

ENGL 3090--ACADEMIC WRITING FOR ENGLISH MAJORS

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COURSE GOALS

ENGL 3090, Advanced Writing for English Majors, is a required course for English Majors (not including English Education Majors). To be taken, ideally, in a student's junior year, the course provides students with a foundation in writing skills they will need to produce successful papers in their upper-division English courses and in ENGL 3090 itself. According to the course catalog, ENGL 3090 "emphasizes analysis, rhetorical theories of writing, development, style, oral presentations, and primary and secondary research techniques. [It] prepares students to extend their abilities with researched writing in other upper-division courses and teaches students advanced scholarly attitudes toward researched writing."

REQUIRED BOOKS AND TEXTS

The following books are required and are available at the UVU bookstore:

1. Kafka, Franz. *The Trial*. Trans. Breon Mitchell. New York: Schocken Books, 1998. Print. ISBN: 0805209999.
2. Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 7th ed. 2009. Print. ISBN: 9781603290241.
3. Graf, Gerald and Cathy Birkenstein. *They Say/I Say: The Moves that Matter in Academic Writing*. 2nd Ed. New York: W. W. Norton, 2006. Print. ISBN: 0393933611.

In addition to buying these books, students are required to print out a small number of articles that are available for download on the class web page. Please bring all books and articles to class for discussion and workshopping.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory. Small group activities and class discussion will be emphasized. Research shows that what occurs during class is an important part of the learning process so your attendance is necessary. If you miss class, you need to talk to a classmate or two and get their notes, then talk to me if you have specific questions about what we covered. Excessive absences (more than three) will lower your grade. Missing more than six classes will result in your failure of the class. Attendance will be taken at the start of every class period, and late arrivals and early departures will count against you.

PARTICIPATION

Our class sessions will be structured almost exclusively around discussions. It will be more enjoyable for all of us (and you'll do better) if you (1) attend class regularly, (2) do the required reading, and (3) be prepared to discuss what you've read.

Please be advised that this component of the course is quite important and that I take it very seriously. I strongly discourage "fluff" contributions and disruptions. I reserve the right to penalize students who, in my judgment, make repeated and obvious efforts to undermine quality discussion and/or to bolster their participation score with irrelevant comments.

GRADING

If, at the end of this semester, you have earned a C in this class, it means you did what was minimally expected of you: you came to all classes and did all the work. If you want a B or an A, you must not only come to all the classes and do all the work, but you must do the work with shining effort and attention. You must complete all class assignments in order to receive a passing grade. Full details about assignments will be discussed in class; the "assignment" tab on the class web page provides additional information.

Participation	130 pts
Take-Home Quizzes	130 pts
Short Interpretive Essay	130 pts
Review of Literature	130 pts
Annotated Bibliography	130 pts
Final Research Paper	250 pts
Presentation	100 pts.
TOTAL	1000 pts

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

Cell phones are to be turned off before you come to class. Refrain from using your cell phone for text messaging at all times while you're in class. In addition, please do not use laptop computers at any time during class. Since this class meets in a computer lab, I also insist that students do not use computers for private/social purposes. Class members should treat each other with respect and a productive attitude.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you have any disability that may impair your ability to successfully complete this course, please contact the UVU Accessibility Services Department (LC 312, www.uvu.edu/asd/; 863-8747). Academic accommodations are granted for all students who have qualified documented disabilities. Services are coordinated with the student and instructor by the Accessibility Services Department.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Statement from UVU's "Students' Rights and Responsibilities Code" reads: "Each student is expected to maintain academic ethics and avoid dishonesty in all its forms, including but not limited to, cheating and plagiarism, and fabrication as defined hereafter."

With respect to this particular class plagiarism refers to knowingly copying another person's work or ideas and calling them one's own or not giving proper credit or citation. This covers copying sections or entire papers from printed or electronic sources as well as handing in papers written by students for other classes or purchasing academic papers. Plagiarism and cheating are not only dishonest but they cheat you out of learning. You must submit your own work in this course. The consequences for academic dishonesty are grave. The penalty for a first offense is an F for the assignment; a second offense means that you fail the course and will be reported to the Department Chair and to Student Advising. If you have any questions about plagiarism, please talk to me.