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Class Time: TR 8-9:20 (1143 1R1) & 11-12:20 (1143 1R4) in BW 117

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(please make appointments and other hours by appointment only -* BAO).

ENGL 1143 1R1 & 1R4: Introduction to Critical Reading and Academic Writing Fall 2024

(Coordinates with 0043 Co-Req. class)

Syllabus

Texts: Required Materials: Let's Talk with Readings by Andrea Lunsford and Michael Brady/
ISBN: 978-1-324-04214-3.

- * **Folder with pockets**
- **Note-taking materials/highlighters**
- **3 blue books**
- **Webcam/Microphone (for Zoom if and when needed)**
- **Use OWL Purdue website to help with Research Paper: owl.purdue.edu**
- **Use Jessica Liu (YouTube) for guidance on “How To” essays by Scribber if needed**

Course Goals:

- Apply key rhetorical concepts through analyzing and composing a variety of texts.
- Engage in a writing process that includes invention, drafting, collaboration, and revision
- Use reading and composing for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating in various rhetorical contexts
- Use strategies – such as interpretation, synthesis, response, critique, and design to compose texts that integrate the writer’s ideas with those from appropriate sources
- Use sources ethically and in contextually appropriate ways and follow a designated style guide
- Demonstrate proficient use of linguistic structures, including grammar and mechanics, through practice in composing and revising
- Additional information about course objectives can be found on the department webpage, <https://msutexas.edu/academics/libarts/english/index.php>.

Course Assignments:

You will receive detailed assignment sheets that explain the specifics for each of these assignments. All essays are in MLA format.

- 5% MLA Final Paragraph and process of formatting
- 10% Reader Response Position Paper (Writing #1)
 - This essay will be written during class in response to rhetoric that we read and discuss together. Relates to CTW: Soft Addictions.
- 5% Formal Essay (from Writing #1) It will be sourced and cited: fully-developed.
- 10% Digital Media/Infographic/Visual Analysis
 - Options: Power Point, Infographic or Meme, or Project of Choice. Examples in D2L, my office, and Internet.
- 10% Proposal Paper
 - You will initiate an action or change – alter people’s thinking.
- 10% Annotated Bibliography
 - You will summarize and evaluate 4+ sources that you consult for the Synthesis Paper.
- 20% Synthesis Paper
 - This is the longest paper you will compose in this class. It will explore various perspectives on a topic of your choosing. You will cite 4+ sources and show connections between them. Start early for guidance along the way.
- 10% Peer Review and Instructor Conferences and Library Instruction Sessions
 - You will participate in conferences with your peers and instructor at various stages of the writing process
- 10% Presentation Prior to Synthesis Paper/Rhetorical Terms Quizzes
 - You will present your research material to the class, your thesis, sources, and explain your goal plan to finish. You will be graded in 4 categories. You will also have three rhetorical terms quizzes over the semester that can enhance your work.
- 10% Other writings such like the first writing, you will compose multiple- paragraphed essays

Final Exams - Start Dec. 7th.

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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 Tutoring & Academic Support Programs Center.

Submission Format and Policy: All formal assignments are to be typed and formatted – and outside sources documented - according to MLA style. Additionally, all formal papers must be printed and submitted in your folder and uploaded into the D2L Dropbox folder unless otherwise instructed.

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. Also, AI (artificial intelligence is not to be used in my classes). You must write using your resources and your own skills.

Access to Microsoft 365: All students are able to download Microsoft Office 365 free of charge using their MSU Texas student email address. To acquire Office 365, please visit <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/education/products/office?ms.officeurl=getoffice365?ms.officeurl=getoffice365> and create an account. ***I strongly recommend it as it will cause fewer compatibility issues with your papers.

University Computer Labs: The University provides four open computer labs throughout the week. These four labs feature access to Microsoft Office Suite for writing and internet access for research. You can find these labs in:

Clark Student Center: 24 hours (Mon.-Sun.)

Dillard 146: Mon.-Thurs. 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Moffett Library: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; Fri. 8-5, Sat. 10 am – 6 pm; Sun/ 2 pm – 10 pm

Legacy Hall: 24 hours (Mon. – Sun.)

Late Assignment Policy: Late assignments will not be accepted. Additionally, no late work will be accepted more than 48 hours after the original deadline if special considerations are considered. 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 as well as Artificial Intelligence. 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.

For more info about this policy and appeal go to page 55 in the Student's Handbook <http://msutexas.edu/student-life/assets/files/handbook.pdf>.

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: Calling me during office hours is the best way to contact me: 940-397-4325.

