

Communicate ideas clearly and succinctly in multiple contexts, including oral discussions, written discussion boards, and literary analysis essays. This course will focus especially on the development of effective written communication skills. Students will learn to frame a

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays as soon as possible, and no later than one week before a test or two weeks before a major exam. Information regarding dates of major religious holidays may be obtained through departmental, Deans' and Faculty advising Offices.

Participation:

This class depends upon regular and active participation from all students: this involves reading the course texts carefully before class, bringing texts to class, listening actively, and responding thoughtfully to other students. You must bring a paper copy of your assigned text to class (please print out documents distributed via OWL). Good decorum and civil behavior is expected from all students at all times. In this class we will often be discussing difficult or sensitive topics. Please be collegial and understanding towards your peers.

Your participation mark is designed to measure your attendance, participation, and evidence of consistent preparation and active learning. Unannounced in-class participation assignments may be given over the course of the year and will be used, along with your oral participation, to determine your participation grade. In-class assignments cannot be made up.

Discussion board posts:

papers with me in office hours as you work on them. On the day the essay is due, please submit a hard copy of your essay in class and upload a copy of it to Turnitin.com via OWL.

Late policy:

The penalty for late assignments will be 5% per day. Extensions may be granted in the case of a documented personal or medical emergency; I do not give extensions for computer or printer problems.

If you are submitting a paper late, you must upload it to Turnitin.com via OWL (which functions as the official timestamp) and put an identical copy in the essay drop box outside the English department in AHB 2G02. Both copies must arrive on the same day. Late penalties will be applied for each day of the week, including weekends and holidays.

Exam:

This course will have a final exam. Students must pass both term work and the final examination in order to pass the course. Students who fail the final examination (regardless of their term mark) automatically fail the course.

MORE COURSE POLICIES:

Electronics in the classroom:

Please be respectful by turning off your cellphone (unless you're responsible for a dependent or you're dealing with a family emergency; if this is so, alert me before class begins). The use of laptops and other electronics in class is forbidden unless these devices are being used to engage with class material. If you want to use a computer to take notes, please request an appointment to discuss the matter with me. Any use of electronics for non-course-related purposes will result in one warning and, should a second incidence arise, removal from the course.

Intellectual property:

The sale or distribution of class notes, handouts, slides, rubrics, and other material to individuals or groups who are not registered in the class (

accommodation and inform me as soon as possible. We can then discuss the best solution.

Academic Offences:

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

All instances of plagiarism will be reported to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Proven cases of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for the assignment. Subsequent offences will result in failure for the course.

If you need help:

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western:

<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Other services:

Wellness Centre: www.wec.uwo.ca

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