

Fall 2004
English 400.02
Wednesday 7:00-9:30 p.m.

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Senior Tutorial

Senior tutorials are designed to provide close supervision and critique, by me and your cohorts, in a collaborative setting, for an intensive research and writing assignment you will undertake—a 20-25 page essay—during the course of the semester. On your way to writing this essay, you will: 1) write a fully developed proposal in which you will define your subject, provide a rationale for your choice, specify your method (or methods) of analysis, and attach a list of works you plan to consult or have already consulted; 2) write two or more drafts of the essay, which will be read and critiqued by me and your cohorts, both within and across the groups.

We will proceed as follows, up to Fall break, after which I will circulate the rest of the schedule:

Meeting 1: Informal discussion of ideas about and readings for individual group projects on the basis of which I will divide you into groups.

Between meeting 1 and 2, each of you will submit an early, brief version of a proposal for your project, a short bibliography and copies of 2 essays/chapters in books, which I will make available to everyone in class in preparation for the next two or three meetings. (Of these two essays, one will be read by everyone in the tutorial and the other will be read by your group members, who will then present it to the rest of the class for discussion.)

Meetings 2, 3 and 4 will be devoted to a discussion of the essays/chapters submitted by each of you.

Meeting 5 will be devoted to a discussion of how a research project is put together—its focus determined; research undertaken; how the writing is organized, including examples/evidence selected and so forth. A recent essay of mine will be used as an example for this discussion.

In place of meeting 6, I will hold individual conferences with each of you and set up inter- and intra-group discussions for each proposal.

Meeting 7 will include an in-class workshop on the last but final, more elaborate and extensive version of proposal prior to its submission on **October 15, 2004**, the day before Fall break starts.