

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY**

**3222G: Advanced Healthcare Communication:  
Writing the Pandemic**

Winter 2021

Section: 001 Location: N/A

## Attendance policies

Attendance at class is required to improve as a writer. A ledger is circulated in each class requiring that students confirm their attendance in writing for tracking attendance and punctuality. Regular attendance is expected and simply signing the register in each class will not ensure a strong class work grade on its own. Regular and impassioned participation in class discussions and workshops is the best method for excelling in this area of the grading rubric. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- However, if you miss a total of four to nine class hours (the equivalent of up to three full weeks

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

testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

### **Academic Consideration for Student Absence**

Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being

instructors by email within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence. Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are *not* met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical, or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. **All**



### **Class Meeting Schedule** (subject to minor modifications as needed)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lecture Focus</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<u>Week 1</u> - <b>CANCELLED</b>	-Introduction to the course/syllabus -Introduction to the medical humanities -Screening: <i>The Knick</i> , S.1 Ep. 1	Textbook pages ix-x & 1-8
<u>Week 2</u>	-Patient Charting & SOAP notes -Rhetorical modes & communication registers -Screening: <i>The Knick</i> , S.1 Ep. 2	Textbook pages ix-x & 1-27
<u>Week 3</u>	-Interpersonal healthcare writing -Applying for healthcare jobs -In class writing workshop -Screening: <i>The Knick</i> , S.1 Ep. 3	Textbook pages 29-36
<u>Week 4</u>	-Guest lecture: Corporate healthcare communication -Peer review/beta reader session -Screening: <i>The Knick</i> , S.1 Ep. 4	Review previous readings as required
<u>Week 5</u>	<b>Assignment #1 due</b> -Introduction to parallel charting, portfolio, & narrative medicine -Screening: <i>The Knick</i> , S.1 Ep. 5	Textbook pages 45-71
<u>Week 6</u>	READING WEEK	Review previous readings as necessary
<u>Week 7</u>	-Pathography narratives & cybermedicine -Screening: <i>The Knick</i> , S.1 Ep. 6	Textbooks pages 73-97