This course will focus on several skills, which you will need in order to be successful in university-level courses. Regardless of one's major, there will be a great deal of reading and writing. Accordingly, you will work on increasing your reading fluency using a variety of texts. You will also have the opportunity to choose material for yourself. Attendance, participation, tests, quizzes, graded exercises and homework will be the manner of assessing your skills. Please note the grading scale below:

- A 100-96%
- B 90-84%
- C 78-72%
- D 65-60%
- AB 95-91%
- BC 83-79%
- CD 71-66%
- F 59-0%

Course Grade: 72% or above= Pass 71% or below= Fail

It is vital for you to be in class and on time every day. There will not be time for making up missed work. Homework and other assignments must be completed on time. No late work will be accepted.

Week 1-6: will be similar in nature. Class discussion will largely be based on assigned readings so it is imperative that reading assignments are completed.

Week 7: Each student will give a brief oral presentation on one of the books s/he has read.

University Policies
Academic regulations and procedures are governed by University policy. Academic dishonesty cases will be handled in accordance the University's policies.

If you have a disability that could affect your performance in this class or that requires an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please see me as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements. The Affirmative Action Office has asked that you be made aware of the following:

Michigan Tech complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have a disability and need a reasonable accommodation for equal access to education or services at Michigan Tech, please call the Dean of Students Office, at 487-2212. For other concerns about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department head or the Affirmative Action Office, at 487-3310

Academic Integrity:
http://www.studentaffairs.mtu.edu/dean/judicial/policies/academic_integrity.html
Affirmative Action:
http://www.admin.mtu.edu/aoa/

Disability Services:
http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/studenthandbook/student_services.html#disability

Equal Opportunity Statement:

Weekly Reading
Each week you will be required to read one hour, which will take place in class on Friday, and class time will determine the class. A weekly journal will be written in response to what you are reading.

Weekly Appointments
Each week you will be required to sign up for half-hour conversational time with Alanna Knapp. A sign up sheet will be given each Tuesday. This is a required meeting and will be factored into your participation points.