



WRITING 1000F THE WRITERS' STUDIO – 2019

SECTION: 003

TIME/ROOM/LOCATION: Tu 9:30am-12:30pm, UC-1220

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Break free of technology to become creative!

To provide the best learning experience for you and to encourage your creativity, all in-class writing exercises will be created with pen and paper, both of which you should bring to each class. All class notes will be available to you via OWL; thus, there is no need to open your laptop in class, so please leave it closed and in your backpack.

DESCRIPTION

Students are introduced to the creative process of writing through in-class exercises, peer workshop, analysis of creative texts, journaling, essay writing, and a review of grammar, mechanics, and composition. Students learn strategies for idea generation in a variety of genres (poetry, fiction, nonfiction, screenwriting), composing a first draft, approaching revision, and effective editing and proofreading techniques.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have demonstrated the ability to

1. identify the fundamental elements of creative and essay writing;
2. generate ideas in a variety of genres: poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, drama/screenwriting, and essay writing;
3. analyze and respond critically to published writing and the work of their peers;
4. identify and correct errors in composition, grammar, and mechanics; and
5. incorporate feedback into revisions.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

1. Imaginative Writing: The Elements of Craft 4th Edition Penguin Academics Series by Janet Burroway, 2014 (available at The Bookstore at Western)
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SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS

Late assignments will receive a penalty of 5% per day. To qualify for an extension, you must have a valid reason and contact your instructor prior to the deadline. Please see the medical accommodation policy below.

If necessary, please submit essays to the English and Writing Studies Drop Box across from University College room 2431, making sure you include your instructor's name, the course name, and your section number on the first page. Do not fax or e-mail assignments, and do not slide them under office doors. Keep copies (electronic, paper, or both) of all assignments submitted.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

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

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

In Writing courses, students covered by this policy who are seeking academic consideration must proceed as follows.

Writing Studies' Basic Policy: students seeking academic consideration on medical or any other grounds for any missed tests/exams, class attendance/participation components, or late or missed assignments must either initiate a Self-Reported Absence (for a grade component worth up to 30% of their final grade, but excluding final exams scheduled during the exam period) or apply in person to the Academic Counselling or Undergraduate office of their home Faculty and provide a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) or other supporting documentation as required in accordance with official Western policy (linked above).

Students seeking academic consideration must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by either:

- i. A Self-Reported Absence, or
- ii. Academic consideration supported by the Academic Counselling Office.

Exception: in Writing Studies courses, a student seeking academic accommodation on non-medical grounds for any missed in-class tests/exams, class attendance/participation components, or late or missed assignments worth less than 10% of a final grade first consult directly with her or his instructor, who will – in his or her discretion – elect either to make a decision on the request directly or instruct the student to follow the procedures set out in Writing Studies' Basic Policy.

Please note that individual instructors will not under any circumstances accept or read medical documentation directly offered by a student, whether in support of an application for accommodation on medical grounds or for related reasons (e.g. to explain an absence from class which may result in a grade penalty under an 'Attendance' policy in the course). All medical documentation must be submitted to the Academic Counselling or Undergraduate office of a student's home Faculty.

Students who are or who feel they should be covered under Student Accessibility Services should review Western policy here:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western: (<https://www.uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Special Requests: Special Examinations, Incomplete Standing, Aegrotat Standing:

Please refer to the "Information for All Students in a Writing Studies Course" for more detailed information. Briefly, remember that instructors do not have the discretion to initiate, consider, or grant (or not) such requests; you must go directly to the Dean's office of your home faculty.

CLASS MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEETING FOCUS	READINGS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE - CHECK OWL)
WEEK 1	Introduction to course I	