

Expository Writing

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ENGLISH 101: Sections JJ and KA

Office Hours: Monday 3pm

MW4 (1:40-3) and MW6 (5-6:20)

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Course Description and Goals

In this course you will read and write about a variety of texts concerning a range of fascinating, relevant, contemporary issues. Course goals include helping you to read deeply, think critically, and write interpretively and effectively, creating your own independent argument that synthesizes multiple sources.

Required Texts

- Miller and Spellmeyer, *The New Humanities Reader*, 3rd Edition
- Kirszner and Mandell, *The Pocket Wadsworth Handbook*, 4th Edition
- Selected student papers to demonstrate and correct errors, or as models of strong writing

Course Requirements

- Read six selections from *The New Humanities Reader*
- Write a 2 - 3 page Close Reading Assignment based on the first reading
- Write 5 out-of-class essays, minimum of 1250 words each (about 5 typed pages)
- Write a typed rough and final draft for each assignment
- Give three brief oral presentations in class, including one on grammar
- Take an in-class Midterm Exam (essay format, graded pass or fail) and an in-class Final Exam (essay format, graded pass or fail). You must pass the final exam to pass the course.
- Keep all rough and final drafts in a folder, for mid-semester and end of semester folder review.
- Regularly check your Sakai Course Site at sakai.rutgers.edu. (To access Sakai, you will need your Rutgers Net ID and password. You will receive announcements from Sakai at your Rutgers e-mail address, so remember to check that account frequently.)

Grading

- The final course grade will be determined by your highest rate of sustained achievement at the end of the term.
- You must pass the Final Exam to pass the course.
- One half of a letter grade will be deducted for late rough drafts per class period that it is late, one full letter grade per class period for late Final drafts.
- The lowest passing grade for a paper and for the course is C.

Policies

- Papers that exhibit significant errors of punctuation, grammar, spelling, or syntax risk failing.
- Attendance at all classes is expected. After four absences you may be given a failing grade and required to retake the course.
- Punctuality is important. If you are more than 20 minutes late, it counts as an absence.
- You must submit rough and final drafts of all five papers as well as the close reading assignment to pass the class. You must also complete the midterm exam, and pass the final exam to pass the class.
- If you are two final drafts behind, for any reason, you automatically fail the course.
- You are asked to review and abide by the University's Policy on Academic Integrity. This can be found online at <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/integrity.shtml>
- **You cannot drop Expos 101 without a Dean's permission.**