ENG 1001-054: Composition and Language

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ENGLISH 1001C  
Fall 1997  Eastern Illinois University  
ENG 1001C  Section 54 (TR 5:00) CH 302 & 340

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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."

Standard College Dictionary

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

Week 1  08/26  Get Acquainted
         08/28  Diagnostic Essay and Grammar Assessment
         Course Explanation and Syllabus Review

Week 2  09/02  Email Accounts Due  St. Martin's 2-17
         09/04  Computer Orientation & Introduction to EIU Writing Center

Week 3  09/09  Harbrace 362-371 Thesis Statement
         09/11  Dick Gregory Essay

Week 4  09/16  Booth Library Tour
         09/18  Writing Workshop

Week 5  09/23  Essay #1 Due & Harbrace 126-144 Comma
         09/25  Quiz #1 and Tarble Arts Center

Week 6  09/30  St. Martin's 526-532 Comparison/Contrast
         10/02  Group Activity

Week 7  10/07  Harbrace 65-75 Agreement
         10/09  In-class Writing

Week 8  10/14  Quiz #2 & First Draft Due
         10/16  Writing Workshop
Week 9  10/21  Essay #2 Due & Spelling List
        10/23  Group Activity

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.