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HU 128: Approaches to Information Literacy Syllabus

Course Description:

The course includes the instruction and practice in identifying, retrieving, evaluating, and summarizing sources appropriate for a college-level research paper. In addition to preparing students to write the culminating research paper for EN 102, this course will also help equip students for future research and writing in the Humanities.

Required Texts:

All required texts will be available through our CANVAS course site.

Student Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the student will

- Retrieve information from various sources.
- Evaluate the validity of source information.
- Distinguish between facts and opinions.
- Summarize articles.

Course Policies and Requirements:

Attendance and Participation:

Students are expected to attend class meetings and participate in the class on a regular basis. If you cannot attend a meeting due to an extenuating circumstance (illness, emergency, etc.), it is your responsibility to communicate with me via email and let me know why you cannot be present. Whenever possible, please contact me *prior to* your absence from class.

Late Assignment Policy:

Late assignments will be subject to grade penalties, which shall depend on the number of days an assignment is submitted after the due date. If there is a health issue, family emergency, or other extenuating circumstance that prevents you from turning in an assignment on time, it is your responsibility to communicate your situation to me ahead of time, and we can work together to try to find a solution. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email, at caitlin.yamamoto@chaminade.edu, or you may also send me a message through our teaching assistant.

Plagiarism Policy:

Plagiarism is presenting the work of another as your own. It is a serious offense, and any student suspected of plagiarizing may receive a failing grade for the assignment or for the course. The guidelines for plagiarism are in the Chaminade Academic Catalog. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Complete or partial copying directly from a published or unpublished source without proper acknowledgment to the author. Minor changes in wording or syntax are not sufficient to avoid charges of plagiarism. Proper acknowledgment of the source of a text is always mandatory.
2. Paraphrasing the work of another without proper author acknowledgement.
3. Submitting as one's own original work, however freely given or purchased, the original exam, research paper, manuscript, report, computer file, or other assignment that has been prepared by another individual. (Chaminade Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-19).

Grading Criteria/Weighting of Assignments

Discussion Forum Posts: 20%

Topic Proposal: 10%

Summaries: 30%

Annotated Bibliography (Draft): 10%

Introduction (Draft): 10%

Final Annotated Bibliography with Revised Introduction: 20%

Grading Scale

- ‘A’ Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative.
- ‘B’ Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner.
- ‘C’ Average grade indicating competent grasp of subject matter.
- ‘D’ Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of prerequisite coursework.
- ‘F’ Failed to grasp minimum subject matter; no credit given.

A passing grade for this class is a ‘C’ or 70 points out of 100 points.