

Syllabus for: (name of class) English 1A--Analytical Reading and Writing	
Semester & Year:	Fall 2013
Course ID and Section Number:	ENGL-1A-K4288 (034288)
Number of Credits/Units:	4.0
Day/Time:	TTH 12:20-2:25pm
Location:	KTIS
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Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline): English 1A is a course in transfer-level expository and argumentative writing with critical reading of nonfiction, fiction, and poetry. A substantial research paper utilizing proper MLA documentation is required.	
Student Learning Outcomes (as described in course outline) : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyze argumentative claims. 2. Respond to arguments with persuasive critical essays. 3. Locate, synthesize, and document sources for use in response to arguments. 4. Revise and edit for sentence structure and mechanics. 	
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Analytical Reading and Writing
Fall 2013 TTH 12:20-2:25pm

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Catalog Description

English 1A is a transfer-level course in critical reading and reasoned writing. Students analyze issues and claims presented in visual, oral, or written arguments and write analytical and argumentative essays based on those issues. Research and source-based writing, employing correct MLA documentation, is required.

Prerequisite: Passing English 150 with a C grade or better, or assessment recommendation for English 1A. **Note:** Familiarity and facility with computers and their programs (CR email and MyCR/Microsoft Word/Power Point) is highly recommended!!

Required Texts

Hacker, Diana. *The Bedford Handbook*, 8th Ed. Boston: Bedford/St.Martin's, 2011.
Behrens, Laurence and Rosen, Leonard J. *Writing and Reading Across the Curriculum*, 11th Ed. Boston: Longman, 2011.

Manuscript Format

Use Times New Roman font, size 12, double-spaced, .5 inch indentation for paragraphs (no extra spacing between paragraphs), 1 inch margins all around, with page numbers preceded by your last name at top right, all pages stapled. Your name, instructor's name, class, assignment label, date, and word count should be double-spaced and aligned left at top of first page; title is centered.

Course Requirements

Essay Writing: three out-of-class, formal essays of 1000-2000 words. (Note: these essays will advance in point value from 50-100-200.) Each essay must include a pre-write and at least two drafts (Rough/Final). Please save all work that goes into your papers! In addition, we will have at least two scored timed essays using the University of California Subject A Format before the final written exam. These will also advance in value, the last being worth the first two.

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Expectations

1. You should attend class regularly, asking questions, participating in discussion, and demonstrating cooperation with class members in an effort to maturely and intelligently discuss the material. (See "Notes" section below for further information).
2. You should attend at least one office conference, preferably during the first six weeks of the semester.
3. If you miss or are unable to attend class, it is **your responsibility** to contact me about your absence. I have many students, and my attention will always go first to those who are in class.

Assignment Requirements

1. You must hand in all assignments on time unless you make prior arrangements.
2. You must submit all out-of-class papers to turnitin.com through MyCR.
3. You must keyboard all out-of-class essay assignments.
4. You must successfully complete all assigned essays (including in-class essays), a culminating paper, and a portfolio.

Office Hours

I will mostly be available in the computer lab Tuesday and Thursday, 5:15-6:05 pm and at other times, with or without an appointment. Note: These hours are concurrent with my English 52 section, so students enrolled in that section have priority to my attention during that time.

Grades

English 1A is graded A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, F. If you successfully meet all course requirements, your final grade will be calculated as follows:

Class preparation and participation.....	10%
Quizzes/Grammar Work.....	20%
Essays	30%
Portfolio.....	20%
Research Paper.....	20%

Notes

1. If you have a disability, you are invited to meet with me to identify any special needs that you may have in English 150. Please communicate your needs during the first week of the semester.
2. You are responsible for all of your own work. While I encourage collaborative study groups and tutoring, any plagiarism, cheating, or disruptive behavior will result in immediate referral to the Campus Dean and the “Student Code of Conduct Standards.”
3. **Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are not part of English 150. Do not bring them to class unless they are turned off or set on the vibrate mode. If you must take a call, quietly leave the room. Texting is never appropriate during class and can result in your dismissal from class for the day.**
4. Laptops should not be open during class discussions but can be used when the instructor allows.
5. This syllabus is subject to change should circumstances warrant revision.

Have Fun and Remember: “Writing is always a lot easier if you have something to say.”