

HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

WRITING 1021G: Basic Academic Writing for Multilingual Students (Section)
COURSE OUTLINE
Winter Term 2019

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Mon: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rm: W112
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Room A301

Antirequisite(s): Writing 1020F/G.

Prerequisite(s): Writing 0011F/G, or permission of the instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Restricted to first-year multilingual international and exchange students, this course follows Writing 0011 F/G. The course continues to develop skills of planning and composing in research essays and refines writing skills by introducing language and citation conventions and self-editing for more complex writing projects. Readings that explore questions of identity and relationships within western culture will stimulate assignments such as summaries, an annotated bibliography, and a research essay.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will understand the expectations of university-level academic writing and its key genres; respond to writing prompts with a rhetorical awareness that includes audience, purpose, and appropriate language.

Students will engage in the critical reading of authentic academic texts and other supplementary materials; demonstrate awareness of rhetorical and textual features, key points, and methods of organization and support, develop academic skills of summarizing, synthesizing, and/or critiquing academic materials depending on task expectations.

Students will understand the principles and practices associated with academic integrity; conduct academic research, evaluate and manage information sources, incorporate source ideas in writing, and demonstrate control over assigned citation format.

Students will acquire and incorporate academic vocabulary that is both general and discipline/topic specific; develop a repertoire of grammatical structures appropriate for a variety of academic writing.

Students will recognize the recursive nature of writing and actively engage in peer feedback, error analysis, revision, and editing of written work.

COURSE METHODS:

Course context will include lecture material, large group discussion, small group and individual active writing workshops, peer review activities, and comprehension testing.

ASSESSMENT:

Assignment	Value	Due Date
Annotated Bibliography	10%	Monday, January 21
OWL Writing Submission #1	5%	Monday, January 28
Summary Response	15%	Monday, February 4
OWL Writing Submission #2	5%	Wednesday, February 13
Compare / Contrast Essay	15%	Wednesday, March 11
OWL Writing Submission #3	5%	Wednesday, March 13
OWL Writing Submission #4	5%	Wednesday, March 27
Peer Review Session	10%	Wednesday, April 3
Final Essay	20%	Monday, April 8
Participation	10%	Throughout Term

Required Text:

Lucia Engkent *Skill Set: Strategies for Reading and Writing in the Canadian Classroom*, Oxford University Press, Toronto, Ontario, (Third Edition), 2016.

Available in Western Bookstore.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Week	Monday	Wednesday
1 January 7 - 9	Introduction to Course / Syllabus	Research Essay Topics Focus On: The Writing Process Homework: Read Unit 1 & 2 for next week.
2 January 14 - 16	Review: Unit 1 & 2 Spotlight On: Annotated Bibliography	Review: Unit 1 & 2 Spotlight On: Annotated Bibliography (cont.) Finish Focus On: The Writing Process Homework: Read Unit 3
3 January 21 - 23	Review: Unit 3 (Plus Handouts) Focus On: Sentence Writing Skills Grammar for Clarity Annotated Bibliography Due (10%)	Review: Unit 3 (Plus Handouts) Focus On: Common Sentence Problems The Mechanics of English Homework: Read Unit 4
4 January 28 - 30	Focus On: Summary Response Writing Paraphrasing "What is an Essay, and Why Should I Care?" OWL Writing Submission #1 (5%)	Review: Unit 4 (Plus Handouts) Focus On: Summary Response Writing (cont.) Focus On: Avoiding Plagiarism and References Sources
5 February 04 - 06	Review: Unit 4 (Plus Handouts) Summary Response Essay Due (15%) Homework: Read Unit 6	Focus On: Rhetorical Writing Styles Types of Academic Essays Homework: Read Unit 6
6 February 11 - 13	Focus On: Avoiding Plagiarism and References Sources (Plus Handouts)	Writing Workshop: Citing Documentation (Plus Handouts) OWL Writing Submission #2 (5%) Homework: Read Unit 8
7 February 25 - 27	Review: Unit 8 Focus On: Developing and Evaluating Research Sources Focus On: Compare / Contrast Essay	Review: Unit 8 Ex. 8.1 - 8.4 Focus On: Compare / Contrast Essay (cont.)
8 March 04 - 06	Focus On: Self-Editing and Peer Review	Focus On: Self-Editing and Peer Review (cont.) (Plus Handouts)

	Final Essay Topic Discussions	Homework: Read Unit 7 Final Essay Topic
9 March 11 - 13	Review: Unit 7 Compare / Contrast Essay (15%) Developing Your Thesis Statement (Review)	Review: Unit 7 (cont.) In-text exercises OWL Writing Submission #3 (5%)
10 March 18 - 20	Writing Workshop: Editing/ Correcting Text Focus On: Identifying Thesis Statement(s)	In-class Writing Workshop: Developing Your Thesis Statement for Final Essay
11 March 25 - 27	Writing Workshop: Essay Writing Checklist	Review Writing Stages and Final Revision OWL Writing Submission #4 (5%)
12 April 01 - 03	Preparing for Peer Review Session	Peer Review (10%)
Week 13 Apr. 08	Final Essay Due (20%)	



Appendix to Course Outlines

Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it without them, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. If you enrol in this course despite having already taken an antirequisite you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. Removals for these reasons may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites or for having already taken the antirequisites.

