

**WR 2202F: Winning Your Argument: Rhetorical Strategy in a Visual Age**  
**Fall 2021**

**Course Description and Objectives**

Argument: n. 1. An exchange of differing or opposing views, typically a heated or angry one; 2. A reason or set of reasons given with the aim of persuading others that an action or idea is right or wrong; 3. A summary of the subject matter of a book.

--from *The Oxford American Dictionary*, 2005, p. 82



secondary sources; you will be able to see the report, as will I. I will not grade any essay until I see the report.

All assignments are due on the date stated on the class schedule. You are expected to submit an electronic version to Turnitin.com via OWL (see below). **DO NOT EMAIL ME ASSIGNMENTS.**

*Late assignments will penalized 5% per day, and they will not receive comments.* Should you need an extension for any reason, **please contact me by email at least 24 hours prior to the day an assignment is due to discuss an extension.** Extensions may be granted only for the writing assignments; they will be granted neither for the forum postings nor for the peer-review sessions.

The most successful classrooms have students and instructors equally engaged in a discussion about the readings, assignments, and daily topics. You are expected to complete the assigned readings each week. As this is a Distance Studies course, we do not meet formally; thus, attendance and participation on the class discussion board are connected. While online courses are typically asynchronous (and this one is no different), they are not self-paced. You must attend and participate in class (defined as logging into our OWL section and interacting with your peers and instructor by posting questions and re),eng wit2Tm /T1

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.

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 mark 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.

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.

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

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



Please refer to the “Information for All Students in a Writing Course” for more detailed information.