

ENGL 1551 - Writing 2

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 13, CRN 40431,

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Course Description

This course builds upon students' knowledge of the writing process and rhetorical concepts as they conduct scholarly inquiry on a specific topic using academic research. The course emphasizes the process of investigation including identifying problems to explore with research, collecting data from primary and/or secondary sources, synthesizing source material, and clearly presenting the results of these inquiries in a research-based argument. Students write a minimum of 5,000 words (approximately 20 double-spaced pages) cumulatively across the major assignments. Grading is ABCDF. English 1551 is three semester hours. Prereq.: ENGL 1549 with a grade of "C" or better or ENGL 1550 with a grade of "C" or better or ACT/SAT scores 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)	Richard Bullock & Deborah Bertsch	1324087633

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Course Schedule

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24		Welcome to Class Syllabus Review Introduction Activity	
Wed	8/26		Introduce MA1 Presentation on Recursive Writing Reflection on Writing Process	Due 8/26 at 11:59pm: Short Assignment 1: Recursive Writing Reflection
Fri	8/28	Read NFG Chs. 3 & 6 (Summarizing and Responding and Writing with Generative AI)	Discussion of NFG Chs. 3 & 6 Overview of Reading Response Guidelines	
Mon	8/31	Read NFG Chs. 7-11 (Rhetorical Situations) and Complete Reading Response	Discussion of NFG Chs. 7-11 (Rhetorical Situations)	Due 8/31 at 11am: Reading Response 1: Rhetorical Situations (Ch. 7-11)

Wed	9/2	Read NFG Chs. 15 & 38 (Arguing) and Complete Reading Response	Presentation on "How we Argue" (Based on NFG Chs. 15 & 38) Review MA1 Prompt Introduce Maag Library Database Find first source for MA1	Due 9/2 at 11am: Reading Response 2: Arguing (Ch. 15 & 38)
Fri	9/4		Review "How we Argue" Presentation Introduce "Tools of Argumentation" Short Assignment	
Mon	9/7	No Class		
Wed	9/9		Presentation on "Comparing Arguments of Authors" Read Examples of Analyzed Papers Begin Drafting MA1	Due 9/9 at 11am: Short Assignment 2: Tools of Argumentation
Fri	9/11		Review MA1 Prompt Workshop MA1	
Mon	9/14		Presentation on "Peer Review" Peer Review and Instructor Conferences	Due 9/14 before 11:00:27am: Peer Review 1: MA1 50% Draft - Reply
Wed	9/16		Peer Review and Instructor Conferences Workshop MA1	
Fri	9/18		End Peer Review and Instructor Conferences Workshop MA1	Peer Review Forms due by Start of Class for MA1 50% Draft
Mon	9/21		Begin Peer Review and Instructor Conferences Workshop MA1	Due 9/21 before 11:00:49am: Peer Review 2: MA1 Full Draft - Reply
Wed	9/23		Workshop MA1 Peer Review and Instructor Conferences	
Fri	9/25		Workshop MA1	Full Draft Peer Review Forms Due by Start of Class
Mon	9/28		Introduce MA2 MA1 Reflective Memo	Due 9/28 at 11am: MA1 Comparative Rhetorical Analysis: Final Draft Due 9/28 at 12am: Short Assignment 3: MA1 Reflective Memo
Wed	9/30		MA2: Research Proposal "Research Proposal" Writing Samples Workshop Research Proposals	
Fri	10/2		Workshop Research Proposals	
Mon	10/5		Begin Looking for sources for MA2	Due 10/5 at 11am: MA2: Research Proposal Due 10/5 before 11:59:42pm: Peer Review 3: MA2 Research Proposals - Reply
Wed	10/7	Read NFG Ch. 51 (Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing)	Presentation on "Integrating Evidence" (based on NFG Ch. 51) "Integrating Evidence" Short Assignment	
Fri	10/9		"Integrating Evidence" Short Assignment Introduce MA2: Research-Based Dialogue" Short Assignment	Due 10/9 at 11:59pm: Short Assignment 4: Integrating Evidence
Mon	10/12		"Research-Based Dialogue" Writing Samples Workshop "Research-Based Dialogues"	
Wed	10/14		Workshop "Research-Based Dialogues"	
Fri	10/16		Workshop "Research-Based Dialogues"	Due 10/18 at 11:59pm: Short Assignment 5: Research Based Scene



Mon	10/19	Read NFG Chs. 47-49 (on Research) before Start of Class	Discussion of NFG Chs. 47-49 (Research) Review Maag Library Database Look for Sources for MA2	
Wed	10/21	Read NFG Ch. 16 (Annotated Bibliographies)	Discussion of NFG Ch. 16 (Annotated Bibliographies) Workshop Annotated Bibliographies	Due 10/21 at 11am: Reading Response 3: Ch. 16 Annotated Bibliographies
Fri	10/23		Workshop Annotated Bibliographies	
Mon	10/26		Review MA2: Research-Based Argument Paper Prompt "Research-Based Argument Paper" Writing Samples	Due 10/26 at 11am: MA2: Annotated Bibliography
Wed	10/28	Read NFG Ch. 50 (Synthesizing Ideas) and Complete Reading Response	Discussion of NFG Ch. 50 (Synthesizing Ideas) Review Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing Workshop MA2: Research-Based Argument Papers	Due 10/28 at 11am: Reading Response 4: Ch. 50 Synthesizing Ideas
Fri	10/30		Workshop MA2: Research-Based Argument Papers	
Mon	11/2		Peer Review and Instructor Conferences	Due 11/2 before 11:00:20am: Peer Review 4: MA2 50% Draft - Reply
Wed	11/4		Peer Review and Instructor Conferences	
Fri	11/6		Peer Review and Instructor Conferences	Peer Review Forms due Sunday (11/8) by 11:59 PM
Mon	11/9		Workshop MA2 Instructor Conferences	
Wed	11/11	No Class		
Fri	11/13		Workshop MA2 Instructor Conferences	
Mon	11/16		Presentation on "Presentations" Presentation on "Analyzing your own Writing" MA2: Reflective Memo Introduce "Research Presentations" and MA3: Reflective Cover Letter	Due 11/16 at 12:05am: Short Assignment 6: MA2 Reflective Memo Due 11/16 at 11am: MA2: Research-Based Argument Paper (Final Draft)
Wed	11/18		Assign Presentation Dates Workshop Research Presentations	
Fri	11/20		Workshop Research Presentations Peer Review of Research Presentations	Due 11/20 before 12:05:44am: Peer Review 5: MA2 Research Presentations - Reply
Mon	11/23		Research Presentations	
Wed	11/25	No Class		
Fri	11/27	No Class		
Mon	11/30		Research Presentations	
Wed	12/2		Research Presentations	
Fri	12/4		Research Presentations	Due 12/4 at 12am: Professionalism Due 12/4 at 12:05am: Research Presentation Final Draft
Mon	12/7			Due 12/7 at 4pm: MA3: Reflective Cover Letter
Wed	12/9	No Class		
Fri	12/11	No Class		

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