

**WR 2202F: Winning Your Argument: Rhetorical Strategy**

analyze language and purpose as it appears in a variety of cultural contexts and rhetorical situations.

In our attempt to accomplish these objectives and to better understand how arguments of all kinds are constructed, we will examine a variety of rhetorical techniques and analyse arguments of all forms. To understand what make5(e9812 0 6/F1 11.04 Tf1 0 0 1661.06 }5(o.00n)9(t)-4(s o)9(f)-3( a)9(l)-4( 11.04 Tft)-4(or)7(i)-4(ca



100 times in total and you only read 10 of those posts, that fact does not at all reflect positively on you when I am assigning your class discussion grade.

### **Peer Review**

For the assignments, you will participate in a peer review, which will be conducted through the Forum tab, in an appropriately titled section, and follow the instructions posted there. You will have specific items to respond to for each assignment. Failure to upload a with a sufficiently complete draft and to participate by reviewing at least two other students' drafts *will result in the earned marked for that assignment being reduced by 10%*. For example, what would have been an earned mark of 78 for your assignment will receive a mark of 70.

### **Attendance Policy**

The very nature of this course requires that you attend regularly to do well. If you miss more than two weeks of class your final grade will be penalized 10%. If you miss more than three weeks, your final grade will be penalized 15%. Not attending class is defined as not posting in the class discussion at all. This policy will only be waived for medical or compassionate reasons as outlined in the Medical Accommodation Policy below.

### **Email Policy**

Because this is an online course, we will communicate exclusively via OWL. When you contact me using OWL Message, you can expect a response within twenty-four hours. If you email me using Outlook/Western email, you can expect a response within one week. If you email me using a non-UWO account, you will not receive a response. If I foresee that I cannot respond to emails within times listed above, I will post an announcement.

### **Scholastic Offences, including Plagiarism**

The University Senate requires the following statements, and Web site references, to appear on course outlines:

“Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)”

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy as above).

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>).

### **Prerequisites**

The University Senate requires the following statement to appear on course outlines:

may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment in your transcript in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite.

*The prerequisite for registration in this course is either a) a final grade of 65 or more in one of Writing 2101F/G, 2125F/G (or the former 2121F/G), 2111F/G, 2100F/G, 2105F/G; or b) a final grade of 70 or more in one of Writing 1000F/G, 1030F/G, 1031F/G, 1032F/G, 1033F/G, or any other approved section of the department.*

Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities work with Accessibility Services (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on documented psychological and physical disabilities.   
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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/>**