

WRT 105: Practices of Academic Writing Syracuse University Fall 2015

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Course Description and Rationale

WRT 105 is an introduction to academic writing. In this class, you will write, revise, edit and reflect on your writing with the support of the teacher and peers. You will engage critically with the opinions and voices of others as you develop a greater understanding of how your writing can have an effect on yourself and your environment. You will have regular opportunities not just to write, but also to reflect on writing situations and your own development as a writer. The course will engage you in analysis and argument, practices that are interdependent and that carry across academic disciplinary lines and into professional and civic writing.

Analysis, as Rosenwasser and Stephen claim in *Writing Analytically* 7th edition, "is a form of detective work that typically pursues something puzzling, something you are seeking to understand rather than something you believe you already have the answers to. Analysis finds questions where there seemed not to be any, and it makes connections that might not have been evident at first. Analysis is, then, more than just a set of skills: it is a frame of mind, an attitude toward experience" (2-3). You analyze when you talk to a friend to get another perspective on why Spain performed so poorly in World Cup 2014, when you read up on the recent conflict in Iraq in order to discuss it more confidently in your global politics class, when you watch and rewatch a film in order to discern how it works on a visual level, or when you review a sampling of your own writing in order to see and make sense of the patterns in your work.

Argument involves inquiry and analysis and engages others in ongoing conversations about topics of common concern. Evidence for your arguments comes from analysis, from discussion with others, from your personal experience, and from research. Arguments are also situationally specific: that is, they look, sound, and persuade differently depending on *audience*, *purpose*, *genre* and *context*. In addition to being persuasive, arguments can be a means of sharing information, posing important questions, or even raising consciousness about issues.

¹ These are concepts we will explore together throughout the course.

WRT 105 Learning Outcomes/Course Goals

1. Writing as Situated Process

Students will practice a range of invention and revision strategies appropriate to various writing situations.

2. Writing with Sources

Students will be introduced to primary and secondary research, utilize various library resources, evaluate sources, and synthesize and apply research in accordance with citation, genre conventions and ethical standards.

3. Writing as Rhetorical Action

Students will gain knowledge of rhetorical principles and practice addressing different audiences and situations.

4. Writing as Academic Practice

Students will build their familiarity with values, strategies, and conventions related to a range of academic contexts and disciplinary conversations.

5. Writing as Social Practice

Students will analyze, reflect on, and practice the dynamic use of language in diverse contexts and recognize issues of power, difference and materiality.

Work of the Course

You will devote time, thought, and energy to a variety of informal and formal reading and writing practices. During the course you might be asked to annotate readings, keep a record of ideas and responses, jot down observations, take notes on class discussions, experiment with different styles and organizational choices, and engage in a variety of drafting and revision activities. All these activities are important and will have an impact on your development and success as academic writers (and your final grade).

As this course progresses, you will keep a portfolio of your work that will serve as a "window" to your development as a writer. Included in your portfolio will be invention work and informal writing that have helped shape drafts of your formal texts and final copies of your formal papers. Also included in your portfolio will be written reflections on the processes you've used as you've completed writing assignments and on your growth as a writer. These reflections are important texts that will help you understand and articulate your own learning progress.

A note about the importance of keeping up with your reading assignments: writing well depends upon reading well. The course texts will provide you with ideas and arguments, concepts and key terms. They will prompt thought as you agree or disagree or qualify those ideas. They enlarge the context for our class discussion. And they illustrate choices other writers have made as they composed. Writing and reading are interdependent practices, and you will move between the two regularly throughout the course.

Course Texts and Materials

Rosenwasser, David and Jill Stephen. Writing Analytically, 6th ed.

Himely, Margaret and Anne Fitzsimmons. *Critical Encounters with Texts,* 7th ed. (selected readings)

Fasano, Thomas. MLA: A Concise Guide to MLA Style and Documentation. 9th ed.

Harvey, Michael. The Nuts and Bolts of College Writing. 2003.

Anderson, M.T. Feed. 2002.

Other course materials will be provided by the instructor or posted on our class Edmodo site.

You should be prepared to provide copies of your work for everyone in the class (or in your peer response group) at various times during the semester.

Feedback and Grading

You will receive many different kinds of feedback during this course. Some will come from fellow students and some will come from me. Both are important; they tell you in various ways how your readers are responding to your writing. This feedback will also help you learn how to assess your own work.

There are three units in the course; each will lead toward a piece of revised, polished writing as well as a collection of informal work and a critical reflection.

