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ENG 1002G-049: Composition and Literature

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NATURE OF THE COURSE

English 1002 G (Composition and Literature) is a writing-centered introductory course as well as an extension of English 1001 G (Composition and Language). Your work with the three principle literary genres--fiction, poetry, and drama--will involve reading, discussing, analyzing, and writing about the basic components of these types of literature. You must successfully complete English 1001G or its equivalent with a grade of C or above before enrolling in this course.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

It is essential that you keep up with the reading for this course. Plan to spend about two hours reading and reviewing each day’s assigned material. Sometimes reading through something once is not enough. On Monday morning at 8:00, will you REALLY be able to recall the details (or the title of) that story—or wait, was it a poem?—that you read three days earlier while you were eating Domino’s pizza and listening to the Red Hot Chili Peppers? The point is, you are expected to come to class with comments, questions, and ideas about the day’s assignment. This is not a "lecture" course; much of the period will be devoted to classroom discussion of the day's reading material. Participation is also part of your grade, too. (More on this later...) Please note that repeated failure to bring the appropriate textbook to class will get you dismissed from that day’s class, as will habitual tardiness.

Quizzes on the reading and vocabulary will be given periodically—some announced in a previous class session, some not. Remember that work is to be completed by the date shown on the syllabus.
You will write three essays: Essay # 1 will include a visual as well as written component. You will have two choices of topic for Essay # 2, one of which involves outside research. Essay # 3 will be a group effort that includes a research component. We will have conferences outside of class in order to discuss the rough draft of your first essay, and you will have an in-class work day for the group project. You may, of course, schedule conferences regarding ANY of your assignments.

There will be three exams: one covering literature, one covering drama, and one covering poetry, the last of which will count as the final exam. All examinations will consist of at least 50% essay questions.

**DISABILITIES**

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive accommodations, please let me know about it; you should also contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

**GRADING**

I. You must receive a grade of A, B, or C in order to pass English 1002G. Anything below this level results in a grade of NC ("no credit"). The course must be retaken if you get an NC.

NOTE: An "NC" is not factored into your semester or cumulative grade point average. For example, an "A" would count as a 4.0, a "B" as a 3.0, "C" as a 2.0, but an "NC" would not be averaged into your GPA. It would show that you took the course but did not pass, or did not receive credit for it.

II. Coursework is divided as follows:

- 40% for essays: #1 = 10%  #2 = 10%  #3 = 20%
- 40% for exams: #1 = 10%  #2 = 10%  #3 = 20% (final exam)
- 10% for quizzes and short homework assignments
- 10% for class participation

III. I use the "Guidelines for Evaluating Writing Assignments in EIU's English Department", a copy of which is included with this handout. Throughout the semester, and for each specific assignment, we will discuss what constitutes acceptable writing at the college level.

Grading scale for examinations:
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100-90 = A
89-80 = B
79-70 = C
69-60 = D
59-0 = F

IV. If you fail to turn in an essay or fail to take an exam and you do NOT have
an excused absence, your grade for that assignment will consist of two F's
instead of one; I don't think it is fair to give equal grades to someone who at
least attempted the assignment but may have had some problems, and someone
who didn't even bother to try....

**ATTENDANCE and LATE WORK**

Participation and attendance are very important in this class, since much of the
crucial information is obtained from class discussion and lecture and not just
from a reading assignment in a textbook. If you are unable to attend due to
illness or another LEGITIMATE excuse (e.g. a true emergency, unsafe travel
conditions for commuters --not those walking from the dorms!--or participation in
a University-sponsored activity for which I have been notified in advance), it is
your responsibility to contact me as soon as possible to make arrangements
regarding late work. I do not make arrangements for, nor do I accept late
work from someone who has missed several classes in a row and has not
contacted me.

For the two essays completed outside of class (Essays 1 and 2), I will accept
ONE of them ONE CLASS DAY late. For example, if the essay is due on
Wednesday, you may turn it in Friday at the start of class. You must be in
class to turn in material unless previous arrangements have been made
with me. (e.g. no putting it in the mailbox and skipping class.) Aside from this
ONE instance, I will accept late work (homework, exams, essays) ONLY if you
have an excused absence that falls under the aforementioned examples.
Quizzes will be given at the start of class, so be on time, as these cannot be
made up unless you have an excused absence. Please note that oversleeping
and rides going home for the weekend are not excused absences!

**REVISIONS**

You have the OPTION of revising Essay # 1 or Essay # 2. The grades from the
first version and the revision will be averaged to create a final grade to replace
the original one. For example, if you got a C on the original and an A on the
revision, the final grade for that essay would be a B. Turn in the first copy of the
essay with the revision.

**ESSAYS**
Essays done outside of class MUST be typed (double-spaced, with one-inch margins). Short homework or in-class writing should be done in ink on standard lined paper or printed off from computer. Essays are due at the start of class.

