

Course Prefix, Number, Title & Credit Hours: ENGL 492 D01 & D02, Computer Supported Collaborative Writing

Course Syllabus

Collaborative Writing, 3 credit hours

Dakota State University

Academic Term, Year: Fall, 2008

Course Meeting Time and Location:: Internet Delivery

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Course Description: Principles and practices of successful team writing using a variety of computer applications.

Course Prerequisites:

Prerequisites: CSC 105 and a grade of C or better in ENGL 101.

Description of Instructional Methods: Students learn to write by writing. Lessons and assignments are developed to engage students and facilitate learning. (ACTIVE LEARNING)

Course Requirements:

Required Textbook(s) and Other Materials:

Assigned readings, for the most part, are to be initiated by the students in the course. Some will be provided by the instructor. There is no required textbook.

Class attendance Policy: Students are expected to check the "News" widget on the course home page each day to stay informed about course activity and assignments. Students are expected to communicate as required, using the D2L discussion board, email, Elluminate, and/or Skype, and they are expected to complete assignments on time.

Students who remain inactive in the course for two weeks will be asked to withdraw.

Cheating & plagiarism policy:

Academic Honesty: Cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty run contrary to the purpose of higher education and will not be tolerated in this course. Please be advised that, when the instructor suspects plagiarism, the Internet and other standard means of plagiarism detection will be used to resolve the instructor's concerns. DSU's policy on academic integrity (DSU Policy 04-05-00) is available online at

<http://www.departments.dsu.edu/hr/newsite/policies/040500.htm>

Academic dishonesty includes giving, receiving or using unauthorized aid on any academic work. The definition of academic dishonesty and the procedure for handling it are described in detail in the current version of the student handbook. You should read and understand this material.

If a student plagiarizes an assignment, he or she will receive a failing grade for that assignment. If the same student plagiarizes a second time, that student will receive a failing grade for the course and be subject to possible disciplinary action by the University which may include expulsion from the institution.

The Professor reserves the right to modify this course syllabus to better meet student needs.

University Deadlines:

Add/Drop Deadline: September 11th is the last day to add a full semester class or

drop a full semester course and receive 100% refund.

Withdraw Deadline: November 17th is the last day to withdraw from a full semester course or all courses and receive a grade of "W".

Evaluation Procedures:

Final course evaluation will reflect the following valuation of collaborative writing activities:

Research Blogging.....33%

Developmental Editing.....33%

Formal Writing.....33%

Freedom in Learning Statement:

Students are responsible for learning the content of any course of study in which they are enrolled. Under Board of Regents and University policy, student academic performance shall be evaluated solely on an academic basis and students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study. It has always been the policy of Dakota State University to allow students to appeal the decisions of faculty, administrative, and staff members and the decisions of institutional committees. Students who believe that an academic evaluation is unrelated to academic standards but is related instead to judgment of their personal opinion or conduct should contact the dean of the college which offers the class to initiate a review of the evaluation.

ADA Statement: If there is any student in this class who, due to a disability, has need for nonstandard note taking, test taking, or other course modification, please contact the DSU ADA Coordinator, Keith Bundy, 256-5121, located in the lower level of the Trojan Center, as soon as possible. The web site for requesting accommodations is: http://www.departments.dsu.edu/disability_services/ . Please be sure to fill out this form and be able to provide documentation verifying your disability.

(Please to the next page to read the course outline, a part of the syllabus otherwise known as the assignment schedule.)

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ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Week 1

- Course introduction
- Initial readings
- Schedule first conference call
- Install and test Firefox 3.0.1 + Scrapbook Add on

Week 2

- First conference call
- Discussion of initial readings
- Set up WordPress.com blogs and feeds
- Set up delicious.com feeds
- Set up blog subscriptions in Google Reader

Week 3

- Second conference call
- Research, Blogging, Discussion

Week 4

- Third conference call
- Research, Blogging, Discussion

Week 5

- Fourth conference call
- Mapping the research
 - Use of Mindomo to create collaborative discourse map

Week 6

- Fifth conference call
- Shaping the research

Week 7

- Sixth conference call
- Drafting the article (this article will be written on the subject of some aspect of collaboration, written by all members of the class together)
 - Use of Zoho Writer to create collaborative draft

Week 8

- Revising the article

Week 9

- Seventh conference call
- Assessing the process

Week 10

- Redesigned process

Week 11

- Redesigned process

Week 12

- Redesigned process

Week 13

- Redesigned process

Week 14

- Redesigned process

Week 15

- Presentations

Week 16

- Exam