

ENGL 1550 - Writing 1

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 16, CRN 40412,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Course Description

1550. Writing 1. This course develops an awareness of writing processes and provides strategies for generating ideas, drafting, giving and receiving feedback, revising, and editing. Students analyze texts in light of specific audiences, purposes, and contexts and develop critical skills in reading, thinking, and writing. Students write a minimum of 5,000 words (approximately 20 double-spaced pages) cumulatively across the major assignments and incorporate sources into their writing. English 1550 is the first of two required composition courses in the general education core. Grading is ABCDF but must earn a "C" or better to satisfy the General Education requirement and continue to ENGL 1551 or ENGL 1551H. English 1550 is three semester hours. Prereq.: Placement by ACT/SAT test results OR Composition Placement Test results. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Norton Field Guide to Writing with Readings + Handbook (7th edition, included with your course fees)		

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24	None	Syllabus and Introductions Introduce Semester Goals Assignment	None
Wed	8/26	Chapter 27: Process of Writing	In Class Assignment Discussion about Ch 27 Introduce Major Assignment 1	None
Fri	8/28	Chapter 29: Generating Ideas and Text	Brainstorming activity for Major Assignment 1 Discussion on the reading PowerPoint/Discussion on literacy Narratives	Semester Goal Assignment Due before class on Monday the 31st Brainstorming Assignment due before class on Monday the 31st



Mon	8/31	Chapter 4: Developing Academic Habits of Mind	Discussion on the reading Discuss Idea draft for MA1	Assignments from last week due before class Idea Draft due before class on Wednesday 9/9
Wed	9/2	Chapter 45: Narrating	Discuss the reading Time to work on Idea drafts	None
Fri	9/4	"My First Language" (682-684) "Sometimes the 'Tough Teen' Is Quietly Writing Stories" (674-676)	Discussion on Norton literacy narratives Work on Drafts for MA 1	None Drafts for MA 1 are due next Friday the 11th
Mon	9/7	No Class		
Wed	9/9	Chapters 7-9: Purpose, Audience, and Genre	PowerPoint on these chapters and discussion Time to work on drafts for MA 1	Idea Draft due before class today
Fri	9/11	None	Discussion about Peer Review Discussion about the writing center and library Time to ask questions about your papers	First Drafts Due before class (500 words)
Mon	9/14	None	Peer Review!	None
Wed	9/16	Chapter 33: Getting Response and Revising	Discussion on Feedback Peer Review Questions about Instructor Feedback Introduce Feedback Reflection	None
Fri	9/18	Chapter 34 Editing and Proofreading	Discuss feedback and peer review Look over your feedback Time to work on Drafts	Peer Reviews Due Peer Review Feedback due before class on 9/21
Mon	9/21	None	Revisions discussion Work on Papers Ask me questions!	Major Assignment 1 is due on Wednesday!
Wed	9/23	None	Survey on Major Assignment 1 Introduce MA 2	Major Assignment 1 is due at 11:59
Fri	9/25	Chapter 13: Analyzing Texts	Discussion on the reading In Class assignment	In Class Assignment due by the end of class
Mon	9/28	None	"What Does My Headscarf Mean to You" Ted Talk Discussion on Ted Talk Go over Idea Draft for MA 2	None
Wed	9/30	Chapter 50: Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing	Discussion on chapters In class assignment	In class assignment due by midnight Idea draft due by class Friday 10/2
Fri	10/2	None	Discussion on Summary vs Analysis	Idea Draft before Class
Mon	10/5	Chapter 30: Organizing Your Writing, Guiding Your Readers	Discussion on reading In class assignment Time to work on Draft for MA 2	In class assignment due by midnight
Wed	10/7	None	How to organize your rhetorical analysis Go over peer review Mid semester survey	None
Fri	10/9	None	Peer review	Draft due before class for peer review
Mon	10/12	None	Peer review	None
Wed	10/14	None	Peer review and instructor feedback	None
Fri	10/16	Chapter 32: Assessing Your Own Writing	Time to work on paper Discussion on the chapter	Peer review responses due before class
Mon	10/19	Chapter 51: Acknowledging Sources, Avoiding Plagiarism	Discuss chapter Revision time	Feedback reflection due before class MA 2 due on Wednesday

Wed	10/21	None	Look at upcoming schedule Introduce synthesis paper Writing Center assignment Preview Clusters/Articles	MA 2 due by midnight!
Fri	10/23	Chapter 50: Synthesizing Ideas	Discussion of Chapter In class activity and assignment	In class assignment due by midnight Cluster Assignment due by class on Monday the 26th
Mon	10/26	Read the first text in the cluster you have chosen to write about for Paper 3	Collaborative activity within cluster groups. Students will use their short assignments to find arguments/evidence for the first text	Cluster 2 assignment due before class on Wednesday 28th
Wed	10/28	Read the second text in the cluster you have chosen to write about for Paper 3	Collaborative activity within cluster groups. Students will use their short assignments to find arguments/evidence for the first text	Short assignment due before class Friday 30th
Fri	10/30	Make Connections When Synthesizing in Your Writing (Video)	Discuss the video	None
Mon	11/2	None	Activity based on example Look at sample synthesis paper	None
Wed	11/4	None	Review of MLA Citation Activity Work time for citations	First draft due before class
Fri	11/6	None	Peer review	None
Mon	11/9	None	Peer review Instructor feedback	None
Wed	11/11	No Class		
Fri	11/13	None	Look at feedback Feedback reflections Revisions	Peer review due before class
Mon	11/16	None	Revisions	Feedback reflections due before class
Wed	11/18	None	Introduce Reflection Assignment Introduce revision assignment Time to brainstorm	MA 3 Due by midnight!
Fri	11/20	Chapter 36: Reflecting on Your Writing	Discussion of reading Discussion on short assignment	Short assignment due before class
Mon	11/23	Chapter 1: Writing in Academic Contexts	Discuss CH 1 short assignment Discussion on organization Work time for paper	CH 1 Short assignment due before class
Wed	11/25	None	Look at sample paper Work time	None
Fri	11/27	None	Peer review	Draft due before class
Mon	11/30	None	Peer review Instructor feedback	None
Wed	12/2	None	Look at feedback Work on papers	Peer reviews due
Fri	12/4	None	Work on Paper Final survey Discussion about the class	Paper is due on Monday 12/7 at midnight!
Mon	12/7	No Class		
Wed	12/9	No Class		
Fri	12/11	No Class		

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