English 430: Advanced Writing Workshop

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Course Description: This course offers students the opportunity to develop papers already written for other courses. Students will learn to see the potential in already “completed” drafts. Beyond thinking through the possibilities of their writing, they will practice focusing on the craft and shape of the writing rather than on the generation of content and ideas. They will improve how they revise their work with a critical eye, and learn how to engage the craft of others’ writing. While there will be some shared readings and style samples, the course is devoted to workshopping student writing and reflecting on the process.

There are no required texts to buy; readings will be supplied on the course D2L site.

Assignments: During the semester each student will revise three papers originally written for other courses, keep a critical notebook on writing and revision, share samples and writing models, and participate in the workshops.

Graded work:

1. Three revised papers.
2. Commentary on another’s paper.
3. Critical Notebook; turned in three times during the semester.
4. Participation in the workshop, including the presentation of models.