Why are we here?

Revisions, otherwise known as UN2001, is required for all Sophomores under the University’s General Education Curriculum. This course is designed to help you learn how to enhance and complement your writing with visual and verbal forms of communication, understand and experience the composing process in written, visual and verbal communication, as well as to experience a range of written, visual, and verbal genres.

Do we have to buy books?

Absolutely! What is a class without an expensive book? *Reading Culture: Contexts for Critical Reading and Writing* by Diana George and John Trimbur, as well as *The Little, Brown Essential Handbook for Writers* by Jane E. Aaron.

Do we have to come to class?

I suppose that if you don’t enjoy taking classes over and over again, you need to show up and participate. Much of the work we will do in this class is based on collaboration and group work, and if you slack off and don’t show up you will certainly have some irate classmates. I am pretty strict on this subject. You will only be granted 2 unexcused absences and you will be responsible for any make-up work. Any more than 2 absences will seriously affect your grade and if you miss any more than 4, which is 1 week of class, you will have to convince me that you do not deserve to fail. I have had to fail a few students for their lack of attendance, and it really sucked. If you are having problems in any way, shape, or form, come see me before you start slacking, ok??

What is your policy on late work?

I do not accept late work, mostly because other students work hard to get their assignments in on time, and I don’t think it is fair to them. The exception would
be that you have an incredibly good excuse. I do keep track, but will not nag you for work. It is your responsibility to be in contact with me about late work.

**Final Grade Breakdown is as follows:**

- Participation/Attendance - 25 pts
- Visual Argument - 25 pts
- Presentations - 25 pts
- Reading quizzes – 25 pts

**What’s up with plagiarism?**

Well…plagiarism is considered cheating, and is a serious academic offense. It is defined as "knowingly copying another’s work or ideas and calling them one’s own or not giving proper credit or citation," and it covers copying sections, major ideas, or entire papers from printed or electronic sources as well as handing in papers written by other students. More to the point, plagiarism prevents you from learning, which has the potential to make your future classes more difficult. Who really needs that? If you have any questions, please talk to me or consult the Writing Center.

**Is there really still a problem with harassment?**

Yes, there really is. MTU complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. If you have a disability and need reasonable accommodation for equal access to education and services at MTU, please call Dr. Gloria Melton, Associate Dean of Students (487-2212). For other concerns about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department chair, or the Affirmative Action Office (487-3310).