Attendance Policy: It is the same as 0043's policy. You must attend class regularly and arrive on time whether we are in class or in Zoom or working in D2L. One absence can set you back – please stay on task. It is your responsibility to be present, physically or virtually, to be prepared, and to succeed. Coming to class provides you with the tools you need to meet the objectives and requirements of this course. It helps your participation grade as well. You will be dismissed without materials and counts as absent. Contact me if you cannot attend or join us in Zoom and tell me why. Being in Zoom does not excuse you from attendance, but it may help you keep up with the class. Please make sure you are in your assigned seat as I will take roll each class day and enforce the following:

You are allowed 4 absences (that is two weeks of school for 1143)– excused or not. It will make it difficult to excel when you miss. I will drop you on the 5th absence in 0043 and 1143. Please be aware of the consequences you could create. Check with your advisor. You will lose ten points for each absence off your participation grade as well.

Each tardy counts as a ½ absence. Again, for every absence you have, 10 points will be deducted from your participation grade as well. In case of hospitalization or death of a family member, or other reasons for the need of absences, please contact the Dean of Students at 397-7500.

“Authorized Absences” (see MSU Student Bulletin) will not be counted in this total. Such absences, though, do not excuse students from turning in required work on time. Please be aware that instructors may drop students from class rolls for lack of appropriate participation (See MSU Student Bulletin and Student Handbook). You may also see the Dean of Students.

If you miss work for whatever reason, it will be your responsibility to find out what you have missed and how **or if** it can be made up. Missing work will be averaged as a zero. Being absent will not be considered sufficient reason to excuse you from completing required work.

Dropping this course with a W can only be done the week preceding the university’s official extended drop date, **Monday, November. 25th by 4 p.m.** You may drop the course with a grade of W at that time if you have not exceeded the number of absences allowed in the course and if reducing your course load does not affect your enrollment at MSU. Remember this is a 3 hour course.

If you are enrolled in this course on the basis of required remediation, you will not be permitted to drop the course unless you are enrolled in another developmental course. A student in need of developmental education must be enrolled in developmental education each semester.

The MSU Undergraduate Catalog states, **“An instructor may drop a student anytime during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for disruptive conduct.”** MSU’s policy for developmental education requires an instructor to drop a student with an F. Students who withdraw themselves from the course or who are dropped by the instructor or who do not pass the course with a grade of C/70 or better must repeat the course

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.

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](#).

Daily Schedule of Readings and Assignments:

Room: BW 117: Course Calendar: I reserve the right to modify this course as I see necessary. Please have it with you daily to note any changes as we progress. With the exception of test grades/final drafts/final exams, you may re-do work below a 70 if you set up a tutorial, too. The grade can be upgraded to a 70 IF it meets the standards or shows significant improvement – must be into me by time allowed as well. Note: Please follow 0043 for the readings on writing as instructed as we incorporate them in both 0043 and 1143.

Week	Date	Do This Before Class	Do This In Class
1	TUES. August 26th	Get familiar with D2L. All chapters assigned are meant to be referral chapters for your work as well.	Introductions Syllabus/Handouts Read <u>Let's Talk Ch. 20 – MLA p. 305 – 356.</u>
	THUR. Aug. 29th Review Rubrics!	Also, look at paper examples in D2L. Watch power point on Synthesis essays in D2L.	Discuss: Academic Goals and Expectations Read: Ch. 8 Arguing p.99 Rhetorical Terms given – study daily. W1-W5 steps will be taught.
2	TUES. Sept. 3rd	Keep reading, perusing, and annotating!	Build a thesis to build a 4 par. Essay Intro & Body par. 1 -3 & conclusion
	THUR. Sept. 5 th visit the library/D2L ***	Write in and or during class Visit library – start gathering 6 sources for research paper. Ideas to discuss.	Discuss: how to go on with the paper – Outline – Read ch. 14 “Finding Sources” p . 242 - -262. Rhetorical context (audience, genre, topic, purpose. Continue to write and finish. Study terms! HW: 2 sources for formal paper.
3	TUES. Sept. 10th	Don't forget studying terms! Read. Ch. 18 “Quoting, Paraphrasing, Summarizing” p. 283-304	Discuss: Rhetorical Appeals: ethos, logos, pathos, and kairos. These are used to appeal to an audience. Do they work? Research Paper readiness. 6 sources required. Get busy! Get a blue book!
	THUR. Sept. 12th	Bring blue book to class.	Writing #1 Position Paper – Formal Paper Due Sept. 26 th .

