MMW 122 Sections B06, B07, B08
Section Policies – Winter 2015

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About section:
We’re going to have a good time in section. The section is designed to augment the lecture portion of the class by giving you time to discuss, question, and otherwise engage the readings. Throughout the quarter, we will be doing various activities and small assignments to help you work with the material Dr. Chang provides in lecture.

Attendance in section and lecture are required. Attending on time is required. *Missing 3 or more sections will result in a failing section grade, 4 missed sections results in a failing grade for the entire course.* Bring your reading and writing materials, be prepared by having done the reading, and make sure you’re ready to participate in class discussions and activities.

Bring your questions to section. If you’re thinking about asking a question, there is a good chance at least 10 other people are thinking the same thing, and 2 other people who haven’t even engaged the material on a high level yet. So your questions help everyone, especially me.

Your 10% grade for section is awarded for attendance and participation. Please come to class prepared to discuss the topics for the week.

Remember, you must take MMW 122 for a letter grade to fulfill the ERC requirement.

About the writing assignments:
MMW is a writing program, and thus improvement of your academic writing skills is an important component of the class. You must turn in writing assignments over the course of this quarter that account for a total of 35% of your final grade. *Your grade is based primarily on the quality of your argument, but also on your writing proficiency and your ability to format your paper in accordance with the MMW Style Sheet (including proper MLA format).* MMW maintains a “Standard Deduction” policy across courses.

We will discuss writing assignments in section, and it’s a great opportunity to ask questions. If you find yourself needing help, or you want to bounce an idea off me, come by office hours. We can go over portions of your assignment to help keep you on track. It is important that you get an early start on assignments if you want to come by and discuss it in the office. I don’t imagine I can see all 90 students in the three hours before something is due. The piazza website is another great place to check.

Late paper policy:
All papers are due at the beginning of section on the date specified in the handout. After section begins on the day they are due, one third of a letter grade will be deducted per day for late papers (a weekend counts as three days). All papers must be handed in to me – they cannot be emailed, left in my mailbox, or left at the MMW Office, as per MMW policy.

It is important to come by the office or email me before the paper is due if you are having trouble. Problems are not uncommon, and are much easier to fix before the paper is late.

Communication:
Let’s all try to use the Piazza website and get our questions answered more quickly. However, if you feel you need to send me a message you don’t want to risk others seeing, feel encouraged to email me.

Longer questions that can’t be answered on Piazza or email communication should be brought up in office hours. Office hours work best for solving those long form issues where we need to go back and forth a few times. It’s just something that will save you time in the long run. That being said, not everyone will come to office hours. I’d like to try and use Google Hangouts this quarter as well to talk about things outside of class. Add me as steve@segriffin.com and we’ll give it a shot! It’s an experiment. We’ll see how it goes.

Feel encouraged to ask any questions on piazza. Your peers may answer more quickly than I can.

Plagiarism and Cheating:
The University, the Making of the Modern World Program, and I take academic misconduct very seriously. Academic misconduct generally consists of your using other people’s ideas, text, or other academic product as your own. This misconduct can be done intentionally or unintentionally. Make sure you cite all information taken from sources. If you don’t know if it needs a citation, cite it, and we can discuss it later. If you have concerns about this policy, please come see me. The bottom line is, don’t cheat, and do your own work.

Failure to complete and submit any writing assignment or exam will result in a failing grade for the course regardless of any other grades awarded.

writingcenter.ucsd.edu
http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/mmw/courses/mmw122.html
http://www.piazza.com