

English 1150-012 English Composition I - Fall 2015

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Specific Objectives for English 1150

- **Reading**—This is a writing class and you will read a lot. You will improve your ability to closely and critically read a text, analyze its argument, connect it with other texts, and use reading to inform your writing.
- **Discussion**—This class works best with a community of active participants and collaborators. Be prepared to contribute your ideas in small groups and large class discussion. Being active involves respectful contribution and attentive listening. You will be expected to pay attention to the conversation and to become a part of it.
- **Writing**—To write clearly and effectively, in a variety of genres and modes, demonstrating critical thinking, mindfulness, and audience awareness. We will read, discuss, and write in order to develop as a community of writers. You will be expected to write several drafts, provide and receive feedback during workshops, and explore revision as a means to develop your ideas into better and more effective drafts. By the end of the semester you should be able to structure an essay with a clear thesis, sufficient evidence, effective sentence fluency, and standard conventions.
- **Process**—To develop and reinforce your understanding of writing as a recursive process that can be used to discover, generate, and explore ideas; organize and present information and evidence; revise texts, and designs for clear communication.
- **Genre Analysis and Awareness**—To develop an awareness of genre and to analyze how writing operates and changes in response to genre; writing is contextual, arises in social situations, and recurs within those situations in which participants have particular roles. By developing genre awareness, you should see how genre is a type of social knowledge that guides communication and language use.
- **Rhetorical Awareness**—To be able to select the best available means in any composing situation, considering audience, purpose, medium, and genre.
- **Thinking**—To advance your conception of academic writing as a means to explore, evaluate, and communicate ideas, as well as to challenge or extend the thinking of others.
- **Reflection**—We will use reflection to become more attentive and aware of ourselves and how we relate to each other. We will reflect on our reading, writing, discussion, revision, and process throughout the course to better prepare an understanding of these concepts and skills in other contexts.
- **Portfolios**—As writing occurs in context we will be creating and showcasing portfolios throughout the semester that highlight the best work that has been done. These portfolios will represent revision and reflection and serve as a representation your best work. They will be worked on throughout the semester and presented at the end of the term.

Required Texts and Materials

From the Heartland: Critical Reading and Writing at UNO. Christensen and Kennedy, eds. 2nd Edition. Hayden-McNeil, 2014.

Portfolio Keeping: A Guide for Students. Reynolds and Davis, eds. 3rd Edition. Bedford-St. Martins, 2013.

Online Handbook: the [Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/) at Purdue University.
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Use of your UNO Box account for your electronic portfolio. This will be generated and added to throughout the semester. Specifics for the design and presentation of the portfolio will be proposed and generated throughout the semester.

Active use of your UNO electronic accounts, including g-mav, Blackboard, Box (box.unomaha.edu), and other class sites as needed. If you do not have access to the Internet from home, plan to spend time in one of the computer labs on campus. If necessary, email your work to yourself or use a flash or thumb drive. No excuses for not being able to access your work.

Teaching Philosophy

Writing is not just putting words onto paper. It is getting out the stuff of thought, playing with it, and finding the best way to say our thoughts. The act of writing allows us to enter into a conversation with a context, audience, and history; writing is something active and alive. In order to produce our best writing we need to understand and utilize revision and collaboration as invaluable pieces in this process.

I look forward to reading your writing as it often surprises me and helps me make new connections to the world. **You are successful when you seek out what you want to know, what needs to be said, and how best to say it.**

Attendance and Student Responsibility

I expect you to be on time and attend every class. Since we will meet twice a week, your attendance is necessary in order for you and your classmates to benefit from the workshop environment. I will allow four (4) absences, two full weeks of class meetings, for any reason. **If you miss more than four (4) class periods, you will not earn credit for the course.** If this will be an issue, consider withdrawing from the class and taking ENGL 1150 during a different semester.

Come to all class periods with assigned work completed and ready to discuss. Come to workshops with drafts completed, copies for your peer group, and ready to discuss. Workshop and peer review are vital to the success of this class and the revision process, therefore the workshop days count heavily towards the class participation grade. **Be sure to show up and to be prepared for the workshop days, 9/21, 9/28, 10/21, 11/18, 12/7, and 12/16 (Our scheduled final).**

Conferences count toward your revision points for each essay. Please be respectful of my time (and yours!) and come to conferences with a copy of your essay to work on. Conferences will generally be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the week they are scheduled.

Check Blackboard regularly. This is my main avenue of communication with you. All assignments, the syllabus, schedule, and additional class materials will be posted on Blackboard. All assigned work is to be posted to the appropriate assignment page by the time that it is due. If you need assistance with using Blackboard, please let me know. There may be activities on Blackboard during the times that class is canceled due to inclement weather or instructor absence.

