

2017-2018 CHEF Co-op

Research Paper Class 10th - 12th grade

Instructor: Joe Smith

Class Code : RSH410

Tuition : \$35

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

Fall

Materials Fee :

Description:

Does your curriculum require a research paper? Do you approach this segment with a plunging sense of dread every year? Is it like pulling teeth to get your beloved son or daughter to move forward on the process?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Mr. Smith's MLA Research Course is for you.

About to enter its fourth year, this class offers a practical and very manageable step-by-step approach to research, writing and 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. The resulting paper will be approximately 10 pages long (2500 words); those whose curriculums do not require this can write something shorter. If there is time at the end of the semester, we may also briefly cover old-fashioned footnoting, which is back in vogue now that computer programs have made it much easier.

PLEASE SEE THE GRADING POLICY BELOW.

Enrollment Min:

4

Max: 15

Additional Materials:

Cost of tuition includes a spiral-bound guide to MLA documentation. Ability to bring a computer to class would be helpful.

Contact Information

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LATE POLICY FOR RESEARCH PAPER CLASS, Mr. Smith

Since our coursework is sequenced, with later assignments scaffolded onto previous ones, it is imperative for you to complete your work on time.

For this reason, the following policies will be in effect for the research class:

1. The regular CHEF policy allowing one late assignment per term will not apply for this class.
2. Late assignments will be docked 5 points per day. They should be emailed to the instructor as Word documents. Please DO NOT TEXT THEM -- thanks!
3. Late assignments not handed in by the next class meeting will receive a zero.
4. After three late assignments, you will automatically receive an F for the course, without refund.
5. Please back up all documents onto a stick, flash drive, Dropbox or Google Drive (these last two are free!) so that you can retain your work in the event of a computer crash. Crashed computers or “my printer ran out of ink” (etc.) will not suffice for a late excuse.