

English 1101

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Course Description

This class is a college level writing course designed toward gaining college credit as well preparing you for the written and rhetorical demands of further academic writing. Writing as a process will be emphasized as you learn the components of prewriting, draft writing, and editing your writing. You will also work toward mastering the process of research writing. In addition to this you will read three novels and study grammar in respect to correct usage and punctuation.

Texts

Axelrod, Rise B. and Charles R. Cooper. *The St. Martin's Guide to Writing*. 4th Ed. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994.

Lunsford, Andrea and Robert Connors. *The St. Martin's Handbook*. 2nd Ed. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992.

Writing Assignments

During the semester you will write five formal essays. The first three will be 3-4 pages in length and will focus on different types of writing (personal narrative, exposition, and argumentation). Each of these essays will be submitted to your peer group and me for revision suggestions. You will then submit each essay for a grade. After all three essays have been submitted, you will choose at least one to revise and resubmit.

The last half of the writing aspect of this course will be dedicated to a larger research project (6-7 pages in length). This essay will cover a topic of your choice and will employ formal argumentation. A four-page preliminary research project dealing with your topic and source material will be completed prior to the final research paper. All formal essays must be typed or word-processed.

Grading

There will be two different grading procedures for this class. One that will be a high school pass/fail grade and another that will concentrate only on the writing aspects of this class; this will be a college grade.

Due Dates

Formal essay assignments are due at the end of the hour on the assigned due date. Late papers will be deducted one letter grade for each day they are late. In addition, late papers will only be accepted two days beyond the original due date. If you choose to revise a late paper, the grade reduction will carry over to the revised version.

Peer Review

Peer review is an essential part of this course. For each peer review session you are required to bring a finished draft of your assignment. Failure to attend peer review or bring a finished draft of appropriate length will result in a 10% reduction from the submitted essay.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of using and offering someone else's ideas, research, literary work, et cetera as your own. This includes using sources without proper documentation,, directly copying portions or all of another writer's paper, or submitting another writer's work for a grade. Plagiarism is unacceptable, dishonest and will result in a failing grade for an assignment. Record of it will be placed in your school record.

Writing Assignments

Writing Assignment One: Descriptive Narrative Essay

Writing Assignment Two: Expository Essay

Writing Assignment Three: Argumentative Essay