

ENGL 1550 - Writing 1

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 42, CRN 44279,

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, 7E	Bullock, R., Bertsch, D., Goggin, M.D.	978-1-324-08762-5

- Chapters as assigned in Blackboard and listed in the attached Schedule
- Note: Your Ebook access is included and is already paid for in your course fees. You need to opt out of the ebook by the date shown in Blackboard in order to avoid the fee.

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

Week of	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Introductions and Growth Mindset Effective Emails: Academic Literacies	lmslms_1780441_1 lmslms_1780442_1 Discussion • Introduce Yourself (MLO 2) Course Project Milestone • Syllabus Test (MLO1)#Quiz • Ch 5 "Writing and Learning Online" (MLO1) lmslms_1780443_1 lmslms_1780444_1 ourse Project Milestone • Five Emails (MLO1) Quiz • Ch 1,2,4 "Academic Literacies" (MLO 2)
8/31	The Rhetorical Situation	Discussion • Hamilton and the Rhetorical Situation (MLO 1 Course Project Milestone • Adapting to the Rhetorical Situation (MLO 2, MLO 3) Quiz • CH 7-10 (MLO 3)

9/7	the Writing Process: MA1 Reflective Analysis	Discussion • Early Assessment: Are you Nomophobic Quiz • CH 27-28-29
9/14	Writing Ethically with AI	Discussion • AI Collaboration Practice (MLO 1) Assignment • AI Usage Eval Reflection (MLO 2, MLO 3, MLO 4) Quiz • Ch 6 "Writing with Generative AI" (MLO 2)
9/21	MA1 Pre-Writing	Discussion • MA1 – What Opportunity to learn does it offer? (MLO 4) Course Project Milestone • MA1 Pre-Writing (MLO 1, MLO 2, MLO 3)
9/28	MA1 1st Draft and Peer Review; Feedback Journal	Discussion • Collaborative Review of Clark's Use of Speculation, Specifics, and Structure (MLO 1) Assignment • Feedback Journal Entry #1 (MLO 4) Course Project Milestone • MA1 1st Draft (MLO 2-3) Quiz • Chapters 30-31 (MLO 3)
10/5	Effective Feedback; MA1 - Peer Review	Discussion • Peer Review Practice Course Project Milestone • MA1 Peer Review (MLO 2)
10/12	Revision - MA1 2nd Draft	Assignment • Feedback Journal Entry #2 (MLO 1) Course Project Milestone • MA1 2nd Draft (MLO 1, MLO 4) Quiz • Ch 32-33-34 (MLO 1, MLO 2, MLO 4)
10/19	MA2 Textual Analysis - Intro and Pre-Writing	Assignment • Journal: Ad Selection/Sponsor/Topic Confirmation (MLO 1, MLO 2, MLO 3) • Feedback Journal Entry #3 (MLO 4) Course Project Milestone • MA2 Pre-Writing (MLO 2, MLO 3) Quiz Ch 13 (MLO 1)
10/26	MA2 1st Draft and Peer Review	Discussion • Collaborative Review for MA2 Key Features (MLO1) Course Project Milestone • MA2 1st Draft and Peer Review (MLO 2, MLO 3, MLO 4, MLO 5)
11/2	MA2 2nd Draft	Course Project Milestone • MA2 2nd Draft (MLO1, MLO 2)
11/9	MA3 - Compare and Contrast	Quiz • Ch 40 (MLO 1) Assignment • MA3 Daily Journal (MLO 2, MLO 3, MLO 4) Course Project Milestone • MA3 Compare and Contrast Essay (MLO 1, MLO 2, MLO 3 MLO 4, MLO 5, MLO 6)
11/16	Elective Revisions	lmslms_1780480_1 lmslms_1780481_1
11/23	Semester Wrap-up	Assignment • Writing 1 Key Principles Test • Final Reflective Essay
11/30	Finals Week	

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