

Syllabus for: (name of class)	English 150--Pre-collegiate Reading/Writing
Semester & Year:	Spring 2017
Course ID and Section Number:	ENGL-150-E1329 041329
Number of Credits/Units:	3.5
Day/Time:	TTH 4:05pm-7:30pm
Location:	SS 109
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Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline):	
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Student Learning Outcomes (as described in course outline):	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop an effective, thesis-driven argument appropriate to an academic audience. 2. Critically read and respond to argumentative texts. 3. In a multi-stage process, incorporate feedback (from instructors and peers) in essay planning and drafting. 4. Apply basic grammar and punctuation rules, particularly those that address sentence boundaries. 	
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Required Texts

Graff, Gerald. *They Say/I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing, with Readings*, 3rd Ed. New York: W. W. Norton, 2015.

Hacker, Diana and Nancy Sommers. *A Pocket Style Manual, 2016 MLA Updated Edition*, 7th Ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2016.

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 Overview

Throughout the term emphasis will be placed on understanding the fundamental aspects of argumentation and how they can be applied to writing both primary and secondary source essays using the Modern Language Association format. Four in-class essays, including the final summative exam, will also be required. In addition to extensive writing assignments, there will be significant reading. During weeks fifteen and sixteen, students will concentrate on final portfolio preparation, meaning students should save all written and graded work.

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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

My regular office hours will be in the LRC Mondays from 12:00-1:00 pm. I also work at the Writing Center on Tues. 425-550pm, and Weds. 1005am-105pm. Note: The latter hours are concurrent with my Writing Center shifts, so any student from any class enrolled in that time slot will receive my attention.

Grades

English 150 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%
Culminating Essay.....	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.”

Course Calendar and Assignment Schedule

The following information is to be used as a guide for the work you will be expected to do each week. The **BOLD** type is your guide for when your major writing assignments and essays will be assigned, then due as rough and final drafts, and finally returned. The class work listed for each date is what you should have done by the **NEXT** class session (ex. All the work listed on February 1st needs to be completed by the time class begins on February 3rd). Please note that although some of the dates may vary, the sequence of the work most likely will not. This calendar can also be found in the Syllabus Section of this class' Canvas website, so use it as your primary reference to determine where the course is heading and the work you need to do.

Week One (1/17-1/23):

Read Chapter 11 (“I Take Your Point”: Entering Class Discussions)

Read Chapter 1 (“They Say”: Starting with What Others Are Saying)

Read “2b or Not 2b?” by David Crystal [p. 335]

Write Answer Crystal “Joining the Conversation” questions 1–4 [p. 346]

In-class Activities “A Metacommentary Exchange” from Additional Activities

Exercise 1 from Chapter 1 [p. 28]; “Identifying What ‘They Say’” from Additional Activities

Week Two (1/24-1/30):

Read Chapter 12 (“What’s Motivating This Writer?”: Reading for the Conversation)

Read Chapter 2 (“Her Point Is”: The Art of Summarizing)

Read “Don’t Blame the Eater,” by David Zinzenko [p. 391]

Write: Write a summary of Zinzenko’s essay

In-class Activities: Exercises 1 and 2 from Chapter 2 [p. 40]

“Summary Writing and Review” from Additional Activities

Week Three (1/31-2/6):

Read Chapter 4 (“Yes / No / Okay, But”: Three Ways to Respond)

Read “What You Eat Is Your Business” by Radley Balko [p. 395]

Read “Remarks to the NAACP National Convention,” by Michelle Obama [p. 417]

Write: Write a summary of and response to Radley Balko’s essay

In-class Activities “A Local Issues Argument” and “An Argument Circle” from
Additional Activities

Week Four (2/7-2/13):

Read Chapter 3 (“As He Himself Puts It”: The Art of Quoting)

Read “Escape from the Western Diet,” by Michael Pollan [p. 434]

Read “Food as Thought: Resisting the Moralization of Eating,” by Mary
Maxfield [p. 442]

Write: Write first draft of Assignment 1

In-class Activities: Exercises 1 and 2 from Chapter 3 [p. 50]