

Basic Course Information			
Semester:	Spring 2020	Instructor Name:	Olivia Garcia
Course Title & #:	English 110: Composition and Reading	Email:	olivia.garcia@imperial.edu
CRN #:	21506	Office #:	2791
Classroom:	400	Office Hours:	MW 11:50am-12:50pm; TR 9:30am-10:30am
Class Dates:	Feb. 19 - June 12, 2020	Office Phone #:	(760) 355-6518
Class Days:	MW		
Class Times:	7:20am-9:25am		
Units:	4.0		

Course Description

The standard course in freshman English. The course seeks to improve the student's ability to understand serious and complex prose and to improve the student's ability to write an exposition that is thoughtful and clear, including the production of a well-documented research paper. (CSU, UC)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

- ENGL 009 or ENGL 010 with a grade of C or better or appropriate placement

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Compose college-level essays that contain clear thesis statements, effective support, and unified organization. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)
2. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Demonstrate an ability to comprehend and interpret a variety of college-level texts, including complex arguments and at least one full-length novel, play, or non-fiction book, without relying on outside sources for assistance. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Write multiple essays—including one research paper and one final exam—that, together, add up to 6,000 words of formal writing
2. Demonstrate a command of the writing process, which may include pre-writing, drafting, revising, self-editing, peer group editing, and proofreading
3. Compose error-free essays that avoid sentence-level and grammar problems
4. Compose unified essays that include support for the thesis statement, clear development, and effective transitions

5. Demonstrate a command of writing patterns by effectively integrating various rhetorical modes, such as compare/contrast, definition, cause/effect, and argumentation together to produce sophisticated, college-level essays as appropriate
6. Demonstrate an ability to adapt writing strategies to the requirements of the writing situation (e.g. in-class writing, research writing, reflective writing) or to tailor a written assignment to address specific audiences (both general and academic)
7. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of research strategies and library skills (including electronic databases) to identify and evaluate resources for a research paper
8. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines
9. Demonstrate a command of rules regarding plagiarism and academic ethics
10. Read actively, using metacognitive strategies to monitor comprehension, build vocabulary, and improve analysis of college-level texts
11. Analyze the rhetorical context when reading by identifying genre, medium, purpose, audience and tone
12. Analyze and evaluate the strategies an author uses to make and support a claim, including the use of fallacies
13. Synthesize knowledge by relating texts to personal experience, to past and present events, and to other texts

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required texts:

- *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore (ISBN-13: 978-1492650959)
- MLA style handbook:
 - *Pocket Style Manual* (8th edition) by Diane Hacker and Nancy Sommers (ISBN-13: 978-8925598406) **OR**
 - *The OWL: Purdue Online Writing Lab* https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html
- Good college level dictionary; updated within last few years; contains around 70-75,000 entries, biographical info, word histories, and grammar assistance (print, online, phone app)

Materials needed:

- Notebook paper
- Black or Blue ink pens preferred (NO colored inks, NO white out)

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

The focus of the class is on the nonfiction book *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore. Information from the book will be used to create the "Project".

Basically, a written or spoken project will be developed through the semester and presented in final format accordingly. This does not mean only an essay or speech will be permitted; the options are numerous. Development of this final project will be divided into sections of approximately four (4) weeks. Each section will have its required "final" piece of work to be submitted on time. Everything will be put into writing, drafted, revised and edited, and finalized. Writing exercises and drafts will be checked off, but only the final drafts will be graded; each final piece of work, including the final project, must be submitted to remain *eligible* for passing the class.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

The Project

Part 1	10%	Standard A-F (100%-0%) grading scale
Part 2	20%	
Part 3	30%	
Final Project	40%	

Late work: Each part of the project is connected, so late work isn't conducive as a whole. However, communicating with me helps in understanding where some extra time may be needed or an extension for a particular due date.

Extra credit: Extra means extra—beyond the required work for class. In general: utilizing the tutoring resources available. This means sessions with the class tutor/WLTC tutors/program tutor (EOPS/TRIO/etc.)/NetTutor. This also means ME: I have office hours FOR YOU. Any of these resources requires that you spend additional time on your work outside of class. That is what “extra” means. You can earn up to a letter's grade worth of points per grade, provided the actual work submitted earned a minimum of 70%; you can't do poorly on the actual work and expect the “extra” to boost you into passing.

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped.
 - **I appreciate communication of any absences, so I know that you are still participating in class. However, notification does not imply excused, and does not have bearing on whether you may be dropped; this is a face-to-face class: you're expected to BE IN CLASS.**
 - **An absence doesn't excuse the work, especially if the work can or will be submitted through Canvas or emailed to me. Communicate!**
 - **Submission of work without showing up to class doesn't keep your spot in class. Should your attendance slack, even with work being turned in, I will drop you per the explanation above.**

For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.

- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- **Electronic Devices:** Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- **Food and Drink** are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.

- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Online Netiquette

- Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- CANVAS LMS. Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- [Learning Services](#). There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- [Library Services](#). There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services \(DSP&S\)](#) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- [Student Health Center](#). A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- [Mental Health Counseling Services](#). Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues

that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar				
Week	Date*	Monday	Date*	Wednesday
1	2/17	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY -- HOLIDAY	2/19	Introduction Syllabus – begin reading <i>Radium Girls (RG)</i>
2	2/24	Reading/Writing exercises	2/26	Reading/Writing exercises
3	3/2	Reading/Writing exercises	3/4	Reading/Writing exercises/Drafting
4	3/9	Drafting	3/11	Part #1 due
5	3/16	Building a Timeline: New Jersey girls	3/18	Timeline
6	3/23	Timeline	3/25	Timeline
7	3/30	Timeline/Draft	4/1	Draft
8	4/6	Draft	4/8	Part #2 due
SPRING BREAK 4/13-4/18				
9	4/20	Building a Timeline: Ottawa girls	4/22	Timeline
10	4/27	Timeline	4/29	Timeline
11	5/4	Timeline/Draft	5/6	Draft
12	5/11	Draft	5/13	Part #3 due
13	5/18	Project Brainstorm	5/20	Project Drafting
14	5/25	MEMORIAL DAY - HOLIDAY	5/27	Project Drafting
15	6/1	Project Drafting	6/3	Final Revision/Editing
16	6/8	Final Project due	6/10	No class

***Flexible dates: subject to change depending on instructor's discretion**