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ENG 1001-055-063: Composition and Language

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English 1001G

Course Description

English 1001G is a writing course that involves the reading, writing, and critiquing of both professional and student essays. You will write three 1,000 word essays worth 100 points each and one 1,500 word research paper worth 200 points. All papers MUST be typed according to standard MLA form. I will not accept handwritten essays. If your work is late, I will deduct ten percent (one full letter grade) for each day the paper is late unless, of course, special arrangements are made ahead of time.

My grading policy is simple. At the end of the semester, I will total your points and divide that sum by the total number of points possible in the course. My grading scale is as follows:
- 90% - 100% A
- 80% - 89.9% B
- 70% - 79.9% C
- 0% - 69.9% NC

Please note that you must earn a grade of C or higher to pass English 1001G at EIU. If you earn lower than a C, I will issue you a grade of NC (no credit).

Attendance

Attendance to this class is REQUIRED. I expect you to attend class and to be there on time. If you have four to seven unexcused absences, I will lower your final grade by one full letter. If you have eight or more unexcused absences, I will issue you a grade of NC for the course.

Conferences and Office Visits

I will schedule one mandatory individual conference per student during week eight of the semester. If you miss this conference, I will count it as two unexcused absences. I also urge you to visit my office if you have questions or need help on an assignment.

Plagiarism

Don’t plagiarize. The penalty for plagiarism is a grade of F on the assignment and an appointment with the people at Judicial Affairs.

Documented Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and want academic accommodations, let me know about it as soon as possible.

Syllabus

Week 1:
- Monday – introduction
- Wednesday – introduce first essay, generate topics
Week 2:
  Monday – writing exercises
  Wednesday – essay 1 draft one due
Week 3:
  Monday – Labor Day, no class
  Wednesday – essay 1 draft 2
Week 4:
  Monday – essay writing tips
  Wednesday – essay 1 due, “The Death of the Moth,” Virginia Woolf, 1178
Week 5:
  Monday – introduce essay 2, in-class writing
  Wednesday – essay 2 draft 1 due, peer editing
Week 6:
  Monday – “University Days,” James Thurber, 437
  Wednesday – “Learning to Read,” Frederick Douglass, 408
Week 7:
  Monday – essay 2 draft 2 due, peer editing
  Wednesday – essay 2 due, introduce essay 3, in-class writing
Week 8: midterm conferences
Week 9:
  Monday – essay 3 draft 1 due, peer editing
  Wednesday – essay 3 draft 2 due, peer editing
Week 10:
Week 11:
  Monday – introduce essay 4 (research paper), generate topics with peers
  Wednesday – internet research methods
Week 12:
  Monday – The Blair Handbook, chapters 11-13, 15-17, 55
  Wednesday – same assignment, continued
Week 13:
  Monday – internet research methods
  Wednesday – essay 4 draft 1 due, peer editing
Week 14:
  Monday – review MLA citation
  Wednesday – essay 4 draft 2 due, peer editing
Week 15:
  Monday – essay 4 draft 3 due, peer editing
  Wednesday – essay 4 due, semester wrap-up

THERE WILL BE NO FINAL EXAM IN THIS COURSE!