Short writings of 300-500 words will be due prior to class. Specific assignment criteria will be posted on Blackboard and the short writings should be submitted to the assignment page prior to the start of class. Bring an electronic or paper copy of your short writings to class for writing work and to facilitate discussion.

Specific criteria for each assignment will be provided in class and on Blackboard. **You must turn in ALL major projects to pass this class.** In addition, several drafts of each project will be due in class for review and revision before the due dates listed.

All files must be saved in .doc(x) or .rtf format. Back up all of your work through email, Box, or other cloud storage throughout the semester. Save all versions of your paper to include in your

Major Assignments and Due Dates

	DUE DATE	POINTS
Technology and Identity	Sep 30	150
Food	Nov 2	150
Unlearning	Nov 30	150
Final Portfolio	Dec 14	325
Short Writings	----	150
Participation*	----	75
Total		1000

*Participation is heavily weighted towards participation within the writing groups, workshops, and peer response.

Course Requirements and Grading

Projects are due on the indicated dates, no excuses! If a paper or project is turned in late, the grade will be lowered.

In this course, you will submit written work in which you make use of information and ideas found in print or online sources. Whenever you use material from another writer, it is important that you quote or paraphrase appropriately and cite the source. Please read pp. 8-9 of *From the Heartland* carefully.

Grading

The course grade explanations are listed below, as designated by the UNO Faculty Senate in the undergraduate catalog. Simply attending class and turning in all work does not guarantee an "A" or even a "C." Here is the course grading scale:

Outstanding	A+ = 97-100%	A = 93-96%	A- = 90-92%
Proficient	B+ = 87-89%	B = 83-86%	B- = 80-82%

Satisfactory	C+ = 77-79%	C = 73-76%	C- = 70-72%
Below Standard	D+ = 67-69%	D = 63-66%	D- = 60-62%
Failing	F = Below 60%		

Please note: I do not give grades; you earn them. Work accordingly!

Writing Center

I encourage you to visit the Writing Center (ASH 150) to work on your papers at any stage of the writing process, whether you are gathering ideas or revising a draft. The Writing Center offers assistance to writers at all levels. Be sure to bring your assignment. To make an appointment stop by ASH 150, Call (402) 554-2946, or visit writingcenter.unomaha.edu

Revision Policy

Revisions may be completed for the three major essay assignments. However, you must first receive permission to revise the assignment. A written plan for how and what you will revise must be submitted to me by email or in person. This plan must be both specific and thorough. I suggest that you have a conference with me to develop this revision plan. Upon approval of the plan, you may revise your assignment. Revisions will only be accepted if they are accompanied by the original, graded assignment and the approved revision plan. These revisions may be completed at any time during the semester as long as they are turned in by noon on Friday 12/12.

Emergencies

In case of inclement weather, class is only canceled if UNO is closed. If I have an emergency and need to cancel class, I will notify you by Blackboard and email by 10am.

Plagiarism

Never let it appear that ideas and information gleaned from other sources are your own. The UNO Academic Integrity policy defines plagiarism as "presenting the work of another as one's own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source) and submitting . . . academic work in whole or in part as one's own when such work has been prepared by another person or copied from another person." Failure to cite sources appropriately is plagiarism, a serious academic offense. Plagiarized work will not be accepted. Consequences for plagiarism are up to the discretion of the instructor; they may range, for example, from rewriting all or part of a paper to a grade of F for the course. Students who plagiarize more than once are subject to disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the university.

If you have a question about using or citing another writer's work, DO NOT GUESS. Check with your instructor or a consultant at the UNO Writing Center. Bring a printout of the original source and your paper to the consultation.

Disability Accommodations

Accommodations are provided for students who are registered with Disability Services and make their requests sufficiently in advance. For more information, contact Disability Services (EAB 117, Phone: 554-2872, TTY: 554-3799) or go to the website: www.unomaha.edu/disability

Fall 2015 Preliminary Course Schedule

Key: FTH = *From the Heartland*, BB = BlackBoard, PK= *Portfolio Keeping: A Guide for Students*
SW = Short Writing (300-500 Words)

The schedule for weeks 1-7 is complete to help guide your studies.

Major due dates are scheduled for the whole semester.