**ELECTRONIC WRITING PORTFOLIO (EWP)**
As an EIU graduation requirement, you are required to submit one essay per year to the electronic writing portfolio. The first EWP document (e.g. during your freshman year) must come from a 1000-level class that’s considered writing centered (e.g. English 1002) or writing-intensive. If you wish to submit an essay that you have written for my class, you must do so during the semester that you are enrolled in the course. I will not be able to discuss EWP material during the last two weeks of the semester, as well as during finals week. You will receive an EWP pamphlet during the semester, and/or you can check out the website at for further information.

**PLAGIARISM POLICY**
The English Department’s policy on plagiarism is as follows:

Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism—"the appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one’s original work" (Random House Dictionary)—has the right and responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignment of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office.

**CONFERENCES**
This semester we’ll hold one mandatory conference session. During this, we’ll discuss the draft of your first essay, exam results, grade, writing strengths and weaknesses, any questions you may have, and so on. Class will not meet on conference days. Throughout the semester, I strongly encourage you to ask questions during class, phone me, or stop by my office if you have any special problems with a reading or writing assignment. If my office hours don't fit your schedule, we can try to set up an alternate time to meet. Please see me if you are having difficulties!
COURSE SYLLABUS

Please note: Assignments are to be completed by the date on which they appear on the syllabus. This is a tentative syllabus; changes may be made as needed throughout the semester. Bring book(s) and/or handouts to class if requested or if an assignment is due that day.

WEAL = Writing Essays About Literature
TSAIW = The Story and Its Writer
AP = Approaching Poetry
BID = The Bedford Introduction to Drama
The Blair Handbook

WEEK ONE
M(1/12) course introduction, policies
W(1/14) in-class diagnostic writing
F(1/16) literature intro. Read WEAL pp 33-45

WEEK TWO
M(1/19) Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday--NO SCHOOL
W(1/21) more lit intro. Read WEAL pp 50-54
F(1/23) read WEAL 54-57. Also read TSAIW “Story of an Hour” pp 326 +

WEEK THREE
M(1/26) read TSAIW “Desiree’s Baby” pp 322 +
W(1/28) read TSAIW “The Red Convertible” pp 475 +. Also discuss essay # 1
F(1/30) read TSAIW “Araby” pp 762 +

WEEK FOUR
M(2/2) read “Monkey Garden” (this story was handed out in class). Also discuss TYW group presentation
W(2/4) read TSAIW “A Small, Good Thing” pp 235 +
F(2/6) in-class group work on “The Yellow Wallpaper” project

WEEK FIVE
M(2/9) LIT EXAM and conference signup
W(2/11) NO CLASS FOR NEXT FEW DAYS. INSTEAD, MEET IN MY OFFICE (3055 CH) FOR MANDATORY CONFERENCE. BRING DRAFT OF ESSAY WITH YOU.
WEEK SIX
M(2/16) CONFERENCES
W(2/18) CONFERENCES
F(2/20) CONFERENCES

WEEK SEVEN
M (2/23) Classes resume! Essay # 1 due. In-class presentations on TYW
W(2/25) in-class presentations on TYW
F(2/27) Drama intro. Bring BID to class

WEEK EIGHT
M(3/1) read BID Zoot Suit pp 1343-1349
W(3/3) read BID Oleanna pp 1639-1657
F(3/5) continue discussion of Oleanna

WEEK NINE
M(3/8) read BID The Misanthrope Acts I-II pp 526 +
W(3/10) read The Misanthrope Acts III-IV
F(3/12) read “ “ Act V

WEEK TEN
(3/15-3/19) SPRING BREAK!!

WEEK ELEVEN
M(3/22) discuss Essay # 2 topics
W(3/24) documenting review. Bring WEAL and Blair Handbook
F(3/26) in-class work on Essay # 2 drafts

WEEK TWELVE
M(3/29) read Waking Women (handed out in class)
W(3/31) Drama Exam
F(4/2) poetry intro. Bring AP

WEEK THIRTEEN
M(4/5) Essay # 2 due. Read WEAL pp 98-106
W(4/7) read AP “My Papa's Waltz” p 71 and “My Old Man” pp 356+
F(4/9) read AP “Digging p 402; “Those Winter Sundays” p 149
WEEK FOURTEEN
M(4/12) read AP “A Red, Red Rose” pp 307 +; “Love Poem” p 96; also read “the Magic of Love” and “With His Venom” (handouts)
W (4/14) finish love poems. Discuss essay 3/group project
F(4/16) read AP “When I Consider How My Light Is Spent” p304; and “My Mistress' Eyes Are Nothing Like the Sun” (handout)
NOTE: Today is the last day to get my signature for EWP Submissions

WEEK FIFTEEN
M(4/19) Optional revision due. Read and discuss haiku (from handout)
W(4/21) in-class group work/progress check on essay #3
F(4/23) read AP “To His Coy Mistress” p 231+; “To The Virgins...” p 303; “Song” (Go, Lovely Rose) p 102

WEEK SIXTEEN
M(4/26) Essay # 3 DUE. Read AP “Daddy” pp 186 +
W(4/28) read “Lady Lazarus” (handout)
F(4/30) LAST CLASS DAY

NOTE: Date and time of the final exam will be announced in class and in The Daily Eastern News.