English 4342: Rhetoric and Composition: History, Theory, and Practice II
Spring 2018
MW 2:30pm—3:50pm, Preston Hall 310

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**Course Description:** Surveys the history of rhetorical theory and practices from the early modern period to current manifestations in composition studies. Students will read a selection of texts addressing rhetorical theory and foundational composition studies, and they will write short and long essays and give presentations.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

* Students should be able to analyze and reflect upon the texts they produce as well as texts produced by others.
* Students should be able to express their ideas in clear, logical, organized, concise, and persuasive ways, in both written and oral forms.
* Students will be able to effectively and appropriately participate in small group collaborative learning situations.
* Students should be able to effectively communicate orally with small groups and in front of the entire class
* Students should be able to apply knowledge of the history and theory of rhetoric and composition studies
* Students should be able to use knowledge of the rhetorical situation—writer, purpose, subject, genre, audience—to analyze and construct texts.
* Students should be able to practice writing as a recursive process that can lead to substantive changes in ideas, structure, and supporting evidence through multiple revisions.

**Required Texts:** All primary texts required in this course are available in Canvas.

**Major Assignments:**

**Participation 15%**

**Notebook 15%**

**Short Essays (5 at 05% each) 25%**

**Think Piece 35%**

**Pecha Kucha Presentation 10%**

(**Prompts with descriptions/directions of the major assignments will be in Canvas.**)

**Grades:** Final grades will be calculated as follows: A=90-100%, B=80-89.99%, C=70-79.99%, D=60-69.99%, F=0-59.99%

**Canvas:** Canvas is the official Learning Management System (LMS) for this course. All course materials will be available in or through Canvas. Although Canvas is new at UTA, it is fully supported through the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and can be contacted at canvasteam@uta.edu. Additionally, do not hesitate to ask me if there are questions or problems.

**Attendance:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, I recognize that the best way to engage in critical conversations about the material stems from intellectual exchange, and this cannot happen if students do not attend class. Students have three (3) absences for the semester for whatever reasons. After the third absence, students’ participation grade will be docked 5% for the fourth absence and an additional 5% for the fifth absences and 5% for the sixth absence. Upon the seventh and subsequent absences, students’ final course grade will be docked 5% for each day absent.

**Tardiness:** Students who arrive late will be considered tardy. Two (2) tardy arrivals will be considered one (1) absence. Additionally, students showing up 15 or more minutes late will be considered absent. Please show up to class on be ready to participate at the start of the class period.

**Grade Grievance:** Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow UTA policy and procedure. See the current University Catalog for more details.

**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

**Disability Accommodations: UT** Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA),* and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the **Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD).** Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

**The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364.

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS)** [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671.

Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

**Title IX:** *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit*[*uta.edu/eos*](http://www.uta.edu/hr/eos/index.php)*. For information regarding Title IX, visit* [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX).

**Academic Integrity:** Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents’ Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University

**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Final Review Week:** A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Emergency Exit Procedures** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is located at the right or left when exiting the classroom. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities. ([http://www.uta.edu/police/Evacuation Procedures.pdf](http://www.uta.edu/police/Evacuation%20Procedures.pdf))

**Student Support Services**:UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php

**Writing Center.** The English Writing Center is located in Room 411 Central Library.  Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Students must register and can make appointments online at [http://uta.mywconline.com](http://uta.mywconline.com/). Face-to-Face and online appointments for undergraduate students are scheduled for 20, 40, or 60 minutes. Writing Center consultants assist with any aspect of academic writing, from understanding an assignment, brainstorming, revising an early draft, to polishing a final draft. However, the Writing Center is not an editing service; consultants will not correct grammar or rewrite assignments during our long sessions. Please see [www.uta.edu/owl](http://www.uta.edu/owl) for more information about services and guidelines.

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| **Librarian to Contact:** The subject librarian for this course is Diane Shepelwhich. Diane can be reached at dianec@uta.edu or 817-272-7521 ttp://library.uta.edu/staff/diane-shepelwichGeneral Library information follows:Library Home Page <http://www.uta.edu/library> Subject Guides <http://libguides.uta.edu>Subject Librarians <http://www.uta.edu/library/help/subject-librarians.php> Course Reserves <http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do>Library Tutorials <http://www.uta.edu/library/help/tutorials.php>Connecting from Off- Campus <http://libguides.uta.edu/offcampus>Ask A Librarian [http://ask.uta.edu](http://ask.uta.edu/) |  |

**Emergency Phone Numbers**: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at **817-272-3003** (non-campus phone), **2-3003** (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381