 13
11/16 Library Work
11/18 Acknowledging Sources SM 595-604
11/20 Writing Workshop

Week 14
11/23 Thanksgiving Break
11/25 Thanksgiving Break
11/27 Thanksgiving Break

Week 15
11/30 Research Strategies
12/02 MLA
12/04 Quiz & Writing Workshop

Week 16
12/07 Video
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.