

## Course Description Form

Course number and section: ENGL 203 001, 002, 003 and 101, 102, 103

Course Topic: Topics in Composition: What is Truth? An Exploration of Knowledge & Meaning Making

Credits: 3

Term: 2022 W1 and 2022 W2

Instructor: Cathi Shaw

Course Description (aim for no more than 80 – 100 words for your course description):

ENGL 203 focuses on rhetoric and composition. We will look at knowledge building and representations of truth through an interdisciplinary perspective. Students will engage in persuasive writing, rhetorical analyses, and will complete a large creative research project. A small group seminar presentation will also be completed.

Tentative Reading List: (Be as concise as possible with your reading list, but please also specify the genre of each required text. See sample below)

We will read a selection of articles from a variety of disciplines. All these articles and excerpts will be available via the Library Online Course Reserves. For example, we will read excerpts from the books, *The Misinformation Age* (O'Connor & Weatherall 2019), *Cultish* (Montell, 2021), and *Calling Bullsh\*t* (Bergstrom & West, 2021). We will also watch a number of documentary films (such as, *Propaganda: The Art of Selling Lies*, *Totally Under Control*, and *Fake: Searching for Truth in the Misinformation Age*).

Other: