



English 3 Hybrid | Critical Reading and Writing | 3 units | spring 2010

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Course Description

This course is designed to develop critical thinking, reading and writing skills beyond the level achieved in English 1A. The course will focus on the development of logical reasoning and analytical and argumentative writing skills based primarily on works of nonfiction.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Read and critically evaluate college-level nonfiction material from a variety of sources on themes from different content area.
- Distinguish between valid and sound arguments and invalid and unsound arguments.
- Demonstrate an ability to recognize formal and informal fallacies in language and thought and avoid them in the construction of their argument.
- Recognize and use deductive and inductive language.
- Distinguish factual statements from judgmental statements and knowledge from opinion.
- Make effective inferences from information presented.
- Recognize and use denotative and connotative aspects of language.
- Research and evaluate outside sources for use in the development of their own writing.
- Write summaries of one source, critical analysis of a single source or of two sources with a unified approach, and synthesis papers of multiple sources.
- Use causal analysis, advocacy of ideas, definition, persuasion, evaluation, refutation, and interpretation effectively in college-level prose.
- Demonstrate the ability to write correct college-level prose containing proper essay structure, organization, development and diction and mechanics.
- Identify the deliberate abuses and manipulations of rhetoric so they can identify them in general usage and avoid them in their own writing.

Required Texts and Materials:

Rereading America, 7th Ed., (ISBN: 0-312-44703) Bedford/St. Martin's

A Place to Stand, Baca (ISBN: 0-802-13908-6) Grove Press

A Pocket Style Manual, 5th Ed., Hacker (ISBN: 978-0-312-593247)

A notebook for the **exclusive** use of this class, note paper and writing utensils for in-class writing assignments, and a stapler (unstapled work will not be accepted)

Required Programs:

In order to do work from home, you should have the following programs (all of which are installed on computers here on-campus if you do not have access to them at home):

Internet browser (such as Internet Explorer or Safari); **email** which you can easily access; **word processor** (MS Word preferably, see Essays below); **Adobe Acrobat Reader** (available free: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>)

Email and Blackboard access:

To access the course site go to the following URL: <http://blackboard.reedleycollege.edu>. Login using your seven-digit student ID for your username and password. Go to Personal Information and enter your e-mail address. You will need to be officially enrolled before you will be allowed to enter the site.

Strongly Recommended:

An internet connection, email address, a dictionary, and a flash drive

Grading:

Essay 1	15%
Essay 2	15%
Essay 3 (Midterm)	20%
Essay 4	15%
Essay 5 (Final)	25%
Workshops	5%
Short Assignments/Discussion Board	5%

The grading scale is as follows:

A	B	C	D	F
100-90%	89-80%	79-70%	69-60%	59% & Below

Essays:

You will write a total of five (5) essays. Each will be worth 100 points. All final drafts must be typed and follow Modern Language Association (MLA) guidelines. For each essay you will receive a prompt that will outline the specific requirements for each essay. All essay will be submitted as a hard copy and via *Turnitin* on Blackboard. A zero, for any reason, on an essay will result in automatic failure of the class.

Workshops:

Before you turn in an essay, you must also have the paper workshopped. Each workshop is worth 50 points (30pts for your rough draft and 10pts for each response-outline completed). For these workshops, you will be required to bring in a current copy of your paper. **If your draft is not completed by the date that the workshop is scheduled, you will lose the points for the workshop.** The maximum number of points that can be earned by completing response-outlines is 20 for each workshop.

Late Work:

Late work is not accepted. If you miss a class or forget to do an assignment you cannot make up the work. You should consult the instructor prior to missing a due date in order to avoid penalty. In the event of an unforeseen event, you may make up work with verifiable documentation of the reason for your absence.

Short Writing Assignments

During the semester, there will be a number of short writing assignments given. These assignments generally ask you draw connections between the readings recently covered and formulate a well thought out response. Generally speaking, these will be assigned as part of the work on Bb, but they may also be assigned during the face-to-face class meeting, or in the form of pop quizzes.

Discussion Board

This is a hybrid course, so a significant part of the classwork will be done online on Bb. An essential part of this work will be posting to Bb Discussion Boards. Each week forums will be posted for the reading material and you will be required to post a minimum of five times during the week, before the face-to-face meeting on Friday.

Attendance:

You are expected to attend/participate in class regularly. There are no “excused” absences. Students will be dropped prior to the final drop date after missing two consecutive weeks of class or accumulating the equivalent of two weeks of absences. “No-shows” on the first day of class will be dropped and only readmitted based upon seat availability. Late arrivals and early departures count for half an absence. Participation on Bb is necessary as this is a hybrid course. Failure to participate regularly and complete assignments on Bb will result in a drop from the course, just as if you were failing to attend the face-to-face meetings.

Disruptive Behavior and Sexual Harassment

Reedley College is committed to the principle that instructors and students must treat each other with courtesy and respect, and it will take action to enforce college policies regarding behavior that violates this principle. These policies are set forth in the student code of conduct at Reedley College.

Mobile Communication Devices must be turned off. If the vibrate mode of your phone causes it to vibrate to the degree that your classmates can hear this vibration, turn your phone completely off. If you are observed text-messaging during class you will be marked absent for the day.

Guests are not allowed. Only those enrolled in the class will be allowed in the room.

Important Dates:

Monday, January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes held, campus closed)

Friday, January 22nd - Last day to drop a full-term class for a refund

Friday, January 29th - Last day to register for a full-term class

Friday, January 29th - Last day to drop a full-term class to avoid a "W"

Friday, February 12th - Lincoln Day (no classes held, campus closed)

Monday, February 15th - Washington Day (no classes held, campus closed)

Friday, March 12th - Last day to drop a full-term class (letter grade assigned after this date)

Monday, March 29th - Friday, April 2nd - Spring Break

Final: TBA

Cheating and Plagiarism

The following is adapted from Fresno City College's website on cheating and plagiarism.

CHEATING

Cheating is the act of deception by which a student misleadingly demonstrates that he/she has mastered information on an academic exercise. Examples include but are not limited to:

- ✓ Copying or allowing another to copy a test, paper, project or performance.
- ✓ Using unauthorized materials during a test, for example, notes, formula lists or "cheat sheets."
- ✓ Taking a test for someone else or permitting someone to take a test for you.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is the act of representing the work of another as one's own without giving credit. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- ✓ Incorporating the ideas or words of another's work without giving appropriate credit.
- ✓ Representing another's artistic or scholarly works, such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, etc., as one's own.
- ✓ Merely changing a few words or making a few structural changes to another's work is still plagiarism when passed off as one's own work.

PENALTIES

Penalties for cheating and plagiarism are severe and can follow you the rest of your college career. At the minimum, you will receive an F on the assignment and a warning, but plagiarizing in a major essay will result in an immediate F for the class and a write-up for your student record. You may also be liable for more severe penalties, up to and including expulsion from the college. **The bottom line is that the college and I take this very seriously and so should you.**

Accommodations

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e. Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

Contact and Conferences

At different times during the semester, a student may need time with me or I may request a conference with him or her. I check my phone messages and email daily at the email address on the front page. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are experiencing a problem, have any questions, need help or clarification from me, or have ideas and suggestions for the class. I am here to help you succeed.

Course Changes

This syllabus may change during the course of the semester to better address the class's needs. A handout explaining the new expectations will accompany such changes.