

English 101 Fall 2023 Syllabus

Important Note: This syllabus, along with course assignments and due dates, are subject to change. It is the student's responsibility to check Canvas for corrections or updates to the syllabus. Any changes will be clearly noted in a course announcement or through email.

Course Information

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Course description:

Critical reading, logical thinking, and effective writing. Write frequently in and out of class, using specific rhetorical strategies for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Prerequisites:

Admission to the main campus, admission to a branch campus with placement into English 101, or completion of ENGL 98 with a C or better

General Education Designation(s):

GEP: WC

Credits: 3

Expected Instructor Response Times

- I will attempt to respond to student emails within 24 hours. If you have not received a reply from me within 24 hours please resend your email.
- I will attempt to grade written work within one week; however, longer written assignments may take me longer to read and assess.

Textbook & Course Materials

English 101 Texts:

Patterns for College Writing, RENTAL

Rules for Writers, ninth edition Diana Hacker, PURCHASE

Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, you should

- *be able to thoughtfully read and summarize
- *be able to identify and correct basic errors in grammar
- *be able to develop ideas for essays
- *be able to accurately and clearly write essays from 2-5 pages in length
- *be able to obtain and use research in MLA documentation style
- *have gained confidence in your own abilities 😊

Policies

1. All work will be completed on Canvas. You have access to all the documents and videos this term, but those elements are my intellectual property and may not be shared with anyone not enrolled in this class. Make sure to keep an eye on due dates/times to make sure that you are not late or miss submissions.
2. ALL reading assignments MUST be actively read, following your active reading techniques handout. You must thoroughly complete BOTH the notes AND the summary for each chapter in Patterns for College Writing. There will be dropboxes on Canvas for each chapter. They must be submitted to the Dropbox BY the beginning of class on the date the chapter is listed on the syllabus.
3. Late assignments of any kind will not be accepted without prior permission asked for and granted in writing at least 24 hours before due date. However, each student is entitled to one Technical Excuse which entitles you to 48 hours after the due date to submit the essay with no penalty. The technical excuse is NOT used for daily homework/grammar. Each student gets ONE technical excuse, so plan ahead and use it wisely.
4. I can be reached anytime by email at jmarshal@uwsp.edu. Make sure to put English 101 UWSP in the subject line. I check email 3 times a day, so you will hear from me within 24 hours. If you would like, we can set up FaceTime if needed.
5. Revisions are meant to be completed BY the due date. Essays will not be revised for a higher grade. As in the “real world,” you are expected to do your best work by the due date, not expect to be able to fix it later. Realize that despite being rather short essays, you are given 3-4 WEEKS to work on an essay, so the quality that is expected is high, not what can be produced in a day or two. Be prepared for the due date by working on the essays as soon as they are assigned.
6. Essays and homework will be typed on a word processing program. Essays will be space and a half or double spaced, without additional spaces between paragraphs. Paragraphs will be indented one Tab. They should be written in 10 or 12 point font on one side of the paper. You should have a minimum of 250 words per page. Do not include a title page. Type your name, my name or the course name, the time of day it meets, and the due date of the paper on separate lines, single spaced, at the top left corner of the first page. Subsequent pages after the first should be numbered in the upper right hand corner including your last name and the page number. Essays must have descriptive titles.

7. Essays will be graded for content (ideas and details), structure (organization, form, and connections), and accuracy (grammar, mechanics, etc.). References to grammar errors will be in a number system of the common errors on your grammar handout.

8. Essays will be graded within two weeks. The final essay will receive only a grade, no comments, and I will keep that essay. If you wish to discuss any of your essays, wait 24 hours at least and then bring a list of questions to discuss.

9. Writing is a process, just like training for a sport. Do not feel discouraged or doomed if your early efforts aren't as successful as you would like. Most people find that they improve with practice, and practice is what this class is all about. Writing is not something that you either can or can't do. It's a skill which needs to be strengthened. Some of you may be starting with a weaker writing muscle than others, so you will require a higher degree of practice to build it up. And for some of you, the possible improvement in one semester may be greater or lesser than others in the class. The more open you are to change and new modes of thinking and writing, the more successful you will be in this class. Your willingness to write multiple drafts, try new techniques, and communicate with me and your colleagues will help determine how well you can ultimately do in this class.

Student Expectations

In this course you will be expected to complete the following types of tasks.

- communicate via email
- complete basic internet searches
- download and upload documents to the LMS
- read documents online
- view online videos
- participate in online discussions
- complete quizzes/tests online
- upload documents to Canvas to submit an assignment

Course Structure

This course will be delivered entirely online through the course management system Canvas. You will use your UWSP account to login to the course from the [Canvas Login Page](#). If you have not activated your UWSP account, please visit the [Manage Your Account](#) page to do so.

Technology

Protecting your Data and Privacy

UW-System approved tools meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. For a list of approved tools, visit this website.

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/dle/external-application-integration-requests/>

Tools not listed on the website linked above may not meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. If you have questions about tools, contact the UWSP IT Service Desk at 715-346-4357.

Here are steps you can take to protect your data and privacy.

- Use different usernames and passwords for each service you use
- Do not use your UWSP username and password for any other services
- Use secure versions of websites whenever possible (HTTPS instead of HTTP)
- Have updated antivirus software installed on your devices

RECOMMENDED SYLLABUS LANGUAGE FOR INSTRