

PLATTSBURGH-Clinton Community College beginning Spring 09, will be offering: innovative, 1 credit, freshman, required course MLA research.

“Students will improve their ability to recognize plagiarism, and focus on MLA format,” said Jeff Meyers, humanities professor.

The MLA course will be half a semester, eight wks, and meeting 1 hr weekly. It will require a placement exam; two essay papers during, 1 final essay paper, which is required to pass, reviewed by dept. administration.

All other students who have already taken Eng101, which provides basic writing skills, will be grandfathered in and Eng101 will remove MLA from its curriculum in Spring 09, freeing more time to master writing skills.

CCC recognizes the importance of students reciting information correctly in class, but perhaps even more importantly in their careers after leaving college.

“It will effectively reward students,” he said.

The Humanities divisions of other colleges have widely used composition programs, while only a few have required a separate MLA course as accepted policy.

CCC currently has fourteen full time and seven part time staff employees to teach the new course.

However, four to nine more staff members will need to be hired this fall in order to fill the demands of classes.

Of all students who attend CCC, 80 percent are required to take English courses; twenty one of that 80 percent elect to take Composition & Literature class.

In addition to that, taking the innovative MLA class, will better ready students for upper level communication away from college.

Originally, a longer four credit course was considered, but due to time restraints, work schedules, adjunct faculty, the course was refined to a one credit, extensive eight weeks.

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