UN2001: Revisions: Oral, Visual, and Written Communications
Section R08 Track B_Summer 2009 M-Th 12:35-1:50 pm
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Required Course Text:
• Supplemental readings available on my website.
• You must take and develop 25 new photographs.

Course Description: “UN2001: Written, Visual, and Oral Communication” is one of four core General Education classes required for all students aspiring for a degree from Michigan Technological University. The goal of this course is to get you to think critically by learning rhetorical strategies, which will make you a more effective communicator, a skill every person hoping to have a successful professional career needs in an ever-changing world.

As your instructor, my goal during the semester of this course is to provide you with the tools and the opportunity to practice effective oral, visual, and written communication. At the end of the semester, I know you will not only be better communicators but you will feel empowered by your refined communication skills.

Attendance: Students are permitted to miss three unexcused classes per semester. Subsequent unexcused absences will lower your grade by a ½ letter grade each time. This policy is strongly enforced because your classmates and I need your input.

Participation and Civic Discourse: Civic Discourse is language shared by a group of people who have intellectual, institutional, and social ties. In this course, much time is spent discussing issues, being curious, critical, and speculative, I require a safe and open class environment. This means that you as a student must consider the consequences of your language, and to make room for others’ ideas.

Instructional Support Services: Michigan Technological University’s Writing Center can help you plan, draft, and revise assignments for this course. To meet with a writing coach, go to the Writing Center located in Walker room 107 during their daily walk-in hours (12pm - 3 pm M-Thurs). To schedule an appointment: (906) 487-2007 / www.hummtu.edu_SERVICES

MTU’s Policy on Academic Integrity on Plagiarism: Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses. They are defined as “knowingly copying another’s work or ideas and calling them one’s own or not giving proper credit or citation.” This policy covers copying sections or entire papers from printed or electronic sources as well as handing in papers written by students for other classes or purchasing academic papers. During the course, we will discuss what qualifies as plagiarism, since this subject can be confusing.

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 reasonable accommodation for equal access to education and services at MTU, please call Dr. Gloria Melton, Dean of Students (7-2212). For other concern about discrimination, you may contact ME (your instructor), your advisor, the department chair, or the Affirmative Action Office (7- 3310)/http://www.affirmativeaction.mtu.edu

*Note: As a human and the instructor of this course, I have the right to revise the syllabus, the course schedule, and/or projects/assignments to better serve YOU.