

University of North Texas at Dallas
Fall 2013
SYLLABUS

Course Abbreviation/Number/Title/Semester Hrs ENGL1313: College Writing I 3Hrs					
Department of		English	Division of		Liberal Arts & Life Sciences
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Classroom Location:		1313-091 Founders Hall #304	MW 5:30-6:50 p.m.		
		1313-094 Founders Hall #240	MW 10:00-11:20 a.m.		
		1323-090 Founders Hall #212	MW 1;00-2;20 p.m.		
Class Meeting Days & Times:		1313-091 Founders Hall #304	MW 5:30-6:50 p.m.		
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Course Catalog Description:		Computer Assisted College Writing: Writing as a means of critical thinking; emphasis on the process of perfecting the essay through multiple drafts			
Prerequisites:					
Co-requisites:					
Required Text:		<i>A World of Ideas</i> , ed. Lee Jacobus A good dictionary (Recommended: <i>American Heritage Dictionary</i>)			
Recommended Text and References:		<i>Elements of Style</i> by William Strunk and E. B. White			
Access to Learning Resources:		UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 780-3625; web: http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652; e-mail: 1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com			
Course Goals or Overview:					
The goal of this course is for students to practice strategies of writing and its steps, such as, invention of ideas on a selected essay topic, development of those ideas using patterns of arrangement/organization, and revision.					

Learning Objectives/Outcomes: At the end of this course, the student will	
1	Be able to read written texts critically, and identify key ideals in summaries/synopses
2	Demonstrate the ability to organize ideas in paragraphs using critical thinking
3	Define qualities of effective writing: unity, coherence, and emphasis
4	Identify weakness in rhetoric and grammar and correct them

Course Outline

This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated by e-mail.

TOPICS		TIMELINE
1	Democracy	September
2	Government	September
3	Ethics and Morality	October
4	Education	October
5	Gender and Culture	November
6	Language	November
7	Discoveries and the Mind	December

Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

Exams – *written tests designed to measure knowledge of presented course material*

Assignments – *written assignments designed to supplement and reinforce course material*

Class Participation – *daily attendance and participation in class discussions*

Grading Matrix:

Instrument	Value (points or percentages)	Total
Reading Assignments: Writing summaries/synopses	5 assignments at 10 points each	100
5 Essay Exams @100 points	100	500
Class Participation/ Discussion	100	100
Attendance	100	100
Total:		800

*Regular and punctual attendance is required for this class. To earn the full points for attendance, you will need to be present for all the meetings. For each unexcused absence, you lose ten points.

Grade Determination: (*grading will be on a ten-point scale*)

A = 90% or higher B = 80 – 89 % C = 70 – 79 % D = 60 – 69 %
 F = less than 60%

University Policies and Procedures

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

The University of North Texas Dallas faculty is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students' with documented disabilities are responsible for informing faculty of their needs for reasonable accommodations and providing written authorized documentation. For more information, you may visit the Office of Disability Accommodation/Student Development Office, Suite 115 or call Laura Smith at 972-780-3632.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Assignment Policy:

All assigned work is due IN CLASS on the day it is due. Homework, such as summaries/synopses of readings, should be typed double-spaced.

Exam Policy:

Exams should be taken as scheduled. No makeup examinations will be allowed except for documented emergencies (See Student Handbook).

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of conduct and Academic Dishonesty policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct at http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/index.html for complete provisions of this code.

Bad Weather Policy:

On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call UNT Dallas Campuses main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website www.unt.edu/dallas. Students are encouraged to update their Eagle Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.

Attendance and Participation Policy:

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is

recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes, if they are absent.

Diversity/Tolerance Policy:

Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities as the instructor deems appropriate.

Optional Policies:

- ❖ Use of WebCT/Blackboard: **I do not use Blackboard.**
- ❖ Use of Cell Phones & other Electronic Gadgets in the Classroom: **Not allowed. All cell phones must be turned off or switched to “silence” mode.**
- ❖ Food & Drink in the Classroom: **Please do not bring food and drinks to the class.**
- ❖ Use of Laptops: **Not allowed. I would like you to listen to class discussions and actively participate in them.**
- ❖ Grade of Incomplete, “I”: **I do not approve of “incomplete” grades except in major health related disabilities. Medical documentation will be required.**

Reading Schedule

Week 1	8/28	Class introduction. Read “Introduction to Critical Reading” pp. 1-13
Week 2	9/2	Labor Day, No class Monday Discuss pp. 1-13. Read “Writing About Ideas” “ pp. 13-50
Week 3	9/9	Discuss Read “Writing About Ideas” “ pp. 13-50 Practice writing #1
Week 4	9/16	“Democracy and Oligarchy” “Ideal Democracy”
Week 5	9/23	ETS Proficiency Skills Profile Test Monday “Islam and Democracy”
Week 6	9/30	Essay #1 “The Qualities of the Prince”
Week 7	10/7	“The Origin of Civil Society”
Week 8	10/14	“The Defense of Injustice” Mid-Semester Examination: Essay #2
Week 9	10/21	Individual Conference week. Group discussions.

