

ENGL 2010: Intermediate Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences
Spring 2016

Prerequisite: ENGL 1010 or ENGL 101H with a grade of C- or better.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Emphasizes academic inquiry and research in the humanities and social sciences. Explores issues from multiple perspectives. Teaches careful reasoning, argumentation, and rhetorical awareness of purpose, audience, and genre. Focuses on critically evaluating, effectively integrating, and properly documenting sources. In addition to major essay assignments, may include in-class writing and collaboration, an annotated bibliography, oral presentations, and portfolios.

TEXT

From Inquiry to Academic Writing, 2nd ed. by Greene and Lidinsky

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

Please note that your participation/attendance is worth 10 points for every day of class. Any absences incurred will result in missed points for that day. If you come to class late or you leave class early you will be counted absent. In addition to this, if you do not come prepared for class (having done the reading, writing, drafts, etc.) then you will not receive participation points for that day.

You are allowed two absences with no penalty on your grade, other than missing participation points. For every absence you incur after the allowed absences, your grade will always be docked one-third of a letter (A to A-, etc).

Should you be seriously ill or contagious, or you have to miss class because of emergency circumstances beyond your control and IF you report it to me before or at the time it occurs, we can work out a fair and reasonable solution to accommodate you. The key is communication. Talk to me as soon as possible to avoid grade penalties.

Excused absences for athletes and university organizations will not result in a reduction of your grade if you turn in reflections and papers on time. In accordance with university policy, you must bring me a letter during the first two weeks of the semester that outlines your absences so that we can negotiate an individual contract.

GRADING POLICY

I believe that all students can earn an A in my class—if they are willing to turn in assignments on time and are present and participating in class. I have designed the course so that this is entirely possible! Please take advantage of the opportunity.

ASSIGNMENTS

Responses: Bring your own writing (BYOW) to class EVERY DAY. I don't care what you write about, just that you write something. Please be prepared to share your work with the class.

MAJOR PAPERS

Personal Reflection (1-2 pages)

Rhetorical Analysis (4-5 pages)

Synthesis Paper (4-5 pages)

Proposal (3-4 pages)

Annotated Bibliography (10 sources)

Researched Argument (10-12 pages)

OTHER

Late Paper Policy

Turning in a late paper and expecting full credit is unfair to students who turn in their work on time. I understand that there are some circumstances that may delay your paper, and am therefore willing to work with you IF you contact me as soon as you are having trouble. I will deduct the grade on your paper by a full letter for every day that it is late (if your paper was due on Friday and you turn it in the following class period on Monday, your grade will not be higher than a D). Late papers are not eligible for revision.

Cell Phone and Electronics Policy

I believe that technology can be used to benefit the classroom. But technology can also be a double-edged sword. Personal electronic devices should be turned to silent while in class. Anyone who consistently texts throughout class and abuses the privilege will be responsible for the loss of the privilege for all. Personal computers and iPods/iPads or other like devices are allowed for taking notes or researching; the use of such devices for entertainment purposes is not allowed.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated in any academic sphere, whether that is the professional world or our own UVU campus. Plagiarism is the intentional use of any material by another

author and claiming it as your own. Any academic dishonesty will be addressed and if you have plagiarized you will receive a zero grade on your assignment, automatically fail the course, and even be reported to the Dean of Students office. Please just do your own work.

Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sexual discrimination against any participant in an educational program or activity that receives federal funds. The act is intended to eliminate sex discrimination in education and pertains to admissions, Academic and athletic programs, and university-sponsored activities. Title IX also prohibits sexual harassment of students by university employees, other students, and visitors to campus. If you encounter harassment or gender-based discrimination, please talk to your professor; contact the Student Conduct & Dispute Resolution at (801) 863-8665, or <http://www.ethicspoint.com>.

We live in a beautifully diverse world which allows for harmony to exist should we choose to embrace it. I have no tolerance for harassment or discrimination and if you harass or discriminate within my classroom, you will be given a warning and possibly dismissed for the rest of the class period.

Disability Accommodations

According to university policy, you may be eligible for accommodation if you have a disability. To see if you qualify or for more information, please contact Accessibility Services at (801) 863-8747; visit their office at LC 312; or visit their website at <http://www.uvu.edu/asd/>.