

**English K 094: Reading, Discussing, and Writing**

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Time

Office: Make plans to see me before

Room

or after class

**Required Texts:**

A Community of Readers: A Thematic Approach to Reading 4<sup>th</sup> Ed,  
Alexander and Lombardi

Dictionary

Optional Text:

A Writer's Reference, Hacker

Other materials:

A three ring-binder and appropriate paper

A floppy disk

Index cards

**Course Description**

This is a fundamental course in understanding the ideas of others as well as expressing one's own. This course provides instruction in reading, discussion, and writing skills, which develop thinking skills. Through participating in the three processes, students will come to understand how one supports the other, and how clear and directed thinking depends upon them.

This course is preparation for Eng K 100, Eng K 101 and other courses which require critical thinking and the communication of ideas. Emphasis is placed on strategies for improved reading and writing, comprehension skills, vocabulary, paragraph and essay development, grammar, and summarizing.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of English 094, students should be able to:

Synthesize the processes of reading, discussing, and writing to articulate their ideas clearly

Demonstrate proficiency in literal reading comprehension skill and a growing ability to use inferential skills

Employ an increased reading and speaking vocabulary

Write responses effectively both in paragraph and short essay format based on ideas garnered from reading and discussing

Employ strategies for effective editing

Summarize readings typically assigned in college level classes

Participate actively and effectively in group discussions

**Disabilities**

To receive special accommodations in class, a student must make an appointment with the Learning Disability Specialist, Mr. Chris Scarborough (office in Mohegan Library) or Judy Hilburger (office in the Registrar's office). See the instructor regarding this or any special medical need.

**Tutoring Center**-Tutoring for Academic Success Center (TASC) call 892-5745, director, Marie Peloquin

**Writing Center**-Jon Brammer, 892-5773 or 892-5769 or e-mail TRWritingcenter@trcc.commnet.edu.

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**College Withdrawal Policy**

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue once a course has begun must provide notice to the Registrar. Withdrawal forms are available at the Registrar's office on both campuses.

An instructor's signature is required after the deadline for early withdrawal has passed.

No withdrawals are permitted after the last class preceding the final exam.

Students who do not obtain an official withdrawal, but simply stop attending classes, run the risk of receiving an "F" for the course.

**Attendance:**

0-3 Absences –Depending on your overall performance you can attain any of the following grades A through F. After 3 absences, consider withdrawing from the class.

**Class meets**

Aug. 28 30

Sept. 4NC 6 11 13 18 20 25 27

Oct. 2 4 9NC 11 16 18 23 25 30

Nov. 1 6 8 13 15 20 22NC 27 29

Dec. 4 6 11 13 18

**Grading:**

Class participation/Professionalism

Class participation will be considered as a factor in your overall score. You will receive points for each class you attend. You will be subtracted points for tardy, failure to do the assignment in the text or other, and lack of contributing during class time.

Assignments: You will be given points for writing assignments you do outside of class time. You will not receive credit for these assignments if you are doing them during class time. Some assignments will require an outline and or drafts you will not get points if this part of the assignment is not done. If you are asked to do a rubric/or assessment questionnaire, it must accompany the written assignment.

Your work in your textbook will be evaluated as to your completion of the assignments. I will periodically ask to check your book. If you are recording answers during class, not previously attempted, you will receive no credit. I will take note in my grade book for a reduction of points.

If a writing assignment is late one class period, you will receive only partial points (1/2) for that assignment. I will not take writing assignments after a one class time delay unless you have a sustained illness or other extreme problem. In the event you are absent when a paper is due, you are to turn it in the next class period. If you are absent and we do papers in class for which you make arrangements with your classmate to put in your folder, you may do the papers and get ½ credit. However, you must make arrangements with the instructor to correct these assignments in order to get this credit and I must give my signature. (break-time)

**You are responsible for your learning and your grade. You are a professional.**

**Requirements:**

Papers are to be typed and double spaced.

Name, Date, Course are to be on the right-hand side of the page.

All papers should have a title. The title of an essay is in "quotations" and author.

You are to know how to log into the college site. Know your ID number (see me if you don't have it)

You are to learn how to log into the Web CT site. <http://webct.ctdlc.org>

Your pin is your birth date