

Syllabus for English 1A-Analytical Reading & Writing– Eureka Campus		
Semester & Year	Spring 2018	
Course ID and Section	English 1A – E43529	
Instructor’s Name	Penelope Schwartz	
Day/Time	MWF 8:30-9:45 a.m.	
Location	Humanities 114	
Number of Credits/Units	4	
Prerequisite	English 102 or English 150	
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Required Textbooks (2)	Title & Edition	<i>They Say/I Say with Readings</i> , 3 rd Edition with MLA Update, 2017
	Author	Gerald Graff, Cathy Birkenstein, Russell Durst
	Publisher	W. W. Norton ISBN 978-0-393-61744-3
	Title & Edition	<i>The Bedford Handbook</i> , 10 th Edition, 2017
	Author	Diana Hacker and Nancy Sommers
	Publisher	Bedford/St. Martins ISBN 978-1-4576-8303-9
Course Description (as described in CR catalog course outline) 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; minimum 6000 words/24-double-spaced pages formal writing.		
Student Learning Outcomes (as described in CR course outline) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyze and employ appeals (e.g. logical, emotional, faulty, etc.) in written texts. 2. Write logical, well-developed, thesis-driven essays that respond to questions at issue raised by literary works. 3. Locate, evaluate, use and document evidence from primary and secondary sources (both electronic and print) to support, develop, or validate arguments. 4. Identify and evaluate rhetorical devices as representational and persuasive tools. 		

Special Accommodations

College of the Redwoods complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. No last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments will be made. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability related services and may need accommodations, please see me or contact [Disabled Students Programs and Services](#). Students

may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS at 707-476-4280.

Academic Support

Academic support is available at [Counseling and Advising](#) and includes academic advising and educational planning, [Academic Support Center](#) for tutoring and proctored tests, and [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services](#), for eligible students, with advising, assistance, tutoring, and more.

Academic Honesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500) is available on the College of the Redwoods website at: www.redwoods.edu/district/board/new/chapter5/documents/AP5500StudentConductCodeandDisciplinaryProceduresrev1.pdf Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the college catalog and on the College of the Redwoods website.

Disruptive Classroom Behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, he or she may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500) is available on the College of the Redwoods website at:

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Emergency Procedures for the Eureka campus:

Please review the campus evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). The Eureka **campus emergency map** is available at: (http://www.redwoods.edu/Eureka/campus-maps/EurekaMap_emergency.pdf). For more information on Public Safety, go to <http://redwoods.edu/safety/> In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building.
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building:

- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the Incident Commander or campus authorities. (CR's lower parking lot and Tompkins Hill Rd are within the Tsunami Zone.)

RAVE – College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system. In the event of an emergency on campus you can receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones at your home, office, and cell. Registration is necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Please go to <https://www.GetRave.com/login/Redwoods> and use the “Register” button on the top right portion of the registration page to create an account. During the registration process you can elect to add additional information, such as office phone, home phone, cell phone, and personal email. Please use your CR email address as your primary Registration Email. Your CR email address ends with “redwoods.edu.” Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or security@redwoods.edu if you have any questions.

Need extra help?

Consider registering for Engl. 53A to get extra time and tutoring for your work in this course. This is a .5 or 1.0 credit course in the Writing Center. PLEASE NOTE: If I tell you early in the semester that you will need to take the English 53A lab in order to pass this course, you should do so.

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SYLLABUS

Following are the course requirements, expectations, and schedule. It is your responsibility to read the Syllabus/Schedule and to be familiar with its text: everything you need to know is in the Syllabus/Schedule. English 1A is an **intensive** reading and writing course. All assignments are **due on the day indicated on the Schedule**. It is essential for you to read the material and to be prepared to discuss it **BEFORE** class. There is no playing catch-up in English 1A. You have to read the material as assigned and you have to be present for in-class discussions and lectures.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- *They Say/I Say with Readings*, 3rd Ed. with 2016 MLA Update. W.W. Norton, 2017.
- *The Bedford Handbook*, 10th Ed. with 2016 MLA Update. Bedford/St. Martin's, 2017.

SUGGESTED TEXTS and MATERIALS:

- A good college-level dictionary.
- Roget's *Thesaurus*.
- A folder or binder to archive your written work (portfolio).

