Syllabus for English 1A– Klamath Trinity Instructional Site					
Semester & Year	Spring 2019				
Course ID and Section #	English 1A-K5767				
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Course Description

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 6,000 words formal writing.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze argumentative claims.

2. Respond to arguments with persuasive critical essays.

3. Locate, synthesize, and document sources for use in response to arguments.

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 <u>Disabled Students Programs and Services</u>. Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS at 530-625-4821 Ext 23.

Academic Support

Academic support is available at <u>Counseling and Advising</u> and includes academic advising and educational planning, <u>Academic Support Center</u> for tutoring and proctored tests, and <u>Extended</u> <u>Opportunity Programs & Services</u>, for eligible students, with advising, assistance, tutoring, and more. Contact the CR KT Office for specific information at (530) 625-4821.

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

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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 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: <u>http://www.redwoods.edu/board/Board-Policies/Chapter-5-Student-Services</u>. 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; 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 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 <u>Klamath Trinity Instructional Site</u>:

Please review the responsibilities of, and procedures used by, the College of the Redwoods, Klamath-Trinity Instructional Site (KTIS) to communicate to faculty, staff, students and the general public during an emergency. It is the responsibility of College of the Redwoods, Klamath-Trinity Instructional Site (KTIS) to protect life and property from the effects of emergency situations within its own jurisdiction.

- 1. In the event of an emergency, communication shall be the responsibility of the district employees on scene.
 - a. Dial 911, to notify local agency support such as law enforcement or fire services.
 - b. If safe to do so, notify key administrators, departments, and personnel.
 - c. If safe to do so, personnel shall relay threat information, warnings, to ensure the school community is notified.
 - d. Contact Jolene Gates 530-625-4821 to notify of situation.
 - e. Contact Hoopa Tribal Education Administration office 530-625-4413
 - f. Notify Public Safety 707-476-4111.
- 2. In the event of an emergency, the responsible district employee on scene will:
 - a. Follow established procedures for the specific emergency as outlined in the College of the Redwoods Emergency Procedure Booklet.
 - b. Lock all doors and turn off lights if in lockdown due to an active shooter or similar emergency.

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- c. Close all window curtains.
- d. Get all inside to safe location Kitchen area is best internal location.
- e. If a police officer or higher official arrives, they will assume command..
- f. Wait until notice of all is clear before unlocking doors.
- g. If safe to do so, move to the nearest evacuation point outside building (Pooky's Park), directly behind the Hoopa Tribal Education Building.
- h. Do not leave site, unless it has been deemed safe by the person in command.

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Turnitin.com	Please note that in addition to the printed versions, I require electronic submission of all your essays to Canvas and will enable Turnitin.com screening of all papers submitted for credit in this class.
Participation and Attendance	 Active participation in-class is required throughout the term. If you are absent, not prepared for, or not engaged in class, your participation grade will suffer. All work is due on the date specified on the syllabus or assignment sheet. If you are absent from class on the due date, late papers will be accepted without penalty only if the absence is excused. Likewise, missed quizzes, tests, and in-class assignments may be made up only if the absence is excused or due to an emergency. Excused absences require written medical, legal, or athletic documentation. If 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 proportion 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. Lastly, punctuality is expected of you, and I reserve the right to count lateness against your attendance if that should become an issue.

Classroom Conduct	The content of our reading assignments and class discussions will involve a variety of important and compelling personal and social issues that are inherently mature in their subject matter and that resonate deeply with individuals in our class. Please be aware that this course examines adult human experiences through the lens of academic discourse. Also, please remember to treat your classmates and instructor in a courteous, sensitive, and respectful manner. Any student who violates CR's Code of Student Conduct will be sanctioned in accordance with school guidelines. Please silence electronic devices during class time and refrain from using them in		
	any manner that is not directly related to a class activity.		
Course Objectives	1. Read, analyze, and evaluate a variety of primarily non-fiction texts for content, context, and rhetorical merit with consideration of tone, audience, and purpose.		
	Apply a variety of rhetorical strategies in writing unified, well-organized essays with arguable theses and persuasive support.		
	3. Develop varied and flexible strategies for generating, drafting, and revising essays.		
	4. Analyze stylistic choices in their own writing and the writing of others.		
	5. Write timed essays in class exhibiting acceptable college-level control of mechanics, organization, development, and coherence.		
	6. Integrate the ideas of others through paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting without plagiarism.		
	7. Find, evaluate, analyze, and interpret primary and secondary sources, incorporating them into written essays using appropriate documentation format.		
	8. Proofread and edit essays for presentation so they exhibit no disruptive errors in English grammar, usage, or punctuation.		
Assignments and Grading	Essay 1: 10% (1,250 words) Essay 2: 10% (1,250 words) Essay 3: 15% (1,500 words) Essay 4: 15% (1,500 words) Timed essays: 15% (750 words x 2) Participation: 20% Reading and writing homework and journal: 15%		
Changes and Additions	Please note that your instructor reserves the right – at his sole discretion to amend the syllabus, modify the schedule of assignments, and/ or require different or supplementary readings beyond those listed below. Any such changes will be announced in class and on Canvas.		

