



English 651: Rhetoric and Composition Theory (Iswari Pandey, Spring 2025)



What is the status of writing and writing instruction in an age of artificial intelligence? Where does rhetoric, the art of persuasion, figure in this new scene of writing? English 651 addresses these issues by exploring the emergence and development of writing instruction in US higher education as well as the place and function of rhetoric, from antiquity to the present, in this development.

Engl 651 is one of the foundational courses for students in the MA (English) rhetoric and composition option, but other graduate students interested in writing and rhetoric are also welcome to enroll.



Students will

- read and respond to both canonical and revisionist texts in rhetoric and composition theories and
- pursue a research project that may result in a multimedia presentation or a traditional seminar paper.



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