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Required Texts

Course Description
This course has two components. First, this course is a continuation of 1101 and thus will focus on honing writing skills beyond the levels achieved in 1101. We will stress critical reading skills and attempt to incorporate them into a further development of effective argumentative writing.

Second, this course will teach electronic research methodology and will also teach how to incorporate both electronic and print research into well-structured argumentative essays.

Course Objectives
After completing this course, the student should:
- Be familiar with the electronic databases available through Galileo
- Be familiar with electronic research tools available through the Internet
- Be able to effectively incorporate both electronic research and print research into argumentative essays
- Critically assess a wide variety of texts and analyze them rhetorically

Assignments

Essays (4) (60%)
There will be four out of class essays, each of which will be in response to handouts that will be distributed in class. Three of the essays will be 3-4 pages, and the final essay, which we will work on throughout the semester, will be 6-7 pages.

Galileo Database Presentation (15%)
You will give a 15-minute presentation on one of the databases available through Galileo in which will tell us how the database is structured, what it can be used for, and provide a demonstration of how it works. More details to follow.
Annotated Bibliography (15%)
You will compile an annotated bibliography of at least three electronic sources and three print sources to be used in the writing of your final 6-7 page paper.

Attendance and Participation (10%)
Over the course of the fifteen week semester we will meet seven times in 303 Classroom South to address the electronic component of this class. You are required to attend five of these meetings. Consider it like a lab session of a science class, especially in that you will be unable to make up anything you miss in these “lab” sessions.

Special Note
Experience with computers is not necessary for successful completion of this course, but you do need to secure your GSU network username and password as soon as you can. These are the username and password you would use for your GSU email account. To learn your username and password, you can go to the first floor of both Library South and Library North and set up your account there.

An email account is also a requirement for this course. You can use your own personal account or you can use the free account you get through Georgia State. Either way, please be prepared to check it at least once a week.

Accommodations for Students with Special Needs
Students who need accommodations are asked to arrange a meeting during office hours or at another mutually convenient time during the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. Bring a copy of your Student Accommodations Form to the meeting. If you do not have an Accommodations Form but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Disability Services (Suite 230, New Student Center, Extension 3-9044) to make arrangements.
Policies

Attendance: You may miss up to two of the Lab sessions, and you may miss up to two regular class sessions. Missing more than these limits may adversely affect your final grade.

Late Work: Late work will be penalized a letter grade.

Peer Edit Workshops: On days set aside for peer edit workshops, you must bring three copies of your essay to class. This will count toward your attendance and participation grade.

Essay Formatting: All out-of-class assignments must be typed with one-inch margins and in 12 point Times New Roman font.

Email: I try to respond to my email as quickly as possible but there are times when a message might sit for a day or two. Please note: I do not accept assignments by email.

Course Website: Please visit the course website often. Updates on assignments will be posted there, as will in class exercises.
Lab Schedule

Lab 1  Introduction to Galileo; on-campus and off campus access.
Lab 2  Database Presentations
Lab 3  Database Presentation
Lab 4  Humanities Databases and Business & Economics Databases; treasure Hunt
Lab 5  Social Sciences; treasure hunt; remaining databases of students’ choice

“Treasure hunt” results count toward your attendance and participation grade and cannot be made up.

Class Schedule

Week 1
Tuesday August 26  Introduction, Syllabus, Academic Honesty
Thursday August 28  Diagnostic Essay

Week 2
Tuesday September 2  Discuss Diagnostic Essay Issues
Assign Essay 1, Essay 4, Annotated Bibliography
AIC Introduction: xiii-xviii;
AIC Chapter 6: pp. 327-342
Thursday September 4  Usage and grammar review
20 Most Common Student Mistakes
AIC Chapter 6: pp. 343-398

Week 3
Tuesday September 9  AIC Chapter 5: pp. 221-235
Thursday September 11  LAB 1 – Meet in CS 303

Week 4
Tuesday September 16  Essay 1 Drafts due to exchange for peer review
Introduction to Rhetoric
AIC Chapter 1: pp. 1-16; 43-54
Thursday September 18  Peer workshop Essay 1

Week 5
Tuesday September 23  ESSAY 1 DUE; Assign Essay 2
AIC Chapter 2 (Ethos): pp. 67-72; 84-93
Thursday September 25  AIC Chapter 3 (Pathos): pp. 109-112; 121-128

Week 6
Tuesday September 30  Return Essay 1; workshop errors from Essay 1
Thursday October 2  LAB 2 – Meet in CS 303
**Week 7**
Tuesday October 7  Essay 2 Drafts due to exchange papers for peer review
Thursday October 9  *AIC* Chapter 4 (Logos): pp. 139-163; 182-193

**Week 8**
Tuesday October 14  **ESSAY 2 DUE;** Assign Essay 3
Thursday October 16  Return Essay 2; workshop errors from Essay 2
Friday October 17  **SEMESTER MIDPOINT – LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW AND RECEIVE “W”**

**Week 9**
Tuesday October 21  **LAB 3 – Meet in CS 303**
Thursday October 23  *AIC* Chapter 7: pp. 445-455; 471-482

**Week 10**
Tuesday October 28  Essay 3 Drafts due to exchange for peer review
Thursday October 30  *AIC* Chapter 8: pp. 499-506

**Week 11**
Tuesday November 4  **ESSAY 3 DUE**
Thursday November 6  *AIC* Chapter 9: pp. 555-562

**Week 12**
Tuesday November 11  Conferences; Return Essay 3
Thursday November 13  Conferences; Return Essay 3

**Week 13**
Tuesday November 18  **Annotated Bibliography Due**
Thursday November 20  Essay 4 Drafts due to exchange for peer review
*AIC* Chapter 10: pp. 619-626; 656-673
Peer workshop Essay 4

**Week 14**
Tuesday November 25  **Thanksgiving Holiday**
Thursday November 27  **Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Week 15**
Tuesday December 2  Essay 4 Due; Return Annotated Bibliographies
Thursday December 4  *AIC* Chapter 11: pp. 711-724
LAB 5 – Meet in CS 303
Week 16
Tuesday December 9  Return Essay 4
Peer workshop Essay 4 for revision
Thursday December 11  Last day of class; Final Essay due with revisions