

Summer I 2008

English 165 Composition II

Class schedule: MTWThF

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TEXTS:

Lundsford, Ronald F., and Bill Bridges. *The Longwood Guide to Writing*.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

ENG 165, Composition II, continues the study of skills and methods used in writing university-level essays, with an emphasis on researched argument and persuasion. This course emphasizes the development and support of effective argumentation, including researching and using support from various sources. It also includes an oral report component. ENG 165 is the second half of SHSU's two-semester freshman composition sequence.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Through a sequence of writing, reading, and workshop assignments, you'll learn to:

- *strengthen your composing process,
- *strengthen your argumentative skills,
- *strengthen your analytical reading and critical thinking skills,
- *strengthen your ability to conduct research,
- *strengthen your oral presentation skills, and
- *use collaborative learning in various contexts.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- *Prepare for, attend, and participate in class activities. Excessive absences may adversely affect your grade (see Absence Policy statement below).
- *Write three research-based essays of varying lengths
- *Develop an annotated bibliography based on your research for the session
- *Give an oral presentation based on your research
- *Participate in group discussion/ blog

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

ENG 165W is a "Writing Enhanced" course, so that at least 50 percent of the semester's grade must be based on writing. In this course, at least 70 percent of your grade will derive from writing.

- *Essays (3): 60%
- *Group discussion/ blog: 10%
- *Annotated Bibliography: 10%
- *Oral presentation 10%
- *Final exam 10%

ABSENCE POLICY:

- *All students are expected to attend every class. (See above course requirements)
- *A student is allowed a total of three absences (excused or unexcused) during the semester without any penalty being imposed. After the fourth absence, the student's semester grade may be adversely affected.
- *Any student who misses 15+ minutes of class will be considered absent. If a student is tardy, and the roll has been taken, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of his/her presence in the class immediately after class.
- *Absence on the day an assignment is due does not exempt the student from fulfilling the assignment. *It is the student's responsibility to keep up with the assignment schedule.*

CLASSROOM POLICY:

- *I reserve the right to change the course schedule if the need arises. Please keep your calendar handy.
- *If you are having trouble with the assignments, ***please contact me*** during my office hours, or contact me through e-mail or voice mail.
- * **Late papers** will be penalized with a deduction of **15 points** each day the paper is late (no matter what the excuse).
- *All papers should be typed, black ink, 10-12 point font.
- *Please come prepared for each class with note taking materials and text.
- *Please turn off phones and beepers
- *Please no tobacco products or food in the classroom.
- *I reserve the right to invite a student to leave the classroom should his/her behavior warrant it.

Incomplete (X) Grade

At times, due to extenuating circumstances beyond your control, you may not be able to finish the course, and you may request a grade of X (incomplete). Students who request an X grade for ENG 165 must provide adequate documentation of the reason for their not being able to complete the course, and they must have satisfactorily completed at least 50 percent of the course's assignments in order to be eligible for a grade of X. If an instructor feels an X to be warranted, the instructor will recommend this grade to the Department Chair who then will decide whether the X should be entered as the semester's grade. If an X is approved, the student has one semester to complete the remaining work; if the student does not complete the work in that time period, the X grade automatically converts to an F.

Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct

It is academically dishonest, and often illegal, to present someone else's ideas of writing as your own. You cannot use even short phrases or parts of sentences obtained from other sources unless you properly document those sources. Documentation includes marking quotations as well as providing notes, citations, and a reference list. If you receive assistance from a source other than your instructor, your colleagues in the class, or The Writing Center, then you must acknowledge that assistance. Identify the source and the nature of the assistance in an acknowledgments note at the end of the assignment. Failure to acknowledge constitutes academic misconduct. In addition, it is academically dishonest to submit your own previously written work for a current assignment or to submit an assignment in more than one class without the prior permission of the instructors.

You will be held responsible for furnishing upon request all the sources and preliminary work (notes, rough drafts, etc.) that you used to prepare written assignments. If you cannot produce those materials upon request, the assignment will be considered incomplete and so will not fulfill the requirements. You will be given the opportunity to redo the assignment on a different topic, one you negotiate with your instructor.

You are responsible for protecting your own work. It is your responsibility to ensure that other students do not copy your work or submit it as their own. Allowing your work to be used in this manner constitutes academic misconduct.

Plagiarism and academic misconduct of any kind may constitute grounds for failing this course and may result in further disciplinary action according to university policy. Consult the *SHSU Student Handbook* regarding your responsibilities and rights concerning plagiarism and academic dishonesty. (In addition, writing textbooks often contain useful discussion of plagiarism.)

Your instructor may require that you submit all of your essays to a plagiarism detecting service such as turnitin.com. Your enrolling in the course and electing to stay in that section constitutes your agreeing to submit your work as your instructor requires.

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:

Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

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Students with Disabilities Policy:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

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