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Office hours: MW 10:00-12:00 and TR 1:00-2:00

ENGL 0043.XR6: Integrated Reading and Writing online

ENGL 1143.1R6: Academic Research and Writing on campus

Syllabus

Texts:

- Ingraham, Lauren and Jeanne Law Bohannon. *The Writer's Loop: A Guide to College Writing*. Bedford/St. Martins. 2020.

Required digital materials for this course are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. Students are charged for required course materials on their student account with the Business Office. Any students who wish to opt-out of the Program and purchase the required course materials on their own must do so prior to **09/07/21**. **Opt-out instructions are sent to students' official my.msutexas.edu email address after the first day of class. Please contact the MSU Bookstore if you have any questions about the opt-out process.**

Required Materials:

- Note-taking materials
- 2 Blue Books
- D2L/Achieve Access
- Webcam/microphone (for Zoom meetings if necessary)

1143 Course Goals:

- Apply knowledge of rhetoric to make decisions about written communication
- Engage in a writing process that includes invention, drafting, and revision
- Write thesis-based academic arguments that provide strong support and specific details
- Find, evaluate, and synthesize credible sources in support of a research paper

- Use sources ethically and in contextually appropriate ways and follow a designated style guide
- Demonstrate proficient use of Standard Written English
- Additional information about course objectives can be found on the department webpage, <https://msutexas.edu/academics/libarts/english/index.php>.

0043 Course Requirements:

- 25% 4 Grammar and Reading Quizzes (Achieve Final Tests)
- 10% 3 Writing Workshop Assignments
- 25% Homework (Achieve Adaptive Quiz Exercises)
- 20% Research Paper (shared with 1143)
- 10% Portfolio (shared with 1143)
- 10% Final Exam

1143 Course Requirements:

- 10% 2 Peer Review Workshops/ 1 Instructor Conference
- 10% 2 Timed In-Class Essays (350-word min. each)
- 30% 2 Formal, Revised Essays (750-word min. each)
- 20% Researched Academic Argument (1500-word min.) and Annotated Bibliography
- 10% Participation
- 10% Final Portfolio Project
- 10% Final Exam Essay

Dropping the Course: You are enrolled in both ENGL 0043 and 1143 (R section), you may drop one course and remain enrolled in the other under the following condition: If you are taking a beginning or intermediate math course, you may drop ENGL 0043 after October 18, but no sooner in the semester. You may drop 1143 any time before the final drop date, October 25.

Final Exam:

- The ENGL 0043 final exam is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 7, 2021** in D2L.
- The ENGL 1143 final essay exam is scheduled for **Saturday, December 4, 2021** at 10:30am .

Grading Policy: This class will not use the plus/minus grading system. In this class, the following numerical equivalents for final grades are used:

A = 100-90%;
 B = 89-80%;
 C = 79-70%;
 D = 69-60%;
 F = 59-0

Midterm Grades: In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, I will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. I will submit a grade for all students, not just those in danger of failing the course. Midterm

grades will not be reported on the students' transcript; nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give you an idea of where you stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should make an appointment with me and consider visiting the Writing Center.

Submission Format and Policy: All formal assignments are to be typed and formatted – and outside sources documented - according to MLA style. All formal papers will be uploaded into the D2L Assignment folder and/or the Achieve Assignment folder.

By enrolling in this class, the student expressly grants MSU a “limited right” in all intellectual property created by the student for the purpose of this course. The “limited right” shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product in order to verify originality and authenticity, and for educational purposes.

Note: You may not submit a paper for a grade in this class that already has been (or will be) submitted for a grade in another course, unless you obtain the explicit written permission of me and the other instructor involved in advance.

Late Assignment Policy: Late assignments, defined as work not submitted by the start of class on the designated due date, will be accepted, but they will lose 10% of the final grade. Additionally, no late work will be accepted more than 48 hours after the original deadline. If you are unable to come to class on the day an assignment is due, you should still upload it into the D2L Dropbox folder on time to avoid late paper deductions.

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism is the use of someone else's thoughts, words, ideas, or lines of argument in your own work without appropriate documentation (a parenthetical citation at the end and a listing on the Works Cited page)—whether you use that material in a quote, paraphrase, or summary. All formal papers will run through the Turnitin for an originality report. At the very least, plagiarism will result in an F on the assignment; at worst, the consequence will be an F in the course. Offenders will be reported to the Chair of the Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy and/or the Director of Student Conduct.

Students with Disabilities: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 940-397-4140

Safe Zone Statement: The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being – regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided you can agree to disagree. It is the professor's expectation that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

Contacting Your Instructor: Email is the best way to contact me. Please note that I will not always reply over the weekend.

Attendance Policy: It is important that you attend class and arrive on time. If you have a total of more than two weeks' worth (TR 4 classes) of absences (excused or not) the missed

instruction will make it difficult for you to excel in the class. Students who miss class will not be directly penalized, but they will miss out on opportunities for participation and explanations of assignments that could impact the final grade. If you need to miss several classes because of personal reasons, you should alert the Dean of Students office and provide them with the necessary documentation so that they can verify the situation for all of your instructors. Please see the [MSU COVID webpage](#) for more information should you begin to experience COVID-19 symptoms.

Tutoring: Tutoring and Academic Support Programs (TASP) provides free drop-in tutoring for MSU students. Located on the first floor of Moffett Library, TASP's Learning Center provides tutoring support in a number of core courses and subject areas. Please see the schedule for more information about times and offerings. *Remember that you don't need an appointment to utilize these services.*

For Distance Education students, TASP has partnered with Thinkingstorm, an online tutoring company that provides you with high-quality, 24/7 tutoring support. Located at the top of your D2L course page, select the tutoring tab to book an appointment with a tutor.

Writing Proficiency Requirement: All students seeking a Bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University must satisfy a writing proficiency requirement once they have 1) completed 6 hours of Communication Core and 2) earned 60 hours. Students may meet this requirement by passing the Writing Proficiency Exam, passing two Writing Intensive Courses, or passing English 2113. If you have any questions about the exam, visit the [Writing Proficiency Office website](#) or call 397-4131.

Campus Carry Statement: Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at MSU Texas's [Campus Carry page](#).