

ENGL 4000: Graduate Colloquium

Winter Quarter, 2011

2.0 Credits

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:50

SH 233

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a graded class (not a Tutorial) required for all second-year doctoral students. First-year doctoral students may not register for ENGL 4000 because of other first-year requirements and also due to the targeted subject matter and outcomes. Second-year MA students, however, may take this class. The primary aim for ENGL 4000 is to provide a lively introduction to a variety of professional development matters, including: departmental policies; preparing for comprehensive exams & the dissertation process; preparing for the job market; teaching/publication/service; making one's work public; models for authorship, scholarship, and teaching; job opportunities beyond academia; disciplinary & interdisciplinary studies; theory & methodology; tenure & promotion; faculty & administrators; work & life, etc.

BOOKS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE: none

Other Documents & Materials: TBA

Assignments & Grading:

5 Assignments: 100%

- Advising Progress Checklist
- Exam Reading Lists
- CV
- Teaching Portfolio (documents TBA)
- Notebook for weekly conversational topics & assignments

All assignments must be completed by the specified due dates. Details & guidelines forthcoming.

Note on grading: The Check System: I'll be grading your assignments with a check system that will follow these guidelines: A check plus on all your assignments will translate into a grade of 4.0/A for that percentage of your overall grade in the course. Each check will reduce your grade for that component of your overall grade in the course by -0.5. Each check minus, by -1.0; each missing assignment, by -2.0. If you receive less than a check plus on any of the assignments, you'll have the option to revise & resubmit for a higher grade. Those revisions (original w/ comments plus the new version) will be due by the beginning of the next class.

Note on attendance: Your attendance is required for all regularly scheduled class meetings. Each unexcused absence will result in a deduction of -0.5 (i.e. one-half of a letter grade) from your final grade in the course.

Calendar (subject to changes):**Week One**

1/5

Orientation*English Graduate Studies (EGS):* <https://portfolio.du.edu/>**Week Two**

1/12

Comprehensive Examinations

Advising Progress Checklists Due

Week Three

1/19

Dissertation Process

Week Four 1/26	<i>Readings & Presentations</i>
Week Five 2/2	<i>Publications</i> CVs Due
Week Six 2/9	<i>The Job Market: Preparation</i>
Week Seven 2/16	<i>The Job Market: Academia</i> Teaching Portfolios Due
Week Eight 2/23	<i>The Job Market: Beyond Academia</i>
Week Nine 3/2	<i>Work & Play</i> Exam Reading Lists Due
Week Ten 3/9 3/10-13	<i>Play & Work</i> Notebooks Due DU Final Exams

WWW Resources:

Libraries:

University of Denver Penrose Library: <http://www.penlib.du.edu/>

Iliff School of Theology Taylor Library: http://www.iliff.edu/taylor_library/index.htm

Westminster Law Library: <http://law.du.edu/index.php/library>

Organizations & Publications:

Modern Language Association (MLA): <http://www.mla.org/>

Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP): <http://www.awpwriter.org/>

Association of Departments of English (ADE): <http://www.ade.org/>

Arts & Letters Daily: <http://www.aldaily.com/>

The Chronicle of Higher Education: <http://chronicle.com/>