## Course Title: Fundamentals of Composition 1

### Term/Semester/Year:
Fall 2009

### Course Catalog Number:
ENGL0098.27

### Instructor:
John T. Trigonis

### Course Description:
Fundamentals of Composition 1 is a developmental course focusing on honing students’ skills in standard written English that is necessary for academic success. Emphasis is placed on structure of, basic writing processes and techniques, reading comprehension, and vocabulary building.

In a way, this course will prepare you for the work that you will do in this or any other college course. In addition, many other professors will require you to write a term paper of one sort or another. Fundamentals of Composition 1 will help you develop the skills that you will need to write it more efficiently and productively.

### Prerequisites (If any):

### Goals and Objectives:
In this course, you will become confident and flexible in using basic expository writing skills. To pass this course, you are required to do the following:
- Write at least one 2.5 – 3 page essay based on one or more readings from the class textbook
- Complete several take-home assignments, each 1-2 pages, which require revision for grammar and content
- Complete several timed in-class writings, some of which must respond to readings from the class textbook and/or handouts
- Read essays, both from the class textbook and from handouts
- Read and respond critically to short essays and peer writing
- Be on time for class and attend regularly
- Complete all lecture AND lab requirements
- Achieve a passing score on departmental Portfolio Review

### Course Topics:
Expository writing, critical reading, MLA format, research and documentation, Narration, Description, Comparison/Contrast, Cause and Effect, Process, Definition, Example, Argumentation and Persuasion

### Text:
The Write Stuff: Thinking Through Essays, Sims, 2009