MMW 15: TWENTIETH CENTURY AND BEYOND (4 CREDITS)

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Section A03 and A04

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“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Section Objective:

- The purpose of section is to improve your understanding of and engagement with the course content by giving you an opportunity to exercise critical thinking, writing, reading, studying, listening, and speaking skills in a small, supportive group led by a knowledgeable guide.

When you successfully complete this course, you will be better able to:

- Interpret and analyze course material in its historical context, developing ideas in dialogue with course readings and lectures.
- Write coherent academic argument papers that address a significant issue; ask a specific, open-ended arguable question; answer the question by making a claim and backing it up with sufficient, relevant, specific, compelling evidence; consider and rebut counterarguments.
- Demonstrate significance of the argument; and accurately cite sources in MLA format.
- Engage in substantive and respectful discussion of course concepts with peers.

Letter Grade Requirement:

- You must take MMW courses for a letter grade. If you have selected Pass/No Pass as a grading option for MMW 15, you should immediately change your option to letter grade, or you will not fulfill the ERC General Education Requirement and will have to take MMW 15 again.

Attendance, Participation, and Section Requirements:

- Regular attendance and participation in section is mandatory. Students who miss 3 sections—excused or unexcused—will fail section. Students who miss 4 sections—excused or unexcused—will fail the course. Any absence can lower your grade.
- You must arrive on time and be prepared to discuss and write about course material. Consistent tardiness will lower your grade.
- You are REQUIRED to bring your lecture notes and MMW 15 Reader to section each week.
**Participation:**

*In order to participate successfully, you have to be prepared. For each section meeting, you will be responsible for readings and material assigned for all lectures that have already taken place. Dialogue and even disagreement are encouraged, provided they are done respectfully. I understand that speaking in a group setting is more difficult for some. If you are uncomfortable speaking in front of the class, please let me know and we can work out a way for you to share your ideas.*

**Homework, Quizzes, In-Class Work:**

- I may assign homework to be completed by the beginning of the next section meeting. The purpose of the homework will be to prepare you for the next class. Therefore, **late homework will not be accepted**. Homework is generally graded on a credit/no credit basis. All homework and extra credit should be typed (unless otherwise stated) and follow the MMW style sheet guidelines. Please do not forget to include your name and section number. I reserve the right to give pop quizzes if I see that the majority of the class is not keeping up with class readings.

**Grading:**

- **Section** counts for **10%** of the overall class grade. **5%** will be determined by in-class assignments and pop quizzes. The final **5%** will come from regular attendance and participation. Your preparedness in section will help your course grade and ensure your overall success in MMW.

**Writing Assignments and Late Policy:**

- In MMW 15, you are required to complete an academic research paper in stages that will build your argumentative writing skills. Assignments will be covered in section, along with the MMW “Style Sheet” for guidelines on how to format and submit your papers. Failure to meet ALL criteria for writing assignments will result in the loss of points.
- All papers must be turned in directly as *a hard copy to me* in section, lecture, or office hours, in addition to an electronic copy uploaded to www.turnitin.com. Papers left in my mailbox or the MMW office will not be graded. You will lose one-third of a letter grade for each day a paper is late (including weekends).
- If you are unable to attend section the day the paper is due, you must make other arrangements to submit your work.
- In addition to taking the mid-term and final exams and attending section regularly, you must submit ALL writing assignments (both as a hard copy to me and to turnitin.com) in order to pass the course.

**Classroom Environment:**

- Having an open environment for discussion will help you develop a deeper understanding of course materials. A friendly, positive, and mutually respectful atmosphere is necessary for effective learning. You are required to be respectful to all views and opinions expressed in class and avoid making offensive comments or being disruptive. Since section time is limited, avoid discussions unrelated to course material or section exercises. **Cell phones are not permitted in class at any time.** Laptops will be permitted ONLY to reference course material. If I observe you repeatedly interacting with your cell phone and/or laptop during section, I reserve the right to dismiss you from section and mark you absent for that day.
Communicating with Me/Office Hours/Email:

- Please communicate with me via email with any questions, comments or concerns you have. I check my email regularly but please allot for a response time of 24-72 hours.
- I strongly recommend that you come talk to me during office hours at the beginning of the quarter, and consistently throughout. If you know you struggle with academic writing, please be proactive and ask for assistance within the first 2 weeks. If you cannot come to my office hours, please email me to set up an appointment.
- The UCSD Writing Center is an excellent resource for MMW paper-based questions and a good alternative if we are unable to set up a mutually agreeable meeting time.

How to Format an Email:
In writing emails to myself or Professor Chang, please practice formal communication etiquette at ALL times. Please apply the following format.

Subject: MMW 12 Section B20 or B21

Dear/Hello/Greetings [name]

[Text of your message: The text should conform to standard English i.e., complete sentences and proper capitalization and punctuation.]

Sincerely, Cheers, Best, Thanks,

Your First and Last Name (your name is not always clear from your email address)

Course Resources:
Course Syllabus:

MMW12 Homepage: http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/mmw/courses/mmw12.html

UCSD Writing Center: http://writingcenter.ucsd.edu/

The Cornell Note-taking System (effective note-taking strategies):
http://lsc.sas.cornell.edu/Sidebars/Study_Skills_Resources/cornellsystem.pdf

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS):
College life can be stressful, and it is normal to feel overwhelmed at times. UCSD has a staff of professionals that are available for confidential meetings to discuss any personal concerns you might have. Feel free to contact CAPS at any time to set up an appointment:
http://psychservices.ucsd.edu/#students

Academic Integrity:
- You are responsible for the honesty and integrity of your academic work at UCSD. The University has a strict policy prohibiting cheating of any kind. If you are suspected of cheating, you will be required to meet with an academic coordinator, who will then discuss your case with the professor. If the professor charges you with misconduct, the professor will determine the penalty for your grade in the course, which can range from deductions to failing the paper, section, or the course. Then you will have to meet with the Dean of Student Affairs, who will
determine additional penalties, which can range from failing the course and taking an academic integrity seminar to suspension to expulsion.

- Throughout this process, a hold will be put on your grade. Even a first offense can result in a quarter’s suspension, and the standard sanction for a second offense is suspension or permanent dismissal from the university. Any instance of academic misconduct can be recorded in a student’s file. Such a record might interfere with a student’s acceptance into law, medical, or graduate school, or might make that student ineligible for positions requiring a security clearance, such as a government internship.

- In brief, the University’s Policy on Integrity of Scholarship states that students are expected to complete the course in compliance with the instructor’s standards. No student shall engage in any activity that involves attempting to receive a grade by means other than honest effort; for example:

1. No student shall knowingly procure, provide, or accept any unauthorized material that contains questions, or answers to any examination or assignment to be given at a subsequent time.
2. No student shall complete, in part or in total, any examination nor assignment for another person.
3. No student shall knowingly allow any examination or assignment to be completed, in part or in total, for himself or herself by another person.
4. No student shall plagiarize or copy the work of another person and submit it as his or her own work.
5. No student shall employ aids excluded by the instructor in undertaking course work or in completing any exam or assignment.
6. No student shall alter graded class assignments or examinations and then resubmit them for regrading.
7. No student shall submit substantially the same material in more than one course without prior authorization.

Please read the full policy: http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academicintegrity/policy.html. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.