

Writing an MLA Research Paper

Instructor: Joseph W. Smith III

Class Code : RSH400

Co-teacher?

Class Time 3:30-4:15pm

Tuition : \$35.00

Length of Class (1st sem/ 2nd sem/both) 1st

Materials Fee : see "required text" below

Description:

This course will teach students how to write a research paper using MLA documentation. It will be largely hands-on, with students bringing in their work for feedback and revision. We will cover all steps including: choosing a topic, finding materials, using books, magazines, newspapers & personal interviews (also DVDs and TV if needed), how to distinguish worthy from unworthy online sources, writing a thesis, creating a list of works cited, writing an outline, using in-text citations, first draft and final draft. As time permits, I would like to do one short paper (1-2 pages) and then a longer one (10 pages). If there is time at the end of the semester, we may also briefly cover APA style and old-fashioned footnoting, which is back in vogue now that computer programs have made it much easier.

BTW, the somewhat awkward class time of 3:30 - 4:15 is necessitated by my own working hours at Loyalsock High School. If I can get permission to leave work at 3 once a week next year, we could move it back to 3:15 - 4.

Enrollment: Min:

3

Max: 10

Pre-Requisites:

Required Text:

Tuition fee includes cost of revising and xeroxing my Guide to MLA Documentation, a good deal cheaper than the many books on this subject. Each student in class will receive a copy to keep.

Additional Materials:

If students could bring a laptop to class to assist in revision, this would be excellent -- but not absolutely imperative.

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