Major Course Unit	Unit Final Essay (polished)	Unit Reflective Essay
1: Jumpstart	10%	10%
2: Analysis	20%	10%
3: Argument	20%	10%
Invention work & informal writing assigned throughout	20%	
the course		

Grading Scale

96-100	А
92-95	A-
88-91	B+
84-87	В
80-83	B-

What You Need

- 3-ring binder or spiral notebook with folder (your choice) you'll need to bring this
 to class daily
- Reliable Internet access for research from home
- An Internet-ready device to bring to class for research activities you can also use this to read PDFs of class reading if you don't want to print them out
- Pens or pencils, a notebook for class notes, highlighters, sticky notes and anything else you'd like to use for reading and taking notes in class
- A ½ inch thick 3-ring binder for your course portfolio work
- Flash/USB drive
- Access to a reliable printer and LOTS of paper
- An Edmodo account

Attendance and Participation

Writing studios are courses in language learning, and language is learned in communities; therefore, it is essential that you attend class and participate. Absences and lack of preparation for class will affect your classmates' work as well as your own. The work you do in class, the work you do to prepare for each class, is as important as any polished assignment you turn in for a grade. In addition, our syllabus is only a projection and may be subject to occasional changes and revisions as it seems appropriate or necessary. That is another reason why your attendance is vital.

If you must miss a class, you are responsible for work assigned. Please realize, however, that class time cannot be reconstructed or made up, and that your performance, your work, and your final course grade will be affected by absences.

Late papers will lose 5% per day late, so a 95% paper will automatically be dropped to 90% if late by one day. Weekend days are counted as regular class days, so a paper that is due on Friday but handed in on Monday will lose 15%. After 10 days, later papers will not be accepted and a zero will be given for the assignment.

Course Policies

Special Needs and Accommodations

Syracuse University welcomes people with disabilities and, in compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Students who require special consideration due to a learning or physical disability or other situation should make an appointment to see me right away.

Use of Student Academic Work

It is understood that registration for and continued enrollment in this course constitutes permission by the student for the instructor to use for educational purposes any student work produced in the course, in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). After the completion of the course, any further use of student work will meet one of the following conditions: (1) the work will be rendered anonymous through the removal of all personal identification of the student(s); or (2) written permission from the student(s).

Academic Integrity

Syracuse University's academic integrity policy reflects the high value that we, as a university community, place on honesty in academic work. The policy defines our expectations for academic honesty and holds students accountable for the integrity of all work they submit. Students should understand that it is their responsibility to learn about *course-specific* expectations, as well as about *university-wide* academic integrity expectations. The university policy governs appropriate citation and use of sources, the integrity of work submitted in exams and assignments, and the veracity of signatures on attendance sheets and other verification of participation in class activities.

The presumptive penalty for a first instance of academic dishonesty by an undergraduate student is course failure. When you provide your signature to register for a Syracuse University course, you are also indicating that you have read the online summary of the University's academic integrity expectations and agree to abide by those policies. For the full statement of Syracuse University's Academic Integrity Expectations, excerpted from

the SU Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures handbook, see http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/full-statement-of-sus-ai-expectations/.

Related links:

Summary of SU's AI Expectations—Know the Code: http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/know-the-code-sus-ai-expectations/

Ten Questions—and Answers—Every SU Undergraduate Needs to Know about Academic Integrity: http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/10-qas-for-undergraduate-students/

Tools for Understanding the Use of Sources: http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/resources-for-understanding-use-of-sources/

Writing for Class on Varied Media

Please remember that any composing you do for the course, regardless of the media, falls under the Code of Student Conduct. If, for instance, you are writing on Blackboard or on a website or blog you have created for the course, the guidelines concerning harassment, threats, academic dishonesty etc. still apply.

COURSE CALENDAR

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change. As a student in this class, it is your responsibility to keep current with any changes in the schedule.

UNIT 1: JUMPSTART (4 weeks)

Core Texts:

- 1. "The Banking Concept of Education" Paulo Freire
- 2. "Coming to Terms" Joseph Harris (CE, 209)
- 3. "Defining Place" Tim Cresswell (CE, 127)
- 4. "Practices of Public and Private in Urban Vietnam" Lisa Drummond

Essay Assignment:

Jumpstart Essay – Due September 9th by 10pm in Turnitin.com Jumpstart Reflection – Due in class on day assigned

Date	Class Activities	Assignment Due
WEEK 1		
Tues, Aug 18	- Discuss syllabus and course goals	- Read pp 242-246 of Freire's "The
	- Overview of course materials	Banking Concept of Education"
	- Introductory reading "The Banking	- Write a dialogic journal with at
	Concept of Education"	least 3 sections about Freire
	- Discuss Freire using "Timebox"	
	technique and dialogic journal responses	
	- Explain and model QTC: Question,	
	Thought, Connection	
Thurs, Aug 20	- Discuss "Jumpstart Essay" assignment	- Read pp 247-254 of "The Banking

