

## Writing 121: English Composition

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**Essential course information normally included on a syllabus will be included in documents that are part of a “virtual” [Course Packet](#) accessible through Moodle.**

### Tentative Schedule

(Please complete readings and writing assignments before coming to class; "Seagull" refers to *The Little Seagull Handbook* 3rd ed; please download linked readings on your own--if possible, print them out and bring to class)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Reading Assignment</u>   | <u>Writing Assignment</u>  |
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| 4/02        | <b>Week One: Introductions and Mind</b><br>Syllabus; Outcomes; <a href="#">Rules</a> ; <a href="#">Big Picture Stuff</a>  |  |
| 4/04        | <a href="#">Plato, “The Allegory of the Cave”</a> and excerpts from <a href="#">Zhuangzi</a> ; <a href="#">Rhetorical Analysis Description</a> ; <a href="#">“Reading Ideas”</a>                              |  |
| 4/09        | <b>Week Two: Mind and Education</b><br><a href="#">Bacon, “The Four Idols”</a> ; <a href="#">“Writing Arguments”</a>  |  |
| 4/11        | <a href="#">Descartes, <i>Discourse on Method</i> Part IV</a> ; <a href="#">Other excerpts from <i>Discourse on Method</i></a> ; <a href="#">Seagull 2-29, 43-48, 158-169; 357-60; 351-60, 368-69, 376-85</a> |  |
| 4/16        | <b>Week Three: Mind and Education</b><br><a href="#">Postman, "The Word Weavers/The World Makers"</a>   | <a href="#">Rhetorical Analysis</a> or <a href="#">Concept Essay #1</a> (3-4 pages) Due. |
| 4/18        | <a href="#">Nussbaum, “Education for Profit, Education for Democracy”</a>   |  |
| 4/23        | <b>Week Four: Government and Society</b><br><a href="#">Lao Tzu, from <i>Tao-te Ching</i></a>   |  |
| 4/25        | <a href="#">Rousseau, “The Origin of Civil Society”</a> ; <a href="#">Jefferson, The Declaration of Independence</a>  |  |

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| 4/30        | <b>Week Five: Government and Society</b><br><a href="#">Marx and Engels, from <i>Communist Manifesto</i></a> ; <a href="#">Research Essay description</a> and <a href="#">Interest Inventory</a> | <a href="#">RA/CE</a> Essay 2 (3-4 pages) Due. |
| 5/02        | <a href="#">Aung San Suu Kyi, from <i>In Quest of Democracy</i></a> ; <a href="#">Tutu, “Nuremberg or National Amnesia: A Third Way”</a>   |  |
| 5/07        | <b>Week Six: Info Literacy / Government</b><br><i>Seagull</i> 90-105, 119-158; Library Information Literacy visit. <b>Class location TBA.</b>  |  |
| 5/09        | <a href="#">Bhutto, “Islam and Democracy”</a>  |  |
| 5/14        | <b>Week Seven: Culture and the Arts</b><br><a href="#">Montaigne, “On Cannibals”</a> ; <a href="#">Directions for Peer Review Assignment</a> , <a href="#">Grading Rubric</a>                    | <a href="#">Research Essay Proposal</a> Due    |
| 5/16        | <a href="#">Nietzsche, "Apollonianism and Dionysianism"</a> , Nietzsche, <a href="#">selected aphorisms</a> ;  |  |
| 5/21        | <b>Week Eight: Culture and the Arts</b><br><a href="#">Woolf, “Shakespeare’s Sister”</a>   | Peer Review for Research Essay                 |
| 5/23        | <a href="#">Kafka, “A Hunger Artist”</a> ; <a href="#">LeGuin, “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas”</a> ;<br><a href="#">Paz, Excerpt from <i>The Day of the Dead</i></a>                        |  |
| 5/28        | <b>Week Nine: Practice Exam / Ethics</b><br><a href="#">Final Exam Rangefinder Essays</a> (Moodle)   | <a href="#">Practice Final Exam</a> (in class) |
| 5/30        | <a href="#">Aristotle, “The Aim of Man”</a> ; <a href="#">Gilligan, “Concepts of Self and Morality”</a>  | <a href="#">Research Essay</a> (5-7 pages) Due |
| 6/04        | <b>Week Ten: Ethics</b><br><a href="#">Appiah, “The Case Against Character”</a>  |  |
| 6/06        | <a href="#">Notes on Final Exam</a> ; Review for Final Exam  | <a href="#">RA/CE</a> Essay 3 (3-4 pages) Due. |
| 6/10        | <b>Finals Week</b><br>Monday 12-12:50. Location TBA  | Final Exam                                     |
| 6/11        | Tuesday 11:30-12:20 (Attend both days.)  | Final Exam                                     |

Turn in all final revisions as an e-mail attachment by 5 p.m., June 12th (Wed)

**Course documents are available on Moodle Website WR121\_DB\_1**