

**University of Arkansas – Fort Smith**

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**General Syllabus**

**ENGL 47343 Special Topics in Rhetoric**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 35043 Writing Arguments or consent of instructor

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

Theory and practice of rhetoric and writing with topics varying each semester. May be repeated once for credit when topics differ.

**B. Additional Information**

None.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

Because this is a special topics course, subject matter outcomes will vary with the topic.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Analytical Skills**

**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis. Students will analyze a variety of texts for their rhetorical and/or literary features, as well as analyze the rhetorical situation to which the texts they produce respond.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will practice communication skills through discussions, presentations, and a variety of required written assignments.

**Ethical Decision Making**

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will practice critical response to the writing of others, responsible use of research materials and intellectual property, and the ethical use of persuasion.

**Global & Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own. Students will analyze the rhetorical situation, produce texts for a variety of audiences, and avoid the use of biased language.

**III. Major Course Topics**

Major course topics will vary based on the overall special topic for that semester.