

Textbook: Foss, S., Foss, K., & Trapp, R. (2002). *Contemporary Perspectives on Rhetoric* (3rd Ed.). Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

Reading list: Selections from:

Aristotle	Durkheim	Peirce
St. Augustine	Habermas	Frege
Plato	Chomsky	Habermas
Husserl	Derrida	Burke
Heidegger	Tonnes	Rokeach
Merleau-Ponty	Lacan	Wittgenstein
Foucault	Eco	Mead
Kuhn	Schutz	Dilthey

What Are Some Common Misconceptions About This Course? (from Dr. Gottcent)

- a. *Because they have to graduate, and may have a job waiting, seniors will pass LIBA 497.* Of course the hope is that everyone will pass. But this misconception puts the cart before the horse. People graduate because they pass; they do not pass because they have to graduate. Passing grades must be earned.
- b. *LIBA 497 is not as important as other courses because it is not in my major.* Actually, it is in your major. Every student has at least two majors: an individual one, and the University Core, which is “everybody’s major.” Since this course is a Core requirement, one cannot graduate without it.
- c. *LIBA 497 is not an English course, so I shouldn’t be graded on writing.* True, it is not an English course. But why do you think you were required to take English comp courses? So you could apply the writing skills you honed there in other contexts, including LIBA 497.
- d. *If the instructor made more grade points available, it would be easier to earn a higher grade.* Some students think that grades are easier to earn in courses which offer more points. But this is not so, for grades are usually based on percentages. It makes no difference whether 1,006 points equals a B or 206 points equals a B-a B is still a B. It’s the opportunities to earn points, not the total number of points available that matters.

Tentative Schedule

(This schedule is subject to revision.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reference</u>	
Sept	1	Introduction/Administration/Overview	
	3	Introduction to Rhetoric	Chapter 1
	8	Introduction to Rhetoric	
	10	Historical Context	Reports/Discussion
	15	Aristotle	<i>The Rhetoric & Poetics</i>
	17	Reports	
	22	Richards	Chapter 2
	24	Grassi	Chapter 3
	29	Grassi	Chapter 3
	Oct	1	Perelman
6		Reports	
8		Midterm Paper Presentations	
13		Midterm Paper Presentations	
15		Midterm Exam	
20		The Original Debate	Lecture
22		Toulmin	Chapter 5
27		Toulmin	Chapter 5
29		Weaver	Chapter 6
Nov		3	Weaver
	5	Reports	
	10	Assessment Day—Class does not meet	
	12	Kenneth Burke	Chapter 7
	17	Kenneth Burke	Chapter 7
	19	Kenneth Burke	Chapter 7
Dec	24	Habermas	Chapter 8
	1	Michel Foucault	Chapter 11
	3	Michel Foucault	Chapter 11
	8	Paper Presentations	
	10	Paper Presentations	
	15	Final Exam	Chapter 9