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4	TUES. Sept. 17th	Come prepared! Keep working on research paper and study rhetorical terms!	Annotated Bibliography ch. 16 p. 272-276. Discuss how to turn TW#1 into a formal cited essay.
	THUR. Sept. 19 th	Do your reading!	Work in class on annot. bib . Study rhetorical terms. Test on 26 th .
5	TUES. Sept. 24th	Write: Work on Revisions W#1	Revision Workshop HW: Finalize #1 and type it. Study terms for Thursday.
	THUR. Sept. 26th	Turn in #1 RD and Formal Position Paper today! Catch up Day!	Quiz #1 on rhetorical terms! Catch up/Questions? Research Status? Position Paper Due.
6	TUES. Oct. 1st	Read: Stay up with CTW Readings and Let's Talk Ch. 18 p. 293 "Quoting, Paraph., & Summary.	Discuss: Proposal Paper – see ex. in D2L. Outline it. See D2L ex. Refer to ch. 14 for databases /sources. p.242.
	THUR. Oct. 3rd	Continue reading ch. 14 "Finding Sources."	Continues... Rhet. Quiz 2 Oct. 10th! HW: Proposal Paper work – synthesis short 10 min. preps.
7	TUES. Oct. 8th	Got an idea for your digital media /infographic/visual analysis project? Due Nov. 19th! COMES FASTER THAN YOU THINK!!!	Continues with proposal paper. Continue prepping for synthesis short presentation – 4 sources - Read: Ch. 27 "Print" (oral) – p. 475-493. Infographic/Meme/PPT/project Study terms! Proposal Paper Due OCT. 15TH.
	Date	Do This Before Class	Do This In Class
	THUR. Oct. 10th	Research paper topic? Read more about a synthesis paper in Ch. 17 p. 277-282. Also, use ch. 14 referral.	Rhetorical Quiz #2 Discuss topics and research issues for a synthesis paper – Synthesis Paper p. 217 – See ex. In D2l, too. Beg. Research – use ch. 14 – p. 242 + "Finding Sources."

			Start 10 minute presentations on Oct. 15th. Handout.
8	TUES. Oct. 15th	Read Understanding Digital Media/Infographics Ch. 28 "Oral."p. 282-487.	Proposal Paper Due. Synthesis.... Short Presentations on Synthesis Paper begin / share with class.
	THUR. Oct. 17th	Write: Research Paper continues	More about Digital Media... 10 min. Presentations ! Last Day to Drop date with a "W" by 4pm is Monday, Nov. 25th!
9 Set up Conferences Oct. 31 st , Nov. 5 th & 7th Presentation Dates set , too: NOV. 14 TH THRU Dec. 5 th .	TUES. Oct. 22nd	Read: Understanding Digital Media/Infographics Continues...Ch. 29 p. 494 "Digital." ?'s -ask in class. Media Projects?	Discuss: Research Questions Finding sources Evaluating sources Synthesis layers. Media Projects. Happy with work yet? Study terms! 10 min. presentations end. Rhet. Quiz #3! Last One!!
	THUR. Oct. 24th	Be prepared!	Be prepared to work! That's part of the plan. What do you need?
Week	Date	Do This Before Class	Do This In Class
10	TUES. Oct. 29th	Work on drafts Re-read ch. 14 p. 242	Discuss: Integrating Sources Templates Practice – look at previous chapters for reference.
	THUR. Oct. 31st	Work on drafts while conferences in session	Schedule Instructor Conference in my office to work on papers
11	TUES. Nov. 5th	Work on revisions even as you are in conference	Schedule Instructor Conference in my office to work on papers
	Thur. NOV. 7TH	Work on revisions	Conferences end. Do not procrastinate! Remember that presentations start on Nov. 14th!
			YOU CAN DO IT!

12	TUES. Nov. 12 th	Write: Rough draft – bring 2 copies of your rough draft to class – work on final drafts	Work continues on research paper <i>Peer Review takes place – do not forget copies of work.</i> Questions and Discussions on paper Presentations start Nov. 14 th . ! Be prepared.
	THUR. Nov. 14 th	Work on final drafts.	RESEARCH PAPER DUE Nov. 19th. Presentations Start
13	TUES. Nov. 19 th	Digital Media Presentations – You can do it!	Research Paper due today! Presentations
	THUR. Nov. 21 st	Presentations continue. We are almost there, guys!	Presentations You got this!
14	TUES. Nov. 26 th	Presentations continue...	Presentations
	Nov. 28 th	THANKSGIVING BREAK FROM 27 TH – 29 TH (Wed. thru Fri.) Presentations ... when you return though	
15	TUES. Dec. 3 rd	Presentations....	Presentations continue Questions about writing? Grammar? Sentence Structure?
	THUR. Dec. 5 th	Finish up!	Continue Pres./Finish up! Last Day of Class!
16	Finals Begin	Dec. 7 th – be prepared for your other finals!	Questions? Bless you all!