



2101F: Introduction to Expository Writing Fall 2021

Section: 001

Time/Room: Tuesdays, 12:30-3:30pm,
UC 1220

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Course Objectives

“ An introduction to the basic principles and techniques emphasize practical work and the development of writing skills for a variety of subjects and disciplines.” By “ practical work”, it means to indicate 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 others in your class.

The calendar course description also points to the subjects and disciplines.” While it would simply not be genres that are used across a complex university such as Western, you will be asked to write in more than one genre. When you do so, pay attention to the rules/constraints of that genre and study how those rules give you clues to what is r

Course Policies

Attendance:

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 excused provided you don't miss any more.
- 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 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 good reasons for waiving an absence of one class meeting (e.g. if you've missed three hours, and need or want to miss another class meeting) discuss these reasons with your instructor within one week of that absence. If your absence is extended and prolonged (over one week of continuous non-attendance), then you should discuss it with your

Late final drafts **will be penalized 5% per day – including weekends and holidays – unless** the instructor has granted you an extension of the due date. For example, an Assignment submitted one

Students who demonstrate a pattern of routinely missing coursework due to self-reported COVID symptoms, and therefore do not demonstrate mastery of the learning outcomes of the course, will not receive credit for the course.

Contingency Plan for an In-Person Class Pivoting to 100% Online Learning:

In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online as determined by the course instructor. In the event that online learning is required, a stable v1 (2021.09.03) internet connection with working microphone and webcam will be required. As has been the case in the past, the decision to pivot to online learning will be made by Western, and not individual instructors or departments (excepting temporary online instruction in the event of instructor illness).

COVID-Related Regulations Summary:

Western has both a vaccine and a mask mandate

Students must complete the symptom checklist every day. Students who are found to be on campus who have not completed the symptom checklist or have failed the daily symptom check will be referred for investigation under the Student Code of Conduct.

Students are expected to carry their student cards to campus each day in anticipation of spot checks by Building Ambassadors.

Students not wearing masks will be asked to leave the classroom. Students with accommodations approved by Accessible Education must make arrangements with the instructor before coming to class, lab, practicum or clinical site.

Eating and drinking is prohibited in the classroom to facilitate proper mask wearing. Individuals found to have attended class without appropriate vaccination, or who are found to have engaged in fraud related to the vaccination policy, will face academic sanctions up to and including expulsion.

Students who are not fully vaccinated by October 12th and who are not granted an exemption under the policy will be issued a trespass order. Enforcement of this trespass order will be carried out by campus police, and will be accompanied by academic sanctions, including expulsion.

Please be respectful of your classmates and your instructors at all times, as we navigate re-entry.

Please See Course Schedule on Next Page

Western University, London, Ontario

Week 6:
Oct. 19

-Due: