

## English 111A-WN 130, Winter 2010

### Course Information

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Class Schedule: Monday & Wednesday, 9:30-11:55 a.m.

Locations: Monday: Room S-55; Wednesday: Room A-123

Office Hours: Monday: Noon to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday: 8:30-9:25 a.m.

Textbook: *Real Writing with Readings*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, by Susan Anker.

#### Required Supplies:

- College level dictionary. (*The American Heritage Dictionary*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, is suggested.)
- Access to a computer.
- Flash drive/portable USB drive.
- A Five Subject Notebook, preferably with perforated pages for easy removal when necessary.
- Pocket folder, manila folder, or loose leaf binder to store assignments and handouts.
- Two manila folders in which assignments are to be submitted.
- Access to a stapler.
- At least two highlighting pens of different colors.
- Regular pens.

Instructor's Comments: Welcome to English 111A. I look forward to working with you as you develop the writing and reading skills that you will need to be successful in college. This course is the standard English 111: College Composition One class required in most majors at Delta. It also provides the added benefit of an extra two credit hours that can be devoted to a more individualized approach to help each student to be as successful as possible in the course. Three credit hours of this course will satisfy your English 111 requirement; the other two credit hours will not satisfy your English requirement, but they will count for financial aid and total credit hours.

The English Division has established the following Course Outcomes and Objectives: In order to successfully complete English 111A, a student must be able to do all of the following:

#### 1. Write a formal college composition for a specific audience and purpose.

- Use writing processes to generate and organize ideas.
- Select, organize, and present details to support a main idea.
- Demonstrate an ability to move between generalization and detail.
- Write effective introductions and conclusions.
- Revise to improve the overall effectiveness of the composition.
- Employ conventions of standard written English.

2. Use writing tasks that involve both reading and writing.
  - Demonstrate the ability to derive meaning from a text.
  - Demonstrate the ability to distinguish between the meaning one makes of a text and the author's intended meaning.
  - Paraphrase and summarize material from a text accurately.
  - Develop critical thinking skills in relation to material read.
  
3. Use various methods to assess one's progress as a writer and as a reader.

Delta's Grading Scale:

100-95 = A	94-90 = A-	89-87 = B+	86-83 = B
82-80 = B-	79-77 = C+	76-73 = C	72-70 = C-
69-67 = D+	66-63 = D	62-60 = D-	59 and below = E (failure)

Note that each assignment will be worth a specified number of points. The final grade for the course will be determined by the total number of points earned divided by the total number of points possible. At least one grade update will be provided by the instructor near the midpoint of the semester.

**Dr. Spiller's Policy Regarding Late Assignments:** For full credit, assignments are to be submitted at the beginning of class on the due date. Assignments submitted at the beginning of the next class session will suffer a 20% penalty. No credit will be given for any assignment after that point. No make-ups will be offered for quizzes and other in-class activities. If you are absent, you will not be able to make-up the work done in class.

**Absences;** because the class sessions are so important for your success, you must attend all class sessions. If you miss two classes, you should consider dropping the course. If you miss three classes, the instructor will drop you from the class. (Note: This is an English Division policy.)

**Disabilities:** If you have a documented disability that affects your academic performance and need an academic accommodation, please contact the Office of Disability Services in D-102. The phone number is 686-9330.

Class Policies:

- Be on time for class. This means in class and ready to begin working at 9:30 a.m.
- If you have an emergency prior to class, please come to class as soon as you can and talk with the instructor privately at break or after class about the situation.
- Turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc., when you come to class.
- Be courteous to your classmates and the instructor.
- Expect to be treated politely by your classmates and the instructor. If you have any concern about this, please talk with the instructor as soon as possible.
- Make sure that all work is totally your own. Do not try to pass off any one else's work as your own. This is plagiarism, and it can lead to you being dropped from the class.
- Come to any scheduled conference on time and prepared to go over the assigned work.