RULES FOR CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:

- Turn off your cell phone in class.
- Put away your phone. No texting in class. If I see you with your phone out, you will need to put it on my desk until the end of class. Or leave.
- Please don't get up and leave class unless it is absolutely necessary. It is disruptive to both the class and to me.
- Please don't eat in class.
- Don't come strolling in late or leave early. Again, it is disruptive to all.
- Don't schedule appointments during class sessions.
- Don't tell me you don't know what's going on in class when the syllabus/schedule is already posted with all the details.

RULES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES:

The following statement is from the CR Athletic Department and represents the **official** CR policy in place for students participating in intercollegiate athletics:

"All instructors are to consider such students as having excused absences, and we ask that all faculty members make an extra effort to help students make up work missed. However, **it is the student's responsibility to assume the initiative for the make-up of schoolwork, either before or after the absence. The burden of making arrangements for missed work will rest upon the student.** Advisors and instructors must supply students participating in these extracurricular

activities with a calendar of dates that show when the student will be absent. **The student must then talk to all his/her instructors as early as possible about these expected absences.** Likewise, instructors must clarify the college attendance policy with all their classes in their course introductions each semester.”

Let me make this clear to you:

- IF you provide me with a schedule indicating your absence from class in regard to athletics, you will receive an excused absence for the class missed. That means you let me know in advance, not that you show up at the next class and say, “Oh, I had a game.” That absence will be UNexcused.
- You **MUST** make arrangements for work missed due to athletics. That means you need to look at the Syllabus/Schedule, identify what work will be covered during your absence and talk to me as to how you will make up this work. Ideally, the missed assignment(s) are provided to me **BEFORE** the missed class. Otherwise, they are due **NO LATER THAN THE NEXT CLASS. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Either way, you should not make assumptions. You have to talk to me.
- You should also be aware that if you do not follow the above requirements, I will be in touch with the Athletic Director, who will take action. CR is committed to fostering responsible student athletes who perform well both on the field and in the classroom.

RULES FOR CONTRACTING ME:

My contact information is stated clearly on the first page of the Syllabus. You are able to email, text, call me, or come to my office hour. Please note that however you contact me, I will respond. That means if you send me an email and you do not hear back from me within an hour or so, you should be concerned. If you come to class a day later and ask “Oh, didn’t you get my email?” whatever the issue was, you are not covered. It is your responsibility to make sure you have made contact. In the same way, if I email you, please so acknowledge. Not only is it common courtesy, but also it is important for me to know if you have received the information I’ve sent you. Just a “thanks” or “yo” or “got it” is fine. But do respond. Likewise, it is your responsibility to check your CR email and Canvas for any communications from me, or announcements about our class.

Take a moment to review the “Course Description” and “Student Learning Outcomes” on the first page of our Syllabus: That’s what we’ll be doing in English 1A: **critical reading and reasoned writing** to enable each of you **to analyze argumentative claims, to respond to arguments with persuasive critical essays, to locate, synthesize, and document sources for use in response to arguments, and to revise and edit for sentence structure and mechanics.** (The foregoing in addition to being essential information for this course is an example of “parallel construction,” a technique you should master for this class—*Bedford Handbook*, pp.198-203. Just sayin’.) In English 1A, we will be working with linguistic “templates” or models to help you to structure and organize your responses to the readings. I’m here to guide you through that process.

And it is a process, which means a series of steps or actions to accumulatively achieve a goal. That's an important reason why you need to read the assigned material, come to class prepared to discuss it, and participate. When you miss this class, you miss a step; and while I'm here to lead you through the process, I'm not here to give you a hand up when you're behind. I'm sorry if that sounds harsh, but it is the reality. I am here for you, I will make myself available in every way to you, but I only teach each class session once. So join me.

As in all classes, we have a series of requirements to measure your progress through the process. Students will be required to read and to discuss readings throughout the semester, as well as to participate in a variety of writing assignments, class discussion and peer review. These are outlined below.

ESSAYS: The class is divided into four modules as indicated on the Schedule. For each of the modules we cover, you'll be assigned an essay, the length of which increases incrementally: Essay 1 = 2-3 pages; Essay 2 = 3-4 pages; Essay 3 = 4-5 pages. Early in the semester, I will divide the class into groups (5-6 students each). Your group will function as your **Draft Workshop Group** for peer review.

