 **Date:** March 2013

Course Name and Number:

Advanced Composition

37-099-03/04

**Type of course:** Lecture

**Year of Studies:** 2013-2014 **Semester:** Spring **Hours/credits:** 2

**Course Description:**

The central focus will be on writing essays and research papers. Students will be required to write three short essays (five pages each), and one longer one (twenty pages). In certain cases, a short story can be substituted for an essay.

The lectures will include the following topics –

1. The Community of Scholars
2. The Betrayal of Plagiarism
3. Proper Documentation
4. The Quotation
5. The Paraphrase and the Summary
6. Your Best Use of Resources
7. The MLA Style
8. Common Conventions
9. Good Writing
10. Pick a Good Question
11. Moving from Your Question to Your Thesis
12. A Checklist for Your Essays

**Course requirements**

* Regular attendance - a maximum of three absences will be allowed per semester, including absences due to illness. Excessive absences will result either in lowering of your grade or in no credit for the course.
* Two late appearances will constitute one absence.
* All writing assignments must be submitted on the announced due date. Late papers will be docked at least one full letter grade. If you cannot attend class on the day a paper is due, be sure to have someone else bring the paper to class for you.
* Participation in class discussion.

**Required textbooks, other textbooks**

*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, by* Joseph Gibaldi, *The Modern Language Association of American, Sixth Edition, 2008.*

*Merriam-Webster Dictionary and Thesaurus, Merriam Webster Inc., May 2007.*