

Assignments

1. Local news story	20%	Due Oct. 3
2. Profile of classmate	35%	Due Oct. 24
3. Feature Article	40%	Due Nov. 28
5. Online Discussion/Exercises/Workshopping	5%	Ongoing

Assignment Format

All assignments should be submitted in Word and double-spaced as they are easier to grade and as close to the assigned word count as possible. **Assignments must be submitted via the OWL site for the course.** Emailed assignments may be acceptable in certain circumstances.

Submitting Assignments/Due dates/late submission penalties

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 dates specified

material and your fellow students' comments, participate in online discussions and to interact online with your fellow classmates by workshopping your drafts as much as online allows you. This policy will be waived only for medical or compassionate reasons. If your absence is extended and prolonged (over one week of continuous non-attendance), then you should discuss it with your academic advisor in your home faculty, who may require documentation. That advisor may then contact all of your instructors. See also: '**Medical Accommodation Policy**' below.

Antirequisites

Please note that MIT 3829F/G and MIT 3870G if taken in 2009-10, 2010-11, or 2011-12, are antirequisites for Writing 2203. You will not receive credit for both courses if you take both.

Medical Accommodation Policy

The link to the official Western/Writing Studies Medical Accommodation Policy appears below. This remains in effect, but may be modified temporarily by the university during the academic year as conditions change. Western has a comprehensive policy covering requests for accommodation by students who are not registered with Student Accessibility Services. All students should review this policy here, under the heading 'Accommodation for Illness – Undergraduate Students', noting the procedures, restrictions, and notice requirements:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12

Academic Accommodation and Consideration

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found in Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf

Academic Consideration for Student Absence

Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student's final grade. Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus. Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- assessments worth more than 30% of the student's final grade,
- if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are not met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical, or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation. All requests for consideration for assessments worth more than 30% of a final grade must be directed to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty. In this course, all requests for academic consideration must be directed to the Academic Counselling office of the student's Home Faculty if a SRA will not be used.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. **All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty.**

For Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf

and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see:

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

Religious Accommodation

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the Western Multicultural Calendar at

<https://www.multiculturalcalendar.com/ecal/index.php?s=c-univwo>

Special Requests (Special Examinations, Incomplete Standing, Aegrotat Standing)

Please refer to the “Information for All Students in a Writing Course” for more detailed information. Briefly, remember that your instructor does 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.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness

<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/>

for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.

Support Services

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Academic Support and Engagement <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

At least three days prior to the deadline for withdrawal from a 1000- or 2000-level course without academic penalty, students will receive assessment of work accounting for at least 15% of their final grade. Generally, students can expect some form of feedback on their performance in a course before the drop date.” November 12 is the last day to drop a first-term half-course without academic penalty.

NO ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 8, 2021. OUTSTANDING WORK AS OF THIS DATE WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO.

Class Meeting Schedule

(Course starts Sept. 8 and Week 1 runs through to Sept. 19).	Learn to write leads to a variety of story styles; using quotes Dissect a newspaper or magazine lead. Why does it pull you into the story and does it match what the story is about? Find a fresh quote. Tell your fellow students why it's compelling or not	Award winning leads— https://www.poynter.org/reporting-editing/2020/and-the-winnero-a-W-inneo-a

	<p>Start thinking about what you would like to write for a feature. It takes some time to develop a good idea—so let's start now. In three sentences, write your idea. Include an angle and what steps you'll take to get it written.</p>	
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	solutions can you offer? Other types of stories that magazines use.	
	Markets online and learning to write for the internet Find two web sites that accept freelance writing. What type of stories do they accept? Do not include writer's guideline details; rather, provide your opinion of the tone and style, length and details.	How much they pay (posted on OWL)
	Online ethics and copyright. Considering what you've learned about copyright this week, do you feel any differently about downloading various materials without paying for them?	Watch Harlan Ellison video -- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mj5IV23g-fE An article on recycling your work (on OWL)

Journalism ethics/Freelancer's toolbox

(Dec. 6- 8)

Discuss the provided ethical
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