On Monday of the week in which each essay is due, we will have an in-class workshop where your essay will be read and critiqued by your group. You will then have an opportunity to revise your essay before submitting the Final copy. **You must bring a typed draft to class for peer review and critique; any student who does not participate in the draft workshop will be subject to a grade-point reduction on the final essay. It is your responsibility to bring in enough copies for your workshop group.**

Your **fourth essay** for this class will be the **Research Paper**, 6-8 pages, plus a bibliography. You will have a Draft Workshop and the opportunity to revise your paper prior to the final date due. As above, you must bring typed drafts for your group. Following this, you will then turn your **revised draft** into me. I will provide you with my critique for your final revision.

We will be working with Templates in the composition of these essays, as outlined in your Graff text. **These essays will include an introduction with a thesis at its end, body paragraphs governed by topic sentences, and a conclusion. Thesis sentences and templates or other elements must be identified as indicated in the rubric for each essay. Essays must be clearly marked DRAFT or FINAL with the date each is due** (not the date you wrote it). Please save all work that goes into your papers! While a portfolio is not a requirement in this class, I strongly urge you to keep one. There will be times when I will want to look over your progress (i.e., final essays + drafts); and there may be times when you will need to show me your work if your grade has not been recorded accurately.

All papers and all drafts (as well as all homework assignments) must be typed. The format will always be the same: a legible 12' font double-spaced with 1" margins all around, paginated; MLA format as described in the *Bedford Handbook*. **Please note that you must turn in your DRAFT essay along with your FINAL essay to me on the dates indicated, each labeled.**

Please note that in formatting your essays, utilize SIMPLE double-spacing throughout. That means you do NOT double/double space between your title and first paragraph, nor between subsequent paragraphs. When I assign a specific number of pages for an essay, I want the text to start NO FURTHER than a quarter of a page down on the first page. Failure to follow these

instructions will result in a reduction of your final essay grade. Essay grade rubrics may be found on Canvas when the assignment is posted.

IN-CLASS WRITING: Always come to class with materials and prepared to write. You may not make up an in-class writing assignment if you miss one.

TURNITIN.com: The English Department requires all English 1A students to submit their research papers to Turnitin.com, which scans them for previously written or published material. **Please note that failure to turn your work into Turnitin will result in a 10-point grade reduction on the final essay or research paper.** I will review all apparent cases of academic dishonesty with the student and, if necessary, the appropriate administrative officials. Using another person's written work or ideas without proper attribution will result in a failing grade on the assignment and, possibly, an F in the course and academic probation.

PLAGIARISM: If you copy someone else's work, you will automatically fail the assignment and will also be subject to additional disciplinary action. In addition, we will be using Turnitin (as noted above) for submitting electronic copies to ensure original work.

TESTS and QUIZZES: There will be a **Mid-Term Test**; however, there will not be a final exam in this class. Unless you notify me in advance and have a valid, **written** excuse, you may **not** make-up the Mid-Term Test. There will be unannounced quizzes throughout the semester. **You may not make up quizzes missed.**

LATE POLICY: All work must be submitted on the assigned date. I will only accept a late assignment without penalty if you have **written** medical, legal, or athletic documentation. Missed quizzes and in-class writing assignments may not be made up. Late work without an excuse will receive an automatic 10-point grade reduction for each class period missed.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS: You may NOT email me any assignment without my permission.

PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE: Active participation in class is required throughout the semester. You should come to each class meeting with at least one question or observation about the reading assignments; furthermore, you should be prepared to engage with one another's ideas about the readings. In the event that you do miss class, you are responsible for checking with your classmates to determine what concepts, issues and material I discussed during your absence. Please note that a significant portion of the course content will only be available in class lectures, presentation and discussions, and that your knowledge of this material will be assessed throughout the semester.

The English Department Attendance Policy is that students at the College are expected to attend all sessions of each class in which they are enrolled. Students may not miss more than two weeks of class. For example, if a class meets three times a week, students should not exceed 6 absences for the semester. If a student exceeds the limit on absences before Week

11 of the semester, the instructor will notify the student that he or she has been dropped. After that notification, students are still responsible to go into Web Advisor and withdraw themselves from the class, in order not to receive an F. After Week 10, excessive absences will likely result in failure.

I strongly discourage your coming more than 10 minutes late or leaving more than 10 minutes early without clearing it with me. Such practices are disruptive for everyone. If you do come late or leave early (more than 10 minutes), that will count as ½ an absence.

GRADES: I use a system of points in this class. You have the opportunity to earn up to 1000 points, which then correspond to your final letter grade (by dropping the last zero). This is transferable to CR's grading policy. A = 93-100; A- = 90-92; B+ = 89-87; B = 86-83; B- = 82-80; C+ = 79-77; C = 76-69; D = 68-60; F = 59-0). Your grades will be posted to Canvas.

