2101F: Introduction to Expository Writing
Fall 2021 / Section 651

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Course Description and Objectives

writing. The course will emphasize practical work and the development of writing skills for a variety of subjects and

that you will spend much of your time in this course writing, responding to the writing of others, and revising your work in light of the responses you receive to it. Consequently, in this course you will not only produce written texts, but also develop a critical eye for examining the written texts of others, both professionally-written and written by

Assignment Format

You must submit an electronic version of the final draft of each essay, in a doc or docx format. Essays must be double-spaced in a standard serif font (e.g., Times New Roman), and they must follow MLA format (see Appendix B of *The Canadian Writer's Handbook* for an example of this style of formatting). When using sources in an essay, you will be expected to follow MLA standards for documentation, detailed in chapter 37a of *The Canadian Writer's Handbook*.

Submitting Assignments

Assignments are due on the date specified on the schedule. Weekly class sessions will run from Monday to Sunday, so writing assignments for a particular week are due by Sunday night at 11:55 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Late essays will be penalized 2.5% per day and will not receive comments unless your instructor has emailed you to grant an extension. You must apply for extensions ahead of the due date; they are not automatic.

Postings on the

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.

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 here: Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities.

[Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs](#)