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Tues, Sep 8	- Share reflection pieces - Introduce the concept of "contested place" - Brainstorm list of contested places - Go over Jumpstart Essay checklist	Finish Drummond Article page 2383 to 2389. Write a one-paragraph reflection on this question: What would you say of the gendered nature of public vs. private in urban Vietnam? Are certain spaces more 'appropriate' for women? Are certain jobs considered better for certain genders? Are there stereotypes associated with the domestic sphere?
Thurs, Sep 10 Fri, Sep 11	 Discuss purpose of reflection assignment Review goals of Jumpstart Essay Write reflection during class on Turnitin.com Preparation for Stakeholders Exercise 	- JUMPSTART ESSAY DUE on Turnitin September 9 th at 10pm
	Read Oakland Gardener article and identify stakeholders*Short class today (35 minutes)	

UNIT 2: ANALYSIS (6 weeks)

Core Texts:

- "Negotiating Public Space in Hanoi and Singapore" Hornridge & Kurfurst
 "Vietnam's 'Informal Public' Spaces" Catherine Earl
- 3. Excerpts from Writing Analytically

Date	Class Activities	Assignment Due
WEEK 1		
Tues, Sep 15	- Whole class Stakeholders activity	- Brainstorm 3 possible
	- Go over Analysis Essay assignment	contested places for your
		Analysis essay. Post in Edmodo.
Thurs, Sep 17	- NO CLASS (Ms. Carreiro out of town)	
WEEK 2		
Wed, Sep 23	- Work in pairs to complete an analysis	- Read "Negotiating Public
	chart on the assigned article	Space in Hanoi and Singapore"
		by Hornridge & Kurfurst
Fri, Sep 25	- Discuss reading	- Read WA pp 72-82
	- Complete evidence to claims chart	

WEEK 3		
Tues, Sep 29	- Discuss the notion of contested space as presented in Hornride and Kurfurst using "speed dating" technique	 Read and annotate excerpt from "Negotiating Public Space in Hanoi" Bring in top 5 QTC about article
Thurs, Oct 1	 Group sharing of essay "chunks" Practice developing ideas and making claims about public places / contested spaces Work in group to refine paper topic ideas 	 Read and annotate assigned chunks from Earl's "Vietnam's 'Informal Public' Spaces" Be ready to share
Fri, Oct 2	 Practice analysis using the "Noticings and Making Connections" heuristic Come up with a question list / observation checklist for your place 	- Hand in a ½ page paper proposal for the Analysis Unit paper. Schedule a visit to your chosen contested place before Oct 13th.
WEEK 4		
Tues, Oct 6	- Discuss Earl - How may Earl's observations and analysis relate to your essay topic?	 Read and annotate excerpts from Earl's "Vietnam's 'Informal Public' Spaces" Write a 3-entry dialogic journal about Earl's essay
Thurs, Oct 8	 Practice 10 on 1 Discuss research strategies for paper Workshop / Teacher conference regarding your paper proposals 	- Read WA pp 207-216 - Complete the "10 on 1" worksheet
Fri, Oct 9	- Discuss: What is analysis? How is it different from argument or summary? - Practice case study with Earl excerpt: asking "So What?", "reformulating binaries" and looking for instances when something "seems to be about X but is really about Y"	Read WA pp 34-35, 96-99 and 101-103
WEEK 5		
Tues, Oct 13	 Share 5 minutes about your visit Make 2-3 tentative claims about your chosen place What more do you need to research or observe to strengthen your analysis? 	- Visit a local place that might work for analysis. You may do this with a partner or in small groups. Take lots of good notes using the observation worksheet you created Make a top 3 QTC about the place you visited
Thurs, Oct 15	- Review core texts and look for places where the thesis of each essay evolved	- Read WA pp 227-234 ("Making a Thesis Evolve") and pp 267- 279 ("Using Sources

	- Read and grade sample essay	Analytically: The Conversation Model")
WEEK 6		
Tues, Oct 27	- In class peer review workshop using Turnitin.com. Schedule instructor conferences.	- ANALYSIS ESSAY DRAFT DUE MONDAY OCT 27 th at 10pm
Thurs, Oct 29	- Full class peer review of student papers. We will look at organization, style, language and thesis development.	- 1 or 2 of you will volunteer for a full class peer review of your draft. Email me the draft so I can make enough copies for everyone.
Fri, Oct 30	 Go over self-revising worksheet for the analysis paper Discuss and model annotated bibliography entries for scholarly sources 	- Continue revising your analysis paper
Mon, Nov 2	NO CLASS – ANALYSIS ESSAY DUE	- ANALYSIS ESSAY FINAL DUE by 10pm on Turnitin.com

