HU5001 – Proseminar in Rhetoric and Technical Communication

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Course Description:

An introduction to the issues, goals, and scholarly methods across the disciplinary areas represented in the Rhetoric and Technical Communication Program.

Required Texts:

The course readings will be online:
   The Blackboard course page – http://www.courses.mtu.edu/.

Course Requirements:

Students are required to attend class, complete the assigned readings and participate in class discussion.

Grading:

Grading will be based on fulfillment of the course requirements. Absences, failure to do the assigned readings and lack of participation in class discussions will lead to a lower course grade.

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Course Itinerary: (Subject to change)

Week 1       Introduction.
Week 2       Graduate Student Handbook, chapters 1 – 3
Week 3       Graduate Student Handbook, chapters 4 – 7, Appendix A
Week 4       Introduction to online resources for scholarly work in the Humanities (Mies Martin).
Week 5       Graduate coursework success strategies I: Readings on blackboard.
Week 6       Graduate coursework success strategies II: Readings on blackboard.
Week 7       The History of the Humanities: Readings on blackboard.
Week 8       The Future(s) of the Humanities: Readings on blackboard.
Week 9 – 14  Faculty introductions and introduction to scholarship in the disciplines: Various readings on blackboard.