Schedule of Assignments and Activities

(This sequence of topics, readings and assignments is adopted directly from Writing about Writing).

	Weekly Topics	Readings	Due dates
Week	Welcome to the course		
One			
January 23			
Week	Introduction to Studying	Introduction to the	Homework/Journal as
Two	Writing	Conversation Threshold Concepts of	assigned
January		Writing	
28 & 30		Threshold Concepts That Assist Academic Reading and Writing	
Week	Cataloging and Comparing	Stuart Greene, "Argument	Challenging and
Three	Conceptions of Writing	as Conversation: The Role of Inquiry in Writing a	Exploring Your Conceptions about
February		Researched Argument"	Writing due
4&6		Using This Book	
Week	Introduction to Rhetoric	Chapter 4, Introduction	Homework/Journal as
Four		Doug Downs, "Rhetoric: Making Sense of Human	assigned
February 11 & 13		Interaction and Meaning- Making."	
Week	Considering How Texts	Jim Ridolfo and Danielle	Homework/Journal as
Five	Move	DeVoss, "Composing for Recomposition: Rhetorical	assigned
February 20		Velocity and Delivery."	
Week Six	Invention as Social/Collaboration	Stacey Pigg, "Coordinating Constant Invention: Social	Homework/Journal as assigned
February	And Tools in Rhetorical	Media's Role in Distributed	
25 & 27	Ecologies	Work."	
Week	Refining and Developing	Richard Straub,	Mapping a Rhetorical
Seven	Analysis/	"Responding – Really	Ecology Essay due
	Considering the	Responding – to Other	
March 4 & 6	Implications	Students' Writing."	
Week	Introduction to Discourse	Chapter 3, Introduction.	Homework/Journal as
Eight	Communities	Ann M. Johns, "Discourse	assigned
March		Communities and	
11 & 13		Communities of Practice:	
		Membership, Conflict, and	

		Diversity."	
Week	Studying Genres	Tony Mirabelli, "The	Homework/Journal as
Nine		Language and Literacy of	assigned
		Food Service Workers."	
March			
25 & 27 Week Ten	Moving Potwoon	Lucille P. McCarthy, "A	Homework/Journal as
Week len	Moving Between Discourse	Stranger in Strange Lands:	assigned
April	Communities/Academic	A College Student Writing	assigned
1&3	Communities	Across the Curriculum."	
Week	Presenting Results and	Peer review	Discourse Community
Eleven	Drawing Conclusions		Ethnography due
April			
8 & 10			
Week	Defining and Researching	Chapter 2, Introduction	Homework/Journal as assigned
Twelve	Literacy	Deborah Brandt, "Sponsors of Literacy."	assigned
April			
15 & 17			
Week	The Changing Nature of	Jeff Grabill et al.,	Homework/Journal as
Thirteen	Writing	"Revisualizing	assigned
		Composition: Mapping the	
April		Writing Lives of First-Year	
22 & 24		College Students."	
Week	How Prior Experiences	Liane Robertson, Kara	Homework/Journal as
Fourteen	Shape	Taczak, and Kathleen Blake	assigned
April 29 &	Literacy Practices	Yancey, "Notes Toward a	
May 1		Theory of Prior Knowledge."	
Week	Why Researching Literacy	Arturo E. Tajada, Jr, et al.,	Homework/Journal as
Fifteen	Matters	"Changing Our Labels:	assigned
_		Rejecting the Language of	
May		Remediation"	
6 & 8		**Peer Review	
Final	Group Analysis of Literacy History Due		
Exam			
N 4 4 2			
May 13			
3:15-5:15			