



Department of French Studies French 3907A – Writing texts

Course outline for Fall 2020



Although this academic year might be different, Western University is committed to a **thriving campus**. We encourage you to check out the [Digital Student Experience](#) website to manage your academics and well-being. Additionally, the following link provides available resources to a v a



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Delivery Mode	Dates	Time
Online	Wednesdays	6:30pm – 9:30pm

*Details about design and delivery of the course are listed below in Section 4

Classes Start	Reading Week	Classes End	Study day(s)	Exam Period
September 9	November 2 - 8	December 9	December 10	December 11 - 22

* November 12, 2020: Last day to drop a first-term half course or a first-term full course without penalty

3. Contact Information



Course Coordinator	Contact Information
Dr. Laté Lawson-Hellu	OWL message to: Lawson-Hellu(llawsonh)

4. Course Description and Design

Prerequisites

5. Learning Outcomes

À travers des exercices, des devoirs, des activités de lecture et d'écriture, l'étudiant, l'étudiante:

- x se familiarisera avec des genres d'écriture différents et acquerra des techniques propres à

10	Nov 11	TEXTE 2 (50 min.) – Sur le texte expressif [Via OWL] Le texte argumentatif (Manuel, chapitre 8, p. 119-131) Journal hebdomadaire
11	Nov 18	Le compte rendu critique (Manuel, chapitre 9, p. 132-143) Journal hebdomadaire
12	Nov 25	La dissertation explicative (Manuel, chapitre 10, p. 144-155) * Remise du Compte rendu critique Journal hebdomadaire
13	Dec 2	Conclusion générale
14	Dec 9	* Remise des Journaux hebdomadaires (semaines 1 à 12)

7. Online Participation and Engagement

- Students are expected to participate and engage with content as much as possible
- Students can participate during [] sessions or post on [] after watching the recording
- Students can also participate by interacting in the forums with their peers and instructors

8. Evaluation

Below is the evaluation breakdown for the course. Any deviations will be communicated.

Assessment	Format	Weighting	Due Date
Test (50 min)	In-class via OWL	20%	September 23 rd
Texte 1 (50 min)	In-class via OWL	20%	October 7 th
Texte 2 (50 min)	In-class via OWL	20%	November 11 th
Compte rendu critique	Assignment	20%	November 25 th -

B	70-79	Good work, meeting all requirements, and eminently satisfactory
C	60-69	Competent work, meeting requirements
D	50-59	Fair work, minimall

12. Professionalism & Privacy:

Western students are expected to follow the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Additionally, the following expectations and professional conduct apply to this course:

- Students are expected to follow online etiquette expectations provided on OWL
- All course materials created by the instructor(s) are copyrighted and cannot be sold/shared
- Recordings are not permitted (audio or video) without explicit permission
- Permitted recordings are not to be distributed
- Students will be expected to take an academic integrity pledge before some assessments
- All recorded sessions will remain within the course site or unlisted if streamed

13. How to Be Successful in this Class:

Students enrolled in this class should understand the level of autonomy and self-discipline required to be successful.

1. Invest in a planner or application to keep track of your courses. Populate all your deadlines at the start of the term and schedule time at the start of each week to get organized and manage your time.
2. Make it a daily habit to log onto OWL to ensure you have seen everything posted to help you succeed in this class.
3. Follow weekly checklists created on OWL or create your own to help you stay on track.
4. Take notes as you go through the lesson material. Treat this course as you would a face-to-face course. Keeping handwritten notes or even notes on a regular Word document will help you learn more effectively than just reading or watching the videos.
5. Connect with others. Try forming an online study group and try meeting on a weekly basis for study and peer support.
6. Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you are struggling with a topic, check the online discussion boards or contact your instructor(s) and or teaching assistant(s).

Accommodation for Religious Holidays

The policy on Accommodation for Religious Holidays can be viewed [here](#).

Special Examinations

A Special Examination is any examination other than the regular examination, and it may be offered only with the permission of the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is registered, in consultation with the instructor and Department Chair. Permission to write a Special Examination may be given on the basis of compassionate or medical grounds with appropriate supporting documents. To provide an opportunity for students to recover from the circumstances resulting in a Special Examination, the University has implemented Special Examinations dates. These dates as well as other important information about examinations and academic standing can be found [here](#).

Academic Offenses

“Scholastic offences are taken seriously, and students are directed [here](#) to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence.

Accessibility Statement

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Accessible Education (AE) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation or review [The policy on Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Correspondence Statement

The centrally administered **e-mail account** provided to students will be considered the individual’s official university e-mail address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at his/her official university address is attended to in a timely manner. You can read about the privacy and security of the UWO email accounts [here](#).

Turnitin and other similarity review software

All assignments will be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. Students will be able to view their results before the final submission. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purposer of turnitin ` Mtof < sr_

- a personal back-up

Technical difficulty

Technical difficulties are **not** considered grounds for late or absent submissions. Technical difficulties include: French keyboard issues, audio, video, lost data, internet connection, bottlenecks on busy network, etc. Since these do happen, please **never wait to the last moment to complete work online**.

If you do not receive an automatic confirmation such as “your work has been submitted successfully” after submitting an assignment, or if for any reason you are not sure your work was submitted properly, it is your responsibility to contact the Instructor within 12 hours by email and explain your concern or technical difficulty. You will be requested to provide documentation (screen capture, date stamp, etc.) proving that the assignment was completed on time and that you attempted to submit it.

In only rare and exceptional circumstances is accommodation granted by the Department in such a case.

Students are advised to submit their work well before the deadline posted on the site, so as to avoid being caught in a “bottleneck” when many students submit assignments on OWL at the same time.

Communication with the Instructor about course-related matters

- **Instructors** post regular public **announcements** that students receive on the « Announcements » section in Owl. Announcements for this course are **not** sent to your **email**, just to the Owl site, so do check the Owl site daily.

- **Instructors** will send **private messages** to students using the “Messages” tool in Owl. Students should reply to these messages from within Owl (NOT from their own email application).

- **Students**

16. Support Services

The following links provide information about support services at Western University.

[Academic Counselling \(Science and Basic Medical Sciences\)](#)

[Appeal Procedures](#)

[Registrarial Services](#)

[Student Development Services](#)

[Student Health Services](#)