

**The Hendricks Mandate:**

Dr. Randy J. Hendricks, professor extraordinaire, generously offers the following advice:

“The professional relationship between an instructor and a student is not that of vendor and consumer. One does not buy learning the way one buys a car, a sound system, or a hamburger. Tuition buys professional direction and assistance to your own study as well as a fair and careful assessment of your progress. It never buys the right not to attend class, to fail to complete assigned work, or to practice a radical individualism that distracts the instructor and classmates with impunity. By agreeing to teach this class, I agree to provide direction, assistance, and assessment. By enrolling in this class, you have created obligations for yourself. If you do not meet them, you will not succeed.”

Furthermore, I, Mr. Bishop, do not *give* grades. Students earn them. Please know that our relationship should not be antagonistic. I am here to help you, but I am here to make you work. If we are all aware of this, things should run smoothly this term. Writing takes practice and practice takes discipline; let's share the load.

Consider this a binding contract between us; I do.