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Video and Composing; English 496-Senior Seminar
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Office Hours:
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And By Appointment

Course Description:

In this course, we will explore various genres of writing and communication; in particular we will study the impact of video, image, and technology on writing and the public sphere. Students will gain experience in the theory of image and video as they pertain to public communication, writing, persuasion, and rhetoric. Students will gain experience using and editing video to develop both group and individual projects. Students are expected to research and compose a traditional research paper on a topic selected by the student. Students, as part of the senior seminar, are required by the Professional Writing program to create an electronic portfolio.

Texts/Materials:

Faigley, Lester and Diana George, Anna Palchik, and Cynthia Selfe. *Picturing Texts*. New York, NY: W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2004. ISBN: 0-393-97912-1
 Electronic Reserve or Handouts
 Please purchase a jump/flash drive for storage

Assignments:

1)	Image Evaluation (I)	10%
2)	Research Paper (I)	15%
3)	Video Proposal (G)	10%
4)	Video Project (G)	20%
5)	Electronic Portfolio (I)	20%
6)	Group Presentation (G)	10%
7)	Homework Professionalism Participation Readings (I)	15%

Attendance

Attendance is simply expected for a course of this nature. You have 3 days of absences to use for a course that meets 2 days a week. They are designed for illness and other unexpected issues/problems. Doctor's appointments, court dates, vacations, financial aid appointments, or course registration/s are not reasons to miss class. If you decide to use one of your 3 days for something other than illness, you simply have used one of your 3 days. You will lose 1/3 of a letter grade for each day missed after 3 from your final grade. I will enforce all attendance policies.

Late Assignments/Work

I do not accept late homework or in-class projects. Likewise, if your group presentation is not ready, your group may not do it another day. If you come to class without your

homework, you have missed it, do not go home and email it to me after class. If you foresee problems please see me prior to the issue.

Plagiarism

While many students still take it upon themselves to cut and paste pieces of text/images from web pages and conveniently insert them into their projects, it is a violation to do so without attributing proper credit to the creator of the original text/image. Remember: ideas as well as words/images are covered under the realm of plagiarism. Nothing is wrong with using another's work, just cite them. If you are found to be plagiarizing, you will be reported to the Dean for appropriate action. All written work is expected to follow MLA guidelines.

Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of UNCW to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to federal law, state law, and the university's commitment to equal educational opportunities. Any student with a disability who needs accommodation, for example, in seating placement or in arrangements for examinations, should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Disability Services, at 910-962-7555 or TDD 910-962-3853 or Dr. Peggy Turner via email at [turnerm@uncw.edu].

Final Note

Please be truthful and honest and always do what you say you will do. I am here to help you and work with you on projects for the course. I'll do anything I can to help you be successful in and out of class. When students are unreliable and undependable, I begin to lose faith in them and the work they submit. This also effects my perception of you and will cause me not to write letters of recommendation for you nor support your other endeavors. All I am asking is for you to be truthful and reliable.

If you have some type of tragedy in your life that requires your immediate attention, I expect to be notified if it will affect your attendance and classroom performance. Emails received before 4pm typically get a same day response. Emails after 4pm may be answered the following business day. Be reasonable and respectful with regard to email.