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English 1091C: Composition and Language, Honors
Fall 1998

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Course Description:

English 1091C introduces students to the reading and writing of expressive, expository and persuasive essays. It improves your academic writing skills through reading, thinking, writing, revising and discussion. Attention will be given to effective expression organized structure, adequate development of ideas and documentation of sources.

Texts Required:

Lee A. Jacobus (ed.). A World of Ideas. 4th ed.
George Miller. The Prentice Hall Reader. 5th ed.
William Zinsser. On Writing Well. 5th ed.

Course Requirements:

Four 3-5 pages, double-spaced, type-written essays, one 5-7 pages, double-spaced and typewritten research paper.

Grading Policies:

Each student will complete an in-class diagnostic writing which will be ungraded. Each student will write five major essays. Failure to complete all essays will result in a grade of N/C for the course. The final course grade will be computed on the basis of a possible 500 points. These breakdown by paper as:

1st essay - Narrative - 75 pts.
2nd essay - Comparison/Contrast - 100 pts.
3th essay - Argumentation - 100 pts
4th essay - Analysis - 100 pts.
5th essay - Research paper - 125 pts.

The final grade will be computed according to the following scale:

A = 455-500 pts
B = 400-454 pts.
C = 290-399 pts.
N/C = below 290 pts.

Course Policies:

Discussion (participation) is a major component of this course. Your presence in class is important for everyone, but especially for you. Each unexcused
Papers are due at the beginning of the class on the day they are due. For each day that the paper is late, the letter grade will fall by one full grade: an 'A' essay due on Friday will be a 'F' by next Thursday. ALWAYS MAKE COPIES AND BACK UP YOUR WORK!

Plagiarism Policy (English Department)

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

Information for Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Co-ordinator of the office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

Tentative Course Syllabus

Week 1
T 25: Course Introduction, process/es of writing
R 27: Diagnostic writing (in-class ungraded writing)

Week 2
T 1: "Remembering Events" St. Martin's 19-41, "Narrating" St. Martin's 481-90

Week 3

Week 4
T 15: Conferences
R 17: Conferences
Week 5


Week 6

T 29: "Thoughts from the Tao-te Ching," AWol, 17-28. Topics for the comparing/contrasting paper assigned, sign-up for the conferences

R 1: Conferences for the Comparing/Contrasting essay

Week 7

T 6: Conferences
R 8: Conferences

Week 8


R 15: "Letter from Birmingham Jail," AWol 119-137, topics for argumentative essay assigned, sign-up for the conferences

Week 9

T 20: Conferences on Argumentative Essay
R 22: Conferences

Week 10

T 27: Conferences
R 29: Argumentative essay due at the beginning of the class, Library tour

Week 11


R 5: "Love and Its Disintegration in Contemporary Western Society," AWol 333-348, Topics for Analytical essay assigned, sign-up for the conferences
Week 12

T 10: Conferences for analytical essay  
R 12: Conferences

Week 13

T 17: Conferences  
R 19: Analytical essay due at the beginning of the class, topics for the research paper assigned, "Transitions" St. Martin's 478-480, "Library and Internet Research," St. Martin's 565-582, sign-up for the conferences

Nov 23-Nov 27 - Thanksgiving break

Week 14

T 1: Conferences on research paper  
R 3: Conferences

Week 15

T 8: Conferences  
R 10: Completed research paper due