**MCS 105 - Paper One**

**Directions and criteria for Paper One:** Develop a fully articulated **outline** (not less than 1.5 double-spaced pages), **works cited** **page** (minimum of three citations) and write an **essay** (a total of four to five pages in length) responding to the following instructions:

**Type an essay** about yourself including the following: analyze the racial and ethnic features of your identity. Consider your ancestral origins and how your heritage has influenced who you are today. Reflect on such factors as language, naming practices, physical characteristics, religion, and family customs and traditions. Also, think about and discuss whether the construction of gender roles within your family tradition has caused you to be either an agent or target of oppression with respect to opposite gender(s). Remember that in the United States everyone has a racial or ethnic heritage, and customary gender roles even though they are central to some groups and less important and obvious to others.

**Submit** a separate works cited page with your outline. Submit all three (the paper, outline and works cited) as one document by the assigned deadline as one document.

**Grades will be based on the following criteria:**

1) ***Overall quality of outline*** 20 points Adherence to and coverage of the complete instructions for the assignment.

2*)* ***Research content and quality of essay*** *60* points Contextual information about yourself should be researched and your sources cited. Your story should be clearly and thoughtfully expressed.

3) ***Presentation 1***0 points

Appearance, neatness, margins, and font size.

(12 point font for the entire body of the text including the outline)

4) ***Works cited*** 10 points

Variety, credibility, and the stylistic format of sources. Either MLA or Chicago styles are acceptable; decide on a style and stick to it.

**A late paper will lose:**

10 points the first day

20 points the second day

40 points the third day

**After that, it is no longer accepted.**