

**Miami Dade College - Homestead Campus**

**Spring 2008**

## **English Composition 1 - ENC 1101**

**Instructor: Neal Vives**

**Room: TBA**

**M/W Nine:25 AM to 10:40 AM**

### *Course Description*

English Composition 1 emphasizes developing and applying the skills of personal and informational writing and efficient reading. This course will help students establish the base for language skills that will continue to be developed and enhanced through continuing college experiences, including writing and reading in the courses of all disciplines. Students will also learn how to conduct honest academic research and use outside sources appropriately in their essays.

I look forward to a challenging and thought provoking semester. Please keep in mind that the subject matter covered in this class **requires extensive and concentrated readings throughout the semester and focused research as assigned.**

It is not enough to just attend lectures and participate now and then. Students must be ready to do the readings, classwork and the homeworks in a serious and committed manner. The main requirement for this course is a sincere desire for knowledge and a love of the search.

### **Textbook**

**Lunsford, A., Ruszkiewicz, J.J., & Walters, K. - 2007 Ed. Everything's an Argument: With Readings - 4th ed; Boston: Bedford/ St. Martin's.**

Rec. Text: **Maimon, E.P., Peritz, J.H., & Yancy, K.B. - 2007 The New McGraw-Hill Handbook**

Various handouts to be provided by the instructor at no cost to students

### **Students with Disabilities**

Students with verified disabilities are entitled to appropriate accommodation. Please contact the appropriate Disabled Student Programs/Services on campus regarding any need you may have for special accommodations in meeting the requirements of this course.

### *To Contact Instructor*

Office location and hours will be announced in class. Please make an appointment in advance.

### *Homework Assignments*

Homework is intended as proof of careful and thoughtful preparation for class. Hence, it is due at the beginning of the period on the date listed, and may not be handed in late. Student must be in attendance to hand in homework (no excuses or exceptions). It must be typed/word-processed on a standard sized (8-1/2 x 11") sheet of paper with identifying student heading and all questions typed in prior to the answer and should be carefully saved with back-up files for your future reference. I will mark your homework and return it to you within a week or two. There are 10 homework assignments, worth 10 points each, for a total of **100 points.**

### *Attendance and Participation in Course Discussion*

Regular attendance and participation in class discussions, group projects, etc. is crucial to your success in this class, just as it will one day be crucial to your success in the career of your choice. You will be expected to show up on time, be prepared for class, treat others with respect, listen and speak thoughtfully, and so forth. Students will be dropped for excessive absences - see student contract.

## Four Quizzes

Four unannounced quizzes will be given this semester. Each is worth 20 points for a total of **80 points**. Please have scantrons available at each class meeting. There are no make-ups for quizzes.

## One Oral Presentation

During the semester you will be assigned an individual oral presentation on one of the topics in the syllabus. You will be expected to do the research and present to the class your findings, arguments, etc. More on the particulars of this assignment will be provided and discussed in class prior to your presentation. It is worth **40 points**

## Writing Assignments

In order to comply with the system wide **Gordon Rule** requirement I have instituted regular in class and out of class writing assignments. There will be 3 major essays and one major research paper. Students will earn from 0 to 40 points e.g, A=40 points; B=30 points; C=20 points and so on. Some papers will be graded after a timed first draft in class while others will be given as homework and/or research papers - with various drafts - as per the criterias, expectations, etc. of the type of essay involved. **0-160 points**

## In Class Writing Assignments

Throughout the semester there will be approximately 10 in class writing assignments. The in class writing assignments will be graded on a scale of from 0 - 4 points each. The main objective of these short writing samples is to provide students with an ongoing forum in which they are able to read, critically evaluate and creatively respond to various class readings while providing the instructor with another avenue from which to gauge the students evolving abilities for critical analysis; **0 - 40 points**

## Group Project

There will be at least one major group project for which students will be held accountable for fulfilling all the required research, homeworks, questionnaires, etc. **40 points**

## Course Schedule

ALTHOUGH STUDENTS MAY BE DROPPED FOR FAILING TO ATTEND CLASS (USUALLY TWO CONSECUTIVE ABSENCES), ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSURING TIMELY WITHDRAWAL RESTS WITH THE STUDENT. STUDENTS SEEKING AN "I" (INCOMPLETE) GRADE MUST FILE A PETITION WITH THEIR INSTRUCTOR (BEFORE THE FINAL DATE) CITING "UNFORSEEABLE, EMERGENCY, AND JUSTIFIABLE" REASONS.

NOTE: **This schedule may be changed at the discretion of the instructor.**

Week	Pages	Author(s)	Homework
1/nine	TPB xvii-5;	Syllabus, Intro - Vives	TBA
1/14-16		The Art of Persuasion	TBA
21-23	3-44	Everything is an Argument	p.43-44 # 1,2,4,6
28-30	45-58	Pathos	p.58 Pick any two questions
2/4-6	60-77	Ethos	p.77 # 1,4 +Group Poject Writing
11-13	Group Project		
18-20	Group Project		
25-27	Group Project		
3/3-5	78 - 100	Logos	p. 100 - 101 # 1-4
10-12	102 - 134	Thinking Rhetorically	p.135 # 2,3
17- nineteen	135 - 171	Structuring Arguments	p.172 - 173 # 1 + TBA
24-26	173 - 216	Arguments of Facts	p.200 # 1 + TBA
3/31- 4/2	As assigned	Oral Presentations	
4/7 - nine	As assigned	Oral Presentation	
14-16	As assigned	Oral Presentations	Review for final
21 - 23	As assigned	Oral Presentations	Review for final
4/28	All	All	Final Exam