

ENGL 1551 - Writing 2

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 58, CRN 41559,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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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, 7E	Bullock, R., Bertsch, D., Goggin, M. D.	

Note: Ebook access is included and is already paid for in course fees. Students 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	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Norton Ch 5 Maag Library Research Guide	Week 1: Introductions and Orientation	Quiz: Norton Ch 5 Discussion 1 Writing Sample
8/31	Norton Ch 38 Norton Ch 47	Week 2: Selecting a Research Topic	Quiz: Norton Ch 38 Quiz: Norton Ch 47 Discussion 2 Writing Sample if not completed during Week 1
9/7	Norton Ch 6 Student Guide to Artificial Intelligence Assignment Sheet: Writing Assignment 1	Week 3: Research Proposal and Writing Ethically with AI	Plagiarism tutorial Discussion 3 Quiz: Norton Ch 6 Writing Assignment 1

9/14	Norton Ch 48 Norton Ch 63, pp 773-778 Norton Ch 63, pp 769-772 How to Find Articles - Getting Started	Weeks 4-5: Finding Sources, Doing the Research	You have 2 weeks to complete the work for Weeks 4-5. Plan to work THROUGHOUT these two weeks to be successful.
9/21	See above	See above	Quiz: Norton Ch 48 Reading Response 1 Reading Response 2
9/28	Norton Ch 49 Norton Ch 16 Determine if a source is scholarly (University of Illinois Libraries)	Week 6: Evaluating Sources	Quiz: Norton Ch 49
10/5	Norton Ch 49 Norton Ch 16 Assignment Sheet: Writing Assignment 2	Week 7: Annotated Bibliography and APA style	Writing Assignment 2
10/12	Assignment Sheet: Writing Assignment 3	Week 8: Outline	Discussion 4 Reading Response 3 Writing Assignment 3
10/19	Norton Ch 15 -- Only sections entitled "Key Features/Arguments" and "A Guide to Writing Arguments" (pp. 184-196) Norton Ch 38 Norton Ch 63, p. 763 only	Week 9: Argument, Synthesizing Sources	Quiz: Norton Ch 15 Reading Response 4
10/26	Norton Ch 50 Norton Ch 51 Assignment Sheet: Writing Assignments 4 and 5	Week 10: Synthesizing, Quoting, Formatting APA	Quiz: Chs 50-51
11/2	Norton Ch 31 Norton Ch 33 Norton Ch 34	Weeks 11-12: Writing Assignment 4 - 1st Draft and Consultation	You have 2 weeks to complete the work for Weeks 11-12. Plan to work THROUGHOUT these two weeks to be successful.
11/9	See above	See above	Writing Assignment 4 (submit to instructor AND to Week 13 Discussion) Quiz: Norton Ch 33
11/16	No new reading	Week 13: Peer Review and Revision	Discussion 5
11/23	No new reading	Week 14: Conferences/Revision	Use this week to schedule a conference with the Writing Center or with me to carefully revise, edit and proofread your work to submit the best possible 2nd draft during Week 15.
11/30	No new reading	Week 15: Writing Assignment 5 - 2nd Draft	Writing Assignment 5
12/7		Finals Week	

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