Humanities 139W (Advanced Academic Writing)

Course Materials
Perspectives on Contemporary Issues. Reading Across the Disciplines. 5th ed. Katherine Anne Ackley
Binder Notebook with dividers
Highly Recommended: Longman Advanced American Dictionary

Course Description
Humanities 139W satisfies the upper-division writing requirement for most undergraduate majors. It is designed for transfer students who wish to gain a greater understanding of the English language. The course will focus on developing academic reading and writing skills. This includes essay organization and content, vocabulary, and sentence structure.

Students will write a total of 4,000 words over the course of the quarter. Course requirements include two papers, one of four pages (1,000 words) and the second of 8-10 pages (2,000-2,500 words). There will be three to four drafts of each paper. The second paper will be presented orally to the class. A midterm essay will be written in class. Weekly shortwrite assignments, grammar instruction, and grammar quizzes will also be included. All work will be resubmitted at the end of the quarter in a writing portfolio.

Course Prerequisites
Satisfaction of lower division writing. You are expected to be able to write English following writing conventions learned in Writing 39 C.

Course Requirements and Grading
25% Essay Assignment #1
30% Research Assignment #2
15% Midterm
10% Class participation/Attendance and Portfolio
15% Shortwrites
5% Oral Presentation based on research assignment

IMPORTANT: A course grade of C- is NOT passing.
There is no Final Exam in this course.

Academic Honesty
The University is an institution of learning, research, and scholarship predicated on the existence of an environment of honesty and integrity. It is essential that all members of the academic community subscribe to the ideal of academic honesty and accept individual responsibility for their work. Academic dishonesty is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at UCI. Cheating, forgery, dishonest conduct, and plagiarism devalue the learning experience and its legitimacy not only for the perpetrators but for the entire community. In an effort to protect your work and the work of other students, the two major writing assignments will be submitted to Turnitin.com.