Conduct of Students in Classes, Lectures, and Seminars

Membership in the community of Huron University College and the University of Western Ontario implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the responsibilities that such registration entails. The academic and social privileges granted to each student are conditional upon the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

In the classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Students can avoid any unnecessary disruption of the class by arriving in sufficient time to be seated and ready for the start of the class, by remaining silent while the professor is speaking or another student has the floor, and by taking care of personal needs prior to the start of class. If a student is late, or knows that he/she will have to leave class early, be courteous: sit in an aisle seat and enter and leave quietly.

Please see the *Code of Student Conduct* at:

<https://huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf>

Technology

It is not appropriate to use technology (such as, but not limited to, laptops, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and is distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

Academic Accommodation for Medical/Non-Medical Grounds

Students who require special accommodation for tests and/or other course components must make the appropriate arrangements with the Student Development Centre (SDC). Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at:

http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/?requesting_acc

(a) Medical Grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go Directly to Academic Advising

University Senate policy, which can be found at

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf,

requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the “home faculty” is Huron), with supporting documentation in the form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform_15JUN.pdf.

The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor’s decision is appealable to the Dean.

(b) Accommodation on Medical Grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of final grade: Consult Instructor Directly

When seeking accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor **may** require the student to submit documentation to the academic advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. The instructor may not collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

(c) Non-medical Grounds: Consult Instructor Directly

Where the grounds for seeking accommodation are not medical, the student should contact the instructor directly. Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor. Apart from the exception noted below, academic advisors will not be involved in the process of accommodation for non-medical reasons.

Where a student seeks accommodation on non-medical grounds where confidentiality is a concern, the student should approach an academic advisor with any documentation available. The advisors will contact the instructor after the student's request is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the challenge without breaching confidence. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified that significant circumstances are affecting or have affected the student's ability to complete work, and the student will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. Before denying a request for accommodation where documentation has been submitted to an academic advisor, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

Statement on Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Statement on Academic Integrity

The International Centre for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as "a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behaviour that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action." (CAI Fundamental Values Project, 1999).

A lack of academic integrity is indicated by such behaviours as the following:

- Cheating on tests;
- Fraudulent submissions online;
- Plagiarism in papers submitted (including failure to cite and piecing together unattributed sources);
- Unauthorized resubmission of course work to a different course;
- Helping someone else cheat;
- Unauthorized collaboration;
- Fabrication of results or sources;

Purchasing work and representing it as one's own.

Academic Integrity: Importance and Impact

Being at university means engaging with a variety of communities in the pursuit and sharing of knowledge and understanding in ways that are clear, respectful, efficient, and productive. University communities have established norms of academic integrity to ensure responsible, honest, and ethical behavior in the academic work of the university, which is best done when sources of ideas are properly and fully acknowledged and when responsibility for ideas is fully and accurately represented.

In the academic sphere, unacknowledged use of another's work or ideas is not only an offence against the community of scholars and an obstacle to academic productivity. It may also be understood as fraud and may constitute an infringement of legal copyright.

A university is a place for fulfilling one's potential and challenging oneself, and this means rising to challenges rather than finding ways around them. The achievements in an individual's university studies can only be fairly evaluated quantitatively through true and honest representation of the actual learning done by the student. Equity in assessment for all students is ensured through fair representation of the efforts by each.

Acting with integrity at university constitutes a good set of practices for maintaining integrity in later life. Offences against academic integrity are therefore taken very seriously as part of the university's work in preparing students to serve, lead, and innovate in the world at large.

A university degree is a significant investment of an individual's, and the public's, time, energies, and resources in the future, and habits of academic integrity protect that investment by preserving the university's reputation and ensuring public confidence in higher education.

Students found guilty of plagiarism will suffer consequences ranging from a grade reduction to failure in the course to expulsion from the university. In addition, a formal letter documenting the offence will be filed in the Dean's Office, and this record of the offence will be retained in the Dean's Office for the duration of the student's academic career at Huron University College.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Personal Response Systems ("clickers") may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else's clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence,

- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

Policy on Special Needs

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Attendance Regulations for Examinations

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.
- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Class Cancellations

In the event of a cancellation of class, every effort will be made to post that information on the Huron website, <https://huronuc.on.ca/about/accessibility> (“Cancellations and Closures”).

Mental Health @ Western

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health @ Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Academic Advising

For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation [see above], students should contact an Academic Advisor in Huron’s Student Support Services (huronsss@uwo.ca). An outline of the range of services offered is found on the Huron website at: <https://huronuc.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/academic-advising>

Department Chairs and Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about their individual programs. Their contact information can be found on the Huron website at: <https://huronuc.ca/student-life-campus/art-social-science>