What is Revisions?

Revisions is a course focusing on written, oral and visual communication. Through the exploration and scrutinizing of existing documents within these categories; the course will assist in your understanding of rhetorical theory and analysis.

The main goal of this course is expanding upon ideas of communication, audience and rhetoric to meet potential challenges of working environments. Classroom interaction is expected so that you can contribute on the variety of opinions and experiences that the class shares. I understand that this is a required course, but its through the communication lessons present here that you are given a chance to nurture the skill sets you will use as developing professionals.

Grading

10% - Final portfolio (start collecting for this from day one)
10% - Reading response papers (five responses will need to be done from the Reading Culture text, the student will choose which readings they respond to)
20% - Community grade (class discussion, class writing, informal presentations, group work, quizzes)
15% - Visual argument assignment (design a product advertisement as well as a countering visual argument)
15% - Group performance assignment (perform a standard scene in a metaphor based language to demonstrate audience analysis)
30% - Research analysis project (research a Sci-Fi film or novel and compose an analysis paper as well as conduct a multimedia presentation for the class)

All major assignments must be completed to pass this course.

Grading Scale

100% - 94% A
93% - 89% AB
88% - 82% B
81% - 77% BC
76% - 70% C
69% - 65% CD
64% - 58% D
<=57% F

Texts

- Reading Culture: Sixth Edition. Diane George and John Trimbur.
- Text or film chosen by the student with instructor approval for research paper.
Course Policies

Absences
Students are allowed three unexcused absences. If the student is late three times this will count towards an unexcused absence. Any unexcused absence after the third will drop your total grade a half letter grade. (*A* goes to AB, AB goes to B) Revisions is a discussion intensive class so your attendance is not only beneficial toward your overall grade, but your community grade as well.

Late Work
Unless previous arrangements are made assignments will be expected to be complete and on time. If you miss a class it is up to you to get me the work before class time. For the most part I expect to be given a hard copy of the assignment in my mail box but E-mail can be used in extenuating circumstances if the student is required to leave town.

Endless Revision Policy
All assignments can be redone after they have been returned with instructor comments. While a revision does not guarantee a higher grade for an assignment its a step in the right direction. Assignment revisions will be accepted until the December 7th. Take advantage of this as frequently and early as you can, because this can only improve your grade.

Class Conduct
I expect, we will all be reasonable and open to each other's opinions in order to create an open working environment. An open working environment will encourage your classmates to take risks; which will be incredibly rewarding for our classroom experiences. Your conduct should also reflect a student who is ready to learn and you will be expected to have the course material for every class period. This also means cell phones should be turned off at the start of class, failure to do so will result in a lower community grade.

MTU's Policy on Academic Integrity
Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses. They are defined by this policy as "knowingly copying another's work or ideas and calling them one's own or not giving proper credit or citation." This policy applies to copying sections or entire papers from printed or electronic sources as well as handing in papers written for other classes or by other students for other classes; it also applies to purchasing academic papers. Plagiarism and cheating are not only dishonest but cheat you out of learning; the reason you are at Tech. If you ever have any questions about what counts as cheating or plagiarism, please talk with me or consult a coach in the Writing Center (7-2007).

MTU's Policy on Discrimination and Harassment
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 a reasonable accommodation for equal access to education and services at MTU, please call Dr. Gloria Melton, Associate Dean of Students (7-2212). If you have other concerns about discrimination, please contact your advisor, department chair, or the Affirmative Action Office (7-3310).