

## **Composition 110/120 Syllabus**

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Course Description: This course is a college dual credit class designed to introduce students to collegiate writing and reading strategies. Students will complete several pieces of writing in various modes while practicing critical thinking; engaging in rigorous reading assignments and classroom discussions; and using standard English conventions. Students who plan to pursue degrees outside of the NDUS are strongly encouraged to check the transferability of these credits.

### Grading Policy:

Grades will be weighted in four categories:

- Major assessments (papers, essays, projects, presentations) (40%)
- Tests (30%)
- Quizzes (15%)
- Membean (15%)

Students will write three papers during first semester and five during second semester. Tests and quizzes may or may not be announced. Membean assessments will be every two weeks and will be included in the Membean grade. Projects often include working with a partner on a presentation, visual creation, or something similar.

Any student who is caught plagiarizing, cheating in or out of class, or using unapproved outside sources will be given a "U" and a zero until the issue is resolved. Parents may be informed at my discretion. Late work will NOT be accepted and given credit during the last week of the quarter and/or semester, including the college semester.

## Course Requirements:

### First semester:

1. Critical thinking test
2. Fallacy of logic project
3. Argument response paper #1
4. Sentences test
5. Rhetoric test
6. Rhetorical analysis paper
7. Argument of definition paper
8. All assignments related to capstone project

### Second semester:

1. Definition paper
2. Causal argument paper #1
3. Evaluative proposal
4. Capstone paper
5. Capstone presentation
6. All assignments and tests related to *1984*
7. All assignments related to capstone project

Other Info: The best time to come in for additional help or to ask questions is in the morning before school. I am often here by 7:45. If you want to catch me at another time, please make arrangements. I am rarely here after school. If an emergency arises, email the address above or call/text 771-1000. Don't expect me to respond after 10pm.