UNIT 3: ARGUMENT (6 weeks)

Core Texts:

- 1. "Panopticism" Michel Foucault (Ways of Reading, ----)
- 2. "Just in Time for Spring" Ellis Weiner (CE, 525)
- 3. "Is Google Making us Stupid?" Nicholas Carr
- 4. Excerpts from "It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens" danah boyd

Date	Class Activities	Assignment Due
WEEK 1		
Tues, Nov 3	 Introduce new topic of inquiry: Technology and Identity Formation Discuss Weiner DQ: What is the difference between Argument & Analysis? Assign topics for quick n' dirty research 	Read "Just in Time for Spring"by Ellis WeinerBring 3 QTCs
Thurs, Nov 5	- 5 minute presentations on Q & D research topics - Discuss: How has technology/social media served to alter identity formation in Southeast Asia? - Freewrite: How is technology connected to your own identity?	- Read pp 94-115 in <i>The DK</i> Handbook - Bring your Q & D research to share
Fri, Nov 6	- Discuss and model classical appeals - Apply to core texts	- Read and annotate WA ch 9 pp 193-195 on Toulmin

WEEK 2		
Weds, Nov 18	- Discuss Carr - Complete "Evidence to Claims" chart on Carr	- Read and annotate Carr's "Is Google Making us Stupid?" - Bring a top 5 QTC
Fri, Nov 20	 Identify key points in essay Work in pairs to create visual representations of panopticism Discuss: How are panoptic systems at work within technology? How do these systems affect identity formation and our sense of self? 	 Read assigned excerpts from Foucault's "Panopticism" Write a 3-entry dialogic journal
WEEK 3		
Tues, Nov 24	- Share visual representations of panopticism - Group discussion	- 2 paragraph reflection: How are panoptic systems at work within technology? How do these systems affect identity formation and our sense of self?
Thurs, Nov 26	- Assign, model, and practice rhetorical précis	
Fri, Nov 27	Discuss WA ch 13What makes a good source? Model CRAPLibrary research time	- Read and annotate WA ch 13 "Using Sources Analytically"
WEEK 4		
Tues, Dec 1	- Discuss boyd	 Read assigned excerpt from danah boyd's "It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens" Bring a top 5 QTC
Thurs, Dec 3	- Assign mini-dialogue - Freewriting on paper topics	- Rhetorical précis due
Frid, Dec 4	- Workshop thesis topics - Individual teacher conferences	- Write a tentative thesis for your argument unit paper
WEEK 5		
Tues, Dec 8	 Review of MLA style Read and 'score' sample student analysis papers Individual teacher conferences as scheduled 	 Read and annotate WA Ch 12 "Recognizing and Fixing Weak Thesis Statements" Based on feedback from your peers, revise your thesis statement and complete the "Composing Heuristic"
Thurs, Dec 10	- Read and 'mark' sample student argument papers as a class / Discuss strengths and weaknesses of each paper	- Work on Argument Papers
Fri, Dec 11	- Whole class peer review and	- ARGUMENT PAPER DRAFT DUE

	feedback session	in Turnitin.com before 10pm on Thursday Dec 10 th
WEEK 6		
Tues, Dec 15	- Go over self-revising worksheet for the analysis paper - Paper title workshop	- Continue working on paper - Bring a tentative title to class
Thurs, Dec 17	- Introduction to Reflection Unit - Assign and discuss unit readings - Feed pre-reading exercise	- Work on Argument Papers
Fri, Dec 18	- No class	ARGUMENT PAPER DUE in Turnitin.com by 10pm

UNIT 4: REFLECTION (2 weeks)

Core Texts:

1. Feed – M.T. Anderson

Date	Class Activities	Assignment Due
WEEK 1		
Tues, Jan 12	**Quiz on the novel** DQ1. How do the themes in Feed connect to what we've studied in WRT105? DQ2. What would you say is Anderson's "project"? How does Harris' "Coming to Terms" apply to fiction? DQ3. How does the use of language in Feed relate to the overall meaning of the book or the feeling of different chapters? How does this relate to technology and identity?	- Read <i>Feed</i> in entirely - Complete the <i>Feed</i> slang terms worksheet
Thurs, Jan 14	Share dialgouesDiscuss "Letter to Grandma"Assignment and ReflectivePresentation	Create a ½ page fictional dialogue between one of the authors from the Argument Unit and one of the fictional characters in <i>Feed</i> .
WEEK 2		
Tues, Jan 19	Student presentations #1-6	Complete student reflective presentations as assigned
Thurs, Jan 21	Student presentations #7-12	LETTER TO GRANDMA DUE in Turnitin.com by 10pm
Fri, Jan 22	- Course evaluations & wrap up	