Essay 1	=	50 points	Mid-Term Test	=	100 points
Essay 2	=	75 points	Quizzes	=	150 points
Essay 3	=	100 points	Homework	=	100 points
Research Paper	=	250 points	Participation	=	<u>75 points</u>
In-Class Writing	=	100 points	TOTAL	=	1000 points

EXTRA CREDIT: The English Department at College of the Redwoods mandates that no “extra credit” be awarded in English courses. If you are concerned about maximizing your points earned this semester, I heartily encourage you to give your best effort in each assignment and to be willing to revise your essays in response to feedback from your peers and instructor (and tutors in the Writing Center).

RESOURCES: English 1A is an intensive writing class. While we will be looking at grammar and composition in this class, this will primarily be review as we assume you demonstrated mastery of these skills if you met the prerequisites. However, I urge you to make use of the Writing Center from the beginning of the semester if you need to strengthen your writing skills (see “Need Help?” at the bottom of page 2 in our Syllabus). You will also need to do outside research for this class, particularly in regard to the research paper. The LRC no longer offers a research orientation class. We will complete MLA exercises in class, but I urge you get in the habit of using the LRC to bolster and strengthen your argumentative writing. The staff there is accessible and helpful.

HOMEWORK: You will have homework in the form of responses to questions about the readings every week. Homework is to be typed, double-spaced.

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SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise indicated, ALL reading is in your required texts *They Say/I Say with Readings*, 3rd Edition (MLA Update) and *The Bedford Handbook*, 10th Edition, and will be identified in the Schedule as GRAFF and HACKER, respectively. Homework from both Graff and Hacker will be identified as EX. Homework from the Readings section of Graff will be identified at JTC (Joining the Conversation).

Module 1: Getting Started

Week 1 01-15-18 – 01-19-18

Mon: NO CLASS Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Wed: Course introduction. Syllabus/Schedule.

Fri: BH: "Exploring, planning and drafting," pp. 5-13;
"Reading and writing critically," "Summarize to deepen your understanding," pp. 104-05.
In-class writing exercise.

Week 2 01-22-18 – 01-26-18

Mon: BH: "Grammatical Sentences," pp. 279-358.
Ex. 19-1, p. 286; Ex. 20-1, p. 295; Ex. 21-1, p. 308; Ex. 22-1, p. 314; Ex. 23-1, p. 320; Ex. 24-1, p. 326; Ex. 26-1, p. 338; Ex. 27-1, p. 345; Ex. 27-5, p. 351; and Ex. 27-9, p. 358.

Wed: Graff: Introduction, pp. 1-15.
One, THEY SAY: 1. "Starting with What Others Are Saying," pp. 19-28.
Ex. 2, p. 29.

Fri: Graff: One, THEY SAY: 2. "Her Point Is, The Art of Summarizing," pp. 30-41.
Ex. 2, p. 41.

Week 3 01-29-18 – 02-02-18

Mon: Graff: One, THEY SAY: 3. "As He Himself Puts It, The Art of Quoting," pp. 42-50.
Ex.1, p.50.

Wed: Graff: Two, I SAY: 4. "Yes/No/Okay/But, Three Ways to Respond," pp. 55-67.
Read "Should Everyone Go to College?" by Stephanie Owen and Isabel Sawhill, pp. 208-223, then follow the directions as given in Ex. 1, p. 67.

Fri: Graff: Two, I SAY: 5. "And Yet, Distinguishing What You Say from What They Say," pp. 68-75.

Ex. 1, p. 76-76.

Week 4 02-05-18 – 02-9-18

Mon: Graff: Two, I SAY: 6. "Skeptics May Object," pp. 78-90.

Ex. 1, p. 90.

Wed: Graff: Two, I SAY: 7. "So What? Who Cares? Saying Why It Matters," pp. 92-100.

Read the following texts in Graff:

- Liz Addison, "Two Years Are Better Than Four," pp. 255-58;
- David Leonhardt, "Inequality Has Been Going on Forever...but That Doesn't Mean It's Inevitable," pp. 542-47;
- Steven Shapin, "What Are You Buying When You Buy Organic?" pp. 428-40.

Then do the following in regard to EACH reading:

1. Does the text answer the "so what?" and "who cares?" questions? Identify specifically. Probably some do, some don't. What difference does it make whether they do or not? How do the authors who answer these questions do so? Do they use any strategies or techniques that you could borrow for your own writing?
2. Summarize each reading using the strategies and techniques presented in "Her Point Is," The Art of Summarizing in Graff, pp. 30-40; and in BH, "Summarize to deepen your understanding," pp., 104-107.