I will provide a full version of the schedule for Weeks 8-17 by the end of September

Date	Today's Class	Reading Due	Writing Due
Week 1 8/24	Introductory Materials Prep Chapters 1-2 Present Chapter 1 Materials in Class Assign Profile		
8/26	Profile and Portfolios Discussion of Chapters 1 and 2 Assign Portfolio Proposal	FTH Ch. 1 (p.1-14) FTH Ch. 2 (p. 15-27) PK - Portfolio Keeping - Introduction (p. 1-8)	SW1 - Profile Due (300-500 Words)
Week 2 8/31	Introduce Technology Discuss Marche Prep <i>Digital Nation</i> Introduce Genre as Social Concept	FTH - "Is Facebook Making us Lonely" Marche (p. 293-305) PK - Ch 1-2 (p. 11-18)	SW2 - Facebook (300-500 Words)
9/2	No Class - Instructor Out of Town Watch <i>Digital Nation</i> SW 3 - Due Online by 9/9		
Week 3 9/7	No Class - Labor Day		
9/9	Discuss Digital Nation Voice and Style Discuss Portfolio Readings Prep	FTH - "Introducing Peep Culture" Niedzwiecki (p. 306-321)	SW 3 - <i>Digital Nation</i> - 1 Chapter (300-500 Words) SW 4 - Peep Culture (300-500 Words)
Week 4 9/14	Discussion - The Image Culture PIE, Drafting, Using Box Assing - Portfolio Proposal	FTH - "The Image Culture" Rosen (p. 322-343) PK - Ch 3-4 (p. 20-32)	SW 5 - Image Culture
9/16	Discussion, Schedule Conferences, Introduction to Workshopping	BB - "Government Survelience" <i>Last Week Tonight</i> - YouTube Link PK - Ch 5-6 (p. 34-42)	PORTFOLIO PROPOSAL DUE - Created Box Folder and Shared with Instructor via Email

Week 5 9/21	Discussion - Workshop Assign - Revision Exercises, Revision Readings (BB), Portfolio Proposal	BB - "Shitty First Drafts" BB - "Praise, Question, Wish"	FIRST DRAFT OF PAPER 1 DUE - 3 copies for Workshop
9/23	Discussion - Revision, using feedback, style Conferences and Revision	BB - Revision Readings	
Week 6 9/28	Revision and Editing Peer Review and Workshop	Revision Vs. Editing Readings - BB	REVISED 2ND DRAFT OF PAPER 1 DUE - 3 Copies for Workshop
9/30	Revision, Editing, Proofreading, Revision Start of the Food Unit	FTH - Introduction to Food Unit	REVISED DRAFT OF PAPER 1 DUE - ONLINE
Week 7 10/5	Discussion, writing excercises	FTH -	SW - 6
10/7	Discussion, Writing exercise	FTH -	SW 7 -
Week 8 10/12	Discussion	FTH -	SW 8 -
10/14	Discussion	FTH -	SW 9
Week 9 10/19	No Class - Fall Break		

10/21	Workshop, Peer Review, Sign up for Conferences		DRAFT OF PAPER 2 DUE - Bring 3 Copies for Workshop
Week 10 10/26	Workshop, Drafting, Revision, Conferences	BB - Revision Readings	
10/28	No Class Meeting - Instructor Out of Town for Conference		
Week 11 11/2	Introduction to Unlearning Unit Literacy Timeline Activity	BB - "Coming into Language" and "Superman and Me" FTH - Introduction to Unlearning Unit	REVISED DRAFT OF PAPER 2 DUE - ONLINE
11/4	Introduction to Unlearning Unit Literacy Timeline Activity	FTH - "White Privilege" McIntosh (p. 389-397)	SW 10 - "White Privilege"
Week 12 11/9		FTH - "The Trouble We're In" - Johnson (p. 431-453)	SW 11 - "The Trouble We're In"
11/11	Discussion, Watch Medora	FTH - "The Role of Stereotypes" Dyer (p. 408-415)	SW 12 - "The Role of Stereotypes"
Week 13 11/16	Watch Medora		Due - Literacy Narrative
11/18	Workshop, Peer Review, Sign up for Conferences		DRAFT OF PAPER 3 DUE - Bring 3 Copies for Workshop

Week 14 11/23	Workshop, Conferences	BB - Revision Readings	
11/25	No Class - Thanksgiving Break		
Week 15 11/30	Discussion, Assign Final Revision and Final Portfolio Assignment	BB - Excerpts from Graphic Memoirs PK - Portfolio Readings Ch 7-8 (p 45-62)	REVISED DRAFT OF PAPER 3 DUE - ONLINE
12/2	Discussion Revision Exercises	BB - Creative Nonfiction Essays PK - Portfolio Readings Ch 9-11 (p 63-79)	
Week 16 12/7	Peer Review Workshop		DRAFT OF MAJOR REVISION DUE - Bring 3 copies for Workshop
12/9	Workshop		
Week 17 12/14	Portfolio Presentation - During Final Exam Time Monday 12/14 - 2:30PM		FINAL PORTFOLIO DUE