

Syllabus for ENG 108-10

College Writing and Research

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Missouri Western State College

Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Department of English/Foreign Languages/Journalism

SYLLABUS

Course: ENG 108 College Writing and Research Semester/Year: Spring 2000

Section 04: MWF 10:00-10:50, SS/C 221

Section 10: MWF 1:00- 1:50, SS/C 221

Instructor: Dr. Christa McCay Office: SS/C 208-L Phone: 271-4311

Office Hours: MWF 8:00-9:00, 11:00-12:00

Required Text: Rose and Kiniry, Critical Strategies for Academic Writing and Thinking

Recommended Text: Ebest et al., Writing from A to Z

Required Materials: Computer disks

Three-ring notebook with lined notebook paper

Course Objectives: To be found at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/eflj/eng108.asp> As a general studies course, ENG 108 is also designed to help you "acquire knowledge and skills to:

*Think critically and reason analytically;

*Write and speak clearly and effectively;

*Function as an enlightened citizen of our democratic society;

*Develop an appreciation of the cultural aspects of civilization."

Attendance Policy:

All students are expected to attend every class session; there are no "excused" absences. If you must be absent, you are responsible for obtaining information on assignments, notes, handouts, etc., preferably by making prior arrangements with a classmate. If you have more than six absences by the end of the semester, you will receive an F as a course grade.

Academic Honesty Policy:

You are expected to do your own work in this course. Any student who submits someone else's work as his or her own will receive no credit (0) for that assignment. When in doubt about how much help is allowable for out-of-class work, please check with me.

Students with Disabilities:

Any student in this course who has a medically certified disability that interferes with the work for this course should contact me as soon as possible to discuss class requirements.

Grading Policy:

Your final grade will reflect your work during the semester in the following manner:

Four short essays (24 pts. each)	96 pts.
Exploratory writing and drafting (12 pts. each set)	48 pts.
Annotated bibliography	24 pts.
Two in-class essays (mid-term, final; 12 pts. each)	24 pts.
Total	192 pts.

At the end of the semester, you will need to have 176 pts. for the lowest A, 128 pts. for the lowest B, 80 pts. for the lowest C, and 32 pts. for the lowest D.

Due Dates:

All assignments are due at the beginning of the class period.

Tentative Course Outline:

January 19-31

UNIT ONE: SUMMARIZING: SYNTHESIS AND JUDGMENT

Opening Problem, p. 79

Working Examples, p. 82

A Professional Application, p. 94

Selected Assignments, p. 99ff.

Selected Readings from "The Dimensions of Child Poverty," p. 144ff.

Draft for Essay One (due Jan. 31)

February 2-18

UNIT TWO: COMPARING: ASSESSING SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Opening Problem, p. 420

Working Examples, p. 431

A Professional Application, p. 444

Selected Assignments, p. 447ff.

Selected Readings from "Methods of Inquiry in Primate Research," p. 506ff.

Draft for Essay Three (due Feb. 18)

February 23 - March 22

UNIT THREE: CLASSIFYING: CREATING AND EVALUATING CATEGORIES

Opening Problem, p. 286

Working Examples, p. 294

A Professional Application, p. 308

Selected Assignments, p. 311ff.

Selected Readings from "U.S. Immigration Patterns," p.356ff.

In-class Essay (March 3 or 10)

Draft for Essay Two (due Mar. 22)

March 24 - April 12

UNIT FOUR: ANALYZING: PERSPECTIVES FOR INTERPRETATION

Opening Problem, p. 557

Working Examples, p. 567

A Professional Application, p. 580

Selected Assignments, p. 583

Selected Readings from "Caribbean Literature and Cultural Politics," p. 623ff.

Draft for Essay Four (due Apr. 12)

April 14 - May 1

UNIT FIVE: WORK ON REVISION AND EXPANDED RESEARCH

You will have the opportunity of revising one of the four essays written during the semester and of handing in a "final" copy of that essay for regrading. The grade for the revised essay will replace the grade originally assigned to it. The revised essay will be due April 24.

For a research project involving library and internet sources, you will--as a member of a small group--return to one of the topics that you have worked with previously, research it in greater depth, and present the group's findings in an annotated bibliography. The bibliography will be due May 1.

Final Exam:

Section 04: Friday, May 5, 11:30 a.m.-1:20 p.m.

Section 10: Friday, May 5, 2:00-3:50 p.m.