

Writing 2130G

**Building Better (Communication) Bridges: Rhetoric and Professional
Communication for Engineers**

Winter 2022

Lecture Section 651 (online)

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

These required texts are available as a package through the Western Bookstore. You can order copies (physical or digital, for purchase or rental) here: https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=B2021&courses%5B0%5D=001_UW/WRI2130F

IEEE Citation and Documentation Guide

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

Course Requirements

Multiple-choice Quizzes (Best 2 of 3 @ 10% each)	20%
Assignment #1: Description of an important Engineering problem for two audiences (750-1250 words total for two documents)	15%
Assignment #2: Multi-component Research Project, as follows:	
Research "Presentation" (5 minute recorded voice-over, 5-7 slides)	15%
Research Poster	15%
Research Essay (1250-1500 words)	20%
Weekly tutorial discussion postings/responses	15%

Submitting Assignments

Assignments are due on the date specified, uploaded through the relevant "Assignments" link **on your wuqtkm'QY N'usg**. Do not email me (or your TA) any assignments! **Unless you have been granted an extension, late assignments will be penalized a full letter grade at least and may not be accepted at all**. You must talk to your TA about extensions ahead of the due date; they are not automatic.

Note: When using sources in any written assignment, you will be expected to follow IEEE standards for citation and documentation (as well as for formatting). By uploading your assignments to OWL, you will be automatically submitting them to Turnitin for plagiarism checking. Turnitin will generate a report for you, detailing the percentage of your paper that has been drawn from sources; you will be able to see the report, as will your TA. No assignment will be graded until that report is generated and viewed.

Attendance and Participation

It should go without saying that attendance at class is required to improve as a communicator. The most successful classrooms—physical or online—have students and instructors equally engaged in thinking about and discussing the readings, assignments, and weekly topics.

As the current circumstances require this class to be fully online, we do not meet formally; thus, attendance and participation on your tutorial discussion board are connected. Online courses are typically asynchronous (and this one is no different), but they are not wholly self-paced. You must attend and participate in class (defined as logging into your tutorial's OWL section and interacting with your peers and TA by posting responses to questions and prompts in the relevant weekly topic sections under the "Forums" link).

Your class discussion grade will be based on whether you have sufficiently fulfilled the posting requirements, which are listed in more detail below. In general, the grade will be determined by 1) the quality of your posts each week, 2) the frequency and number of quality posts made.

1) Quality of Posting

All posts on your tutorial discussion forum must

Contribute something meaningful to the board.

Support your response with sufficient reasons and/or evidence.

Prerequisite Checking

Ensuring you have the correct prerequisite(s) is your responsibility. The following notation articulates the Senate regulation with respect to the student needing to be responsible for ensuring that course prerequisites have been completed successfully or special permission from the Dean obtained:

Religious Accommodation

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing

<p>Week 11: Mar. 28- Apr. 1</p>	<p>IEEE Citation and Documentation</p> <p>Tutorial: Incorporating Sources</p> <p>Research Poster (due by 11:59 pm Friday)</p>	<p>CWH: Appendix A; IEEE Citation and Documentation Guide (linked on syllabus)</p>
<p>Week 12: Apr. 4-8</p>	<p>Research Essay Tips and Strategies</p> <p>Tutorial: Writing Research Essays; Research Essay help/consultation</p> <p>Assignment 2 Research Essay (due by 11:59 pm Friday)</p>	