

# Syllabus for UWXEN098

## Introduction to College Writing

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NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

### Course Description

Introduction to College Writing is a composition course focusing on the conventions of academic writing, the composing process, critical thinking, and critical reading. Emphasis will be on reading and writing activities designed to prepare students for successful transition to college-level writing.

### Prerequisite(s)

None

### Course Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

- **Academic Writing:** Organize a cohesive academic essay that develops and supports a thesis with specific, relevant evidence from nonfiction course readings
- **Critical Reading:** Identify, analyze, and evaluate the main point(s), key supporting points, and supporting evidence in assigned nonfiction texts
- **Research Skills:** Begin to understand the features of texts that demonstrate the credibility of sources used for writing
- **Rhetorical Knowledge:** Write a variety of different kinds of texts that achieve the purpose of each specific writing task and situation
- **Processes:** Generate multiple drafts of academic texts by adapting writing process strategies according to the requirements of each assignment
- **Composing in Electronic Environments:** Demonstrate basic proficiency in using technology for composing an academic text and for college-level learning
- **Knowledge of Conventions:** Make progress toward following academic writing conventions based on the context, purpose, and level of formality of a college writing assignment

### Course Requirements/Components

TOPIC	ACTIVITIES
Essay 1: Summary, Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lesson 1<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Reading Notes Assignment</li><li>○ Reading Discussion</li><li>○ Benchmark Essay</li></ul></li></ul>

<p>Essay w/ thesis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading Discussion</li> <li>○ Reading Notes Assignments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lesson 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prewriting Activity</li> <li>○ Essay 1</li> <li>○ Essay 1 Reflexive Writing Assignment</li> <li>○ Peer Review Assignment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Essay 2: Argument Synthesis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading Notes Assignment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lesson 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading Notes Assignments</li> <li>○ Reading Discussions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lesson 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prewriting Activity</li> <li>○ Essay 2</li> <li>○ Essay 2 Reflexive Writing Assignment</li> <li>○ Peer Review Assignment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Midterm Portfolio</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Midterm Portfolio Pre-Write Discussion</li> <li>○ Midterm Portfolio Submission</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Essay 3: Rhetorical Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading Notes Assignment</li> <li>○ Quiz</li> <li>○ Reading Discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lesson 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prewriting Activity</li> <li>○ Essay 3</li> <li>○ Essay 3 Reflective Writing</li> <li>○ Peer Review Assignment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Essay 4: Argument Essay with Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading Notes Assignments</li> <li>○ Reading Discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lesson 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading Notes Assignment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lesson 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prewriting Activity</li> <li>○ Essay 4</li> <li>○ Essay 4 Reflexive Writing</li> <li>○ Peer Review Assignment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Final Portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lesson 13<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Final Portfolio Pre-Write Discussion</li><li>○ Final Portfolio</li></ul></li></ul>
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## Grading

The following grading scale is used to evaluate all course requirements and determine your final grade:

Percent	Letter Grade
93-100%	A
90-92%	A-
87-89%	B+
83-86%	B
80-82%	B-
77-79%	C+
73-76%	C
70-72%	C-
67-69%	D+
60-66%	D
59 and under	F