Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Course Number: UN 1015 – R02
Course Name: Composition
Course Location: 144 Walker Arts and Humanities Center
Class Times: MWF 08:05-08:55

Course Description/Overview

This class aims at enabling you to meet the challenges of writing and researching arguments in an academic context. The course is divided into three main parts, in which you will be introduced to the analysis, research, and delivery of arguments. Using an approach of classical rhetoric, the focus will be on writing, yet we will include other means of expression such as visual or oral presentations.

Course Learning Objectives

1. Students will learn to perform rhetorical analyses of visual as well as verbal texts. They will be introduced to a variety of strategies
for writing essays, including the crafting of thesis statements and arguments.

2. Students will learn to conduct their own research. They will be introduced to methods of finding and evaluating sources as well as techniques for drafting, writing and revising formal research papers.

3. Students will be introduced to techniques for delivering arguments effectively. This includes document design, both for academic papers and presentations, and methods for presenting arguments orally or visually.

Course Resources

Required Course Text

Course Supplies
- Envision Companion Website:


Grading Scheme

Grading Policy
Grades will be based on the following:

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<td>Rhetorical analysis paper</td>
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**Late Assignments**
Late assignments will not be accepted.

**Course Policies**

Attendance is mandatory. If you miss class more than twice without a valid excuse, you will be excluded immediately. Valid excuses (such as illness, exams in other classes etc.) will only be accepted if you provide appropriate proof, such as a note from your doctor. If you are late, please go to your seat quietly. Being more than 15 minutes late will count as missing the class.

**Plagiarism Rules**

All forms of plagiarism will lead to immediate exclusion from the class and will be reported to the Dean of Students.

Michigan Tech's policy on academic misconduct can be found under [http://www.mtu.edu/provost/faculty-resources/syllabus-policies/](http://www.mtu.edu/provost/faculty-resources/syllabus-policies/)

**University Policies**

Student work products (exams, essays, projects, etc.) may be used for purposes of university, program, or course assessment. All work used for assessment purposes will not include any individual student identification.

Michigan Tech has standard policies on academic misconduct and complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For more information about reasonable accommodation for or equal access to education or services at Michigan Tech, please call the Dean of Students Office, at (906) 487-2212 or go to [http://www.mtu.edu/provost/faculty-resources/syllabus-policies/](http://www.mtu.edu/provost/faculty-resources/syllabus-policies/)