ENGLISH 1A COURSE SYLLABUS—FALL SEMESTER 2008

**Instructor:** L. White **Room:** M-(Hum 62) W-(Soc 35) **Section:** # 53100

**Time: 8**:00-9:50 AM

**Texts:**  Motives for Writing 5th ed. By Robert Keith Miller

Recent MLA Style sheet

**Materials:** College ruled notebook paper, regular 8 ½ by 11 size

USB computer drive stick

Collegiate Dictionary and Thesaurus

Folder for keeping assignments

Notebook for journal writing—exclusively for this class

Other materials may be assigned later

**Final Exam:** The week of Dec 15th.

**Course Description:** Reading, analyzing, and writing college-level prose, with emphasis on the expository: studying writing as a process; exploring different writing strategies; summarizing, editing, and critiquing; conducting research (gathering, organizing, evaluating, integrating, and documenting information); and writing a formal argument paper.

**Accommodations:** If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including alternate media requests, please notify me immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

**Course Work: Grading Percentages:**

Research Papers (2) 50 & 100 Points 90-100 =A

Paper assignments 25 80-89 =B

Class essays 20 70-79 =C

Final exam 50 60-69 =D

Homework, quizzes, etc. 10 0-59 =F

Class Participation 35

**Class Policy:**

* Cell phones are to be turned off and out of sight
* Papers are due ON the due date or BEFORE ONLY
* Research Paper is to be done in MLA style
* Expect other students to read your written work
* Save ALL work in your portfolio: drafts, graded papers, evaluations, etc.
* Save all work done on the computer on hard drive and/or disk

**Note:** Attendance and homework will be noted and excessive lateness or absenteeism will affect your grade.

ENGLISH 1A SCHEDULE—FALL SEMESTER - 2008

Week 1 Introductions and Writing Samples

(Aug 18-22) Intro to Miller with writing assignments

Research topics for Paper #1 discussed

Week 2 Chapter 1 Readings and writing assignments

(Aug 25-29) MLA style review and quiz (?)

Research Questions Discussed—Focus Questions Due

Week 3 Chapter 1 Readings and writing assignments

(Sep 2-5) Review MLA form and Research paper format

Thesis Statement first draft

Week 4 Chapter 2 Readings and writing assignments

(Sep 8-12) Review MLA Form—Rewrite Thesis Statements

Research for Paper #1

Week 5 Chapter 2 Readings and writing assignments

(Sep 15-19) Annotated Bibliographies Due

Week 6 Chapter 3 Readings and writing assignments

(Sep 22-26) Research Paper #1 Outline Due

Week 7 Chapter 3 Readings and writing assignments

(Sep 29-Oct 3) **Research Paper #1 Due**

Week 8 Chapter 4 Readings and writing assignments

(Oct 6-10) Topics for Paper #2 discussed

Week 9 Chapter 4 Readings and writing assignments

(Oct 13-17) Focus questions for Paper #2

Week 10 Chapter 6 Readings and writing assignments

(Oct 20-24) Thesis statement first draft

Week 11 Chapter 6 Readings and writing assignments

(Oct 27-31) Research for paper #2

Final Thesis statement

Week 12 Chapter 7 Readings and writing assignments

(Nov 3-7) Research for Paper #2

Review MLA style

Week 13 Chapter 7 Readings and writing assignments

(Nov 10-14) Annotated Bibliography Due

Week 14 Chapter 8 Readings and writing assignments

(Nov 17-21) Outline for Paper #2

Week 15 Chapter 8 Readings and writing assignments

(Nov 24-28) Write Paper #2

Week 16 Chapter 9 Readings and writing assignments

(Dec 1-5) **Paper #2 Due**

Week 17 Chapter 10 Readings and writing assignments

(Dec 8-12)

Week 18 Final

(Dec 15-19)