Fri: Graff: Three, TYING IT ALL TOGETHER: 8. "As a Result," pp. 105-118.

Ex. 1, pp. 119-20.

Week 5 02-12-18 – 02-16-18

Mon: BH: "Explore your subject...," pp. 17-33 and 36-37.

Discussion of Essay 1, Mid-Term Test.

Wed. Module 1 review.

Fri: NO CLASS Lincoln's Birthday

Week 6 02-19-18 – 02-23-18

Mon: NO CLASS President's Day

Wed: Essay 1: Draft Workshop. Please note: after each draft essay workshop, you are responsible for REVISING your essay following the directions in Graff, "Using the Templates to Revise," pp. 139-159.

Fri: Mid-Term Test.

Week 7 02-26-18 – 03-02-18

Module 2. “Are We In A Race Against the Machine?”

Mon: Essay 1: Final Due.

Graff: Introduction to Chapter 17, pp. 297-98.

Graff: “Better Than Human: Why Robots Will—and Must—Take Our Jobs” by Kevin Kelly, pp. 299-312.

JTC Ex. 1, p. 312.

Handout: “Robots Are Getting a Bad Rap.” Editorial, *The New York Times*, 02-21-17.

Handout: “My Son’s First Robot,” Alexis C Madrigal, *The Atlantic*, December 1017.

Wed: Graff: Does Texting Affect Writing?” by Michaela Cullington, pp. 361-70.

JTC Ex. 1, p. 371

and Ex. 5, P. 372.

Fri: Handout: “What Happens If China Makes First Contact?” Ross Anderson, *The Atlantic*, December 2017.

Discussion of Essay 2. Module 2 review.

Week 8 03-05-18 – 03-10-18

Mon: Essay 2 Draft Workshop. Please note: after each draft essay workshop, you are responsible for **REVISING your essay following the directions in Graff, “Using the Templates to Revise,” pp. 139-159.**

Wed: Individual conferences.

Fri: Individual conferences.

Week 9 03-12-18 – 03-16-18 NO CLASSES Spring Break

Week 10 03-19-18 – 03-23-18

Module 3: “What Should We Eat?”

Mon: Essay 2 Final Due.

Graff: Introduction to Chapter 18, pp. 417-19. “Escape from the Western Diet,” by Michael Pollan, pp. 420-26.

JTC Ex. 1-2, p. 427.

Wed: Graff: “What You Eat is Your Business,” by Radley Balko, pp. 466-69.

JTC Ex. 1, p. 469.

Fri: Graff: “The Extraordinary Science of Addictive Junk Food,” pp. 471-94.

JTC Ex. 1-2, p. 495.

Week 11 03-26-18 – 03-30-18

Mon: Film: *Fast Food Nation*.

Wed: Film: *Fast Food Nation* (cont.).

Fri: Discuss Essay 3. Review of Module 3.

Week 12 04-02-18 – 04-06-18

Mon: **Essay 3 Draft Workshop.** Please note: after each draft essay workshop, you are responsible for **REVISING** your essay following the directions in Graff, "Using the Templates to Revise," pp. 139-159.

Wed: **Discussion of Research Paper Guidelines and Topics**
BH: "Research Writing," pp. 523-67.

Fri: **Semester Overview.**

Week 13 04-9-18 – 04-13-18

Mon: **Essay 3 Final Due.**
BH: "Writing MLA Papers," pp. 570-673.

Wed: MLA in-class exercises.

Fri: MLA in-class exercises.

Week 14 04-16-18 – 04-20-18

Mon: Statement of TOPIC due to instructor.

Wed: OUTLINE/PLAN due to instructor.

Fri: THESIS STATEMENT due to instructor.

Week 15 04-23-18 – 04-27-18

Mon: Draft of INTRODUCTION due to instructor.

Wed: Draft of BODY due to instructor.

Fri: Draft of CONCLUSION due to instructor.

Week 16 04-30-18 – 05-04-18 LAST WEEK OF CLASSES

Mon: **Research Paper Draft Workshop.**

Wed: **Revised Research Paper draft due to instructor.**

Fri: Instructor's comments on Revised Research Paper due to class.

Week 17 FINAL EXAMS

Monday, May 7, 2018 8:30-10:30 a.m. FINAL RESEARCH PAPER DUE.