

**2225G: The Inside Track- Sports Writing
Winter 2018**

**Time/Room: Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Office:
Room: UCC Room 60**

Course Requirements

Covering first sports event	15%	Due Jan. 24
Covering second sports event	25%	Due Feb. 14
Group package	15%	Due March 15
In class exercises/workshopping	10%	
Sports Feature Article	35%	Due March 29

Note: *Because this course falls during the time of the Winter Olympics, you will be encouraged to write one of these assignments with an Olympic angle to it. More details will be provided in the first class.*

Assignment Format

All assignments should be double-spaced, in Word (no pdfs), and as close to the assigned word count as possible. Assignments should be submitted via the OWL site for the course. Emailed assignments may be acceptable in certain circumstances.

Submitting Assignments

I don't like to penalize late assignments; however, since one of the purposes of this course is to familiarize you with the writing profession, you need to know that **deadlines are crucial**. For this reason, all assignments will be due on the date specified unless you negotiate an extension at least 48 hours in advance. Following any other policy would be an injustice to you as a future writer. Assignments are submitted electronically. You may also place them in the drop box outside Lawson, Room 3270. **Late assignments will be penalized at 3 marks per day, including weekends.**

Attendance at class is required to improve as a writer. Here is the Writing Studies attendance policy in this class:

You may miss up to three hours (the equivalent of one week of class) of class meetings during the term without explanation. That means that the first three class hours you miss will be recorded as absences but *excused provided you don't miss any more*.

However, if you miss a total of four to nine class hours (the equivalent of up to three full weeks of class), your final grade will be reduced by 10% (e.g. an earned final grade of 80% will be reported as a final grade of 72).

If you miss a total of more than nine hours of class meetings (the equivalent of more than three weeks of class meetings) your final grade will be reduced by 15% (e.g. an earned final grade of 80% will be reported as a final grade of 68).

This policy will be waived only for medical or compassionate reasons. If you have good reasons for waiving an absence of one class meeting (e.g. if you've missed three hours, and need or want to miss

Attendance also extends to tardiness. If you are more than 20 minutes late, you will be penalized an hour of attendance. Please make every effort to be on time as late entry can disrupt the flow of discussion in our class. Early departures from class, which have not been previously arranged with the instructor, will also be counted as an absence. If you leave during the break, you will be docked an hour of attendance.

Note: a class meeting missed in order to write a test, exam, or other form of ‘make-up class’ in another course will count as non-attendance, and will attract penalties as defined above if applicable. Instructors at the University of Western Ontario shall not require a student to write a make-up test or similar at times which conflict with that student’s other scheduled class times. If you are asked or ‘required’ to do this, you should immediately contact an academic counsellor in your Dean’s office. If you elect to miss a class in order to write such a test, that is *your*

Week 10	Workshop Features	
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