

Writing 2130F
Building Better (Communication) Bridges: Rhetoric and Professional
Communication for Engineers
Fall 2019

Lecture Section 00

Thursday 3:30-4:30 (SSC 2024)
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Required Texts

R. Irish and P.E. Weiss, *Engineering Communication: From Principles to Practice*, 2nd ed Don Mills: Oxford University Press, 2013.

W.E. Messinger *et al.*, *The Canadian Writer's Handbook: Second Essentials Edition*. Don Mills: Oxford University Press, 2017

IEEE Citation and Documentation Guide

<https://ieeeditatport.org/sites/default/files/analysis/27/IEEE%20Citation%20Guidelines.pdf>

Course Requirements

Quizzes (Best 2 of 3 @ 7.5%)	15%
Assignment #1: Description of an important Engineering problem for two audiences (750-1000 words)	15%
Assignment #2: Speech based on Assignment 1	10%
Assignment #3: Multi-component Research Project, as follows:	

- x 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 reasons for

another class meeting) discuss these reasons with your instructor within one week of that absence. If your absence is extended and prolonged (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

Note

course will count as non-attendance, and will attract penalties as defined above if applicable. Instructors at Western University shall not require a student to write a makeup test or similar at times which conflict

lect to miss a Writing class in order to write such a test in another class, that is choice; your absence will not be excused.

Attendance also extends to tardiness. If you are more than 20 minutes late to class 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 that have not been previously arranged with the tutorial leader will also be counted as an absence. If you leave during the break, you will be docked an hour of attendance.

Scholastic Offences, Including Plagiarism
 All essays and assignments must be written in your own words. Whenever you take an idea or a passage of text from another author, you must acknowledge this by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or text citations. Plagiarism also includes double submission submitting work from one course for credit in another without written permission from both professors. Plagiarism is a major academic offence. Scholastic offences are taken seriously and attended by academic penalties that may include expulsion from the program. You may read the university policy on what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at the following website:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Note: In this course you will be required to submit an electronic copy of the final version of each of your written assignments.

As a general point about electronic devices in the classroom, note as well that while laptops or tablets are certainly encouraged for note-taking purposes, cell phones are not permitted to be at hand or anywhere in view during class. All phones must be turned off and kept in knapsacks/purses until class has concluded. If I feel that this classroom expectation regarding cell phones is not being respected, I reserve the right to ban all electronics from

Oct. 31	Citing, Incorporating, and Documenting Sources	CWH: Ch. 34, 36
Fall Reading Week		
Tutorial	Oral Presentations (Group 1)	
Nov. 14	Strategies for Engaging with Sources Effectively	
Tutorial	Oral Presentations (Group 2) Assignment 3 Research Poster Due	
Nov. 21	IEEE Citation and Documentation Research Essay Tips and Strategies	CWH: Appendix A; IEEE Citation and Documentation Guide (linked on syllabus)
Tutorial	Research Essay Peer Review	
Nov. 28	Exam Review	
Tutorial	Assignment 3 Research Essay Due Exam Review	
Dec. 5	No Lecture	