A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 4
Lecture Hours/Week: *.*
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites:
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Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 01 - Communication

This class provides extended practice in critical reading, writing, and thinking skills. Students will develop an effective writing process and work to achieve college-level competence in reading and responding to texts, visuals, events, and ideas in a variety of written formats, with an emphasis on the academic essay. Audience awareness, interpretation and analysis, logical reasoning, and persuasive and argumentative skills will be developed. MLA style documentation of primary sources will be included.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/18/2007 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Students will read from a variety of challenging texts to practice critical thinking, analytical, and interpretive skills and will compose a minimum of twenty pages of writing evidencing those skills.
2. Papers must also demonstrate effective planning, revising, and editing processes.
3. Student writing must show proficiency in Standard American Written English; a brief review of grammar and usage may therefore be included.
4. Students may also write a variety of informal assignments, such as in-class work, journal writing, and other responses to required readings.
5. Small group discussion and peer review of written work are components of this course.
6. Demonstrated ability to document primary sources in MLA format is required.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand/demonstrate the writing and speaking processes through invention, organization, drafting, revision, editing and presentation. (ELO 2, b; ELO 4, a, e; MnTC G1, comp. a)
2. Participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding. (ELO 2, a; ELO 4, a, d; MnTC G1, comp. b)
3. Locate, evaluate, and synthesize in a responsible manner material from diverse sources and points of view. (ELO 2, a, e; ELO 4, a, d, e; MnTC G1, comp. c)
4. Select appropriate communication choices for specific audiences. (ELO 2, b; ELO 4, a, e; MnTC G1, comp. d)
5. Construct logical and coherent arguments. (ELO 2 a; ELO 4 a, d, e; MnTC G1, comp. e)
E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 01 - Communication

1. Understand/demonstrate the writing and speaking processes through invention, organization, drafting, revision, editing and presentation.
2. Participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.
3. Locate, evaluate, and synthesize in a responsible manner material from diverse sources and points of view.
4. Select appropriate communication choices for specific audiences.
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F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted