Instructor: Jake Ptacek
Unique number: 87455
Class Time and Place: MTWThF 10:00-11:30; PAR 101
E-mail: jakeptacek@yahoo.com
Office: FAC 16
Office hours: Monday 11:50-1:00, Tuesdays 12:00-2:00, and by appointment.

Textbooks:

RHE 306 – Rhetoric & Writing is a course in argumentation that situates rhetoric as an art of civic discourse. It is designed to enhance your ability to analyze the various positions held in any public debate and to advocate your own position effectively. Your work in this course will help you advance the critical writing and reading skills you will need to succeed in courses for your major and university degree.

You will learn how to
1. identify, evaluate, construct, and organize effective arguments;
2. read critically;
3. advocate a specific position responsibly;
4. conduct library and web-based research and document sources;
5. produce a clean, efficient style and adapt it to various rhetorical situations; and
6. edit and proofread your own and others’ prose.

Coursework and Grading:
Grades will be determined on a plus / minus scale. You will be graded on the following assignments this term:

- Paper 1.1 5%
- Paper 1.2 10%
- Paper 2.1 10%
- Paper 2.2 15%
- Paper 3.1 15%
- Paper 3.2 15%
- Research summaries 20%
- Oral Presentation 10%
- Peer reviews Mandatory
- Participation Invaluable
**Major Assignments**

Students will write three essays ranging from 4-7 pages each (above designated as 1.1, 2.1, and 3.1), and they will revise each of these three based on the instructor’s feedback (above designated as 1.2, 2.2, and 3.2). In addition, students will compose six short writing assignments. Due dates for these papers are as follows:

- 06/15: Paper 1.1
- 06/18: Paper 1.2
- 06/25: Paper 2.1
- 06/29: Paper 2.2
- 07/05: Paper 3.1
- 07/08: Paper 3.2

**Helpful Resources**

The following websites will be helpful this semester:

- DRW - http://www.drw.utexas.edu/
- UWC - http://uwc.utexas.edu/
- Blackboard - https://courses.utexas.edu/webapps/login/

**Late Work:** Late work will not be accepted.

**Absences:** Six or more absences will result in an F for the course.

**Tardiness:** More than three instances of significant tardiness (more than 10 minutes) will be recorded as an absence.

The University of Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD), at 471-6259.
RHE 306
Summer Course Schedule

06/03: Introduction
06/04: *Critical Situations*: chapters 1 and 2

06/07: Pollan (*In Defense of Food*): Section III
06/08: **Research Summary (RS) 1** due in class for workshop
06/09: CS 3 & 4
06/10: RS 2 due, research methods day
06/11: RS 3 due, paper topic proposals, research methods continued

06/14: Peer review Paper 1
06/15: **Paper 1.1** due
06/16: personal conferences
06/17: personal conferences
06/18: **Paper 1.2** due

06/21: CS 5 & 7
06/22: CS 6 & 8
06/23: **Short rhetorical analysis due**
06/24: Peer review Paper 2
06/25: **Paper 2.1**

06/28: Unit 2 wrap-up
06/29: **Paper 2.2 due**, begin Unit 3
06/30: CS 9
07/01: workshop for paper 3
07/02: Peer review Paper 3

07/05: **Paper 3.1 due**, Oral presentations
07/06: Oral presentations
07/07: Oral presentations
07/08: **Paper 3.2**, course evaluations