

## SYLLABUS FOR ENGLISH 52

**Instructor:** Tina Ramsey

**Term:** Fall 1999

**Class Time/Place:** MWF 8:00-8:50 INC 4  
Th 8:00-8:50 INC 1

**Last Day to Drop this Course:** Friday, October 15

### **Required Texts:**

1. Tyner, Thomas E. College Writing Basics: A Progressive Approach. 4th ed. Wadsworth Publishing Company.

### **Required Materials:**

1. 3 1/2 inch computer diskette
2. 8 1/2 X 11 inch spiral binder with college-ruled line paper

### **Recommended Texts:**

A good college-level dictionary

**Grading Scale:** English 52 is graded on a Credit/No Credit basis. The following scale will be used to determine a Credit or No Credit grade.

100-70 total class points and a passing grade (70% or higher) on the Final = Credit.

69-0 points and/or a failing grade on the Final (69% or lower) = No Credit.

### **Course Requirements:**

Mid-Term Portfolio	30 pts.
Final Portfolio	30 "
Journal	10 "
Quizzes	5 "
Final Exam	25 "
2 Conferences	Required
Attendance	Required

**Mid-Term and Final Portfolio:** The Mid-Term and Final Portfolio will contain writing assignments you have done through the course of the semester.

**Attendance:** Everyone is expected to be in class and on time. If you are not in class by 10 minutes after class is officially supposed to start, you will be marked absent. You are allowed 5 free absences (free meaning you can be absent 5 times and not have it count against your grade). Any number of absences above 5, for any reason, will result in the lowering of your grade in the class by 10 points. Any number of absences beyond 10 will result in a No Credit grade for the course. **NOTE:** 1. There are no excused absences in this class. If you are not in class, you are absent. 2. There can be no make-ups for in-class assignments which are

missed because of an absence. 3. Pay attention to the rules concerning absences and workshops.

**Journal:** You will be keeping a journal this semester, and you are to bring it with you for every class. The journal is a place to experiment in your writing and to do some "thinking on paper," without having to worry about grammar, spelling, or punctuation. It will contain two parts. One part of your journal will be devoted to process writing and the second part will be devoted to responding to the Chapters that have been assigned from your textbook. I will give you another handout that explains the journal in more detail. Basically, you must complete 4-5 pages of writing per week in your journal. **The journal is not graded.** You will receive your points for the journal by simply completing the specified number of pages per week on time and by responding to the assigned readings or journal prompts in a thoughtful/critical manner.

**Conferences:** Everyone will be required to attend 2 conferences. I will consider a missed appointment an absence from class. The conferences are required, and each unattended conference will take 5 points off your final total of class points.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is a college no-no. Taking credit for someone else's work is simply not acceptable on this campus, which, of course, includes my class. The consequences for getting caught doing this are quite undesirable, so do yourself (and me) a favor and don't do it.

**Disruptive Behavior:** Disruptive behavior in the classroom is also a college no-no. As a general rule, please treat the people you meet and work with in this class with courtesy and respect, and always use discretion when discussing topics in the areas of sex and violence. (For example, not every one will be interested in the explicit details of what you and your significant other did last night after you visited a few of the clubs in town.)

Here are some more specific rules to remember:

1. No walkmans or CD players in class.
2. Please turn off your pagers or set them so that we can't hear them if they go off.
3. No cell phones in class. (If you carry one with you make very certain that you don't receive any calls during class.)

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Tentative Schedule--Fall '99

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Weeks 1-3

Level 1: Sharing Backgrounds

Weeks 4-6

Level 2: Sharing Interests and Preferences

Week 7-9

Level 3: Sharing Knowledge

Conferences

Mid-Term Portfolio Due

Week 10-12

Level 4: Sharing Problems

Week 13-15

Level 5: Sharing Opinions and Judgements

Week 16-17

Conferences

Final Portfolio Due

Week 18

FINALS

Dates to Remember:

Labor Day	Monday, September 6
Veteran's Day	Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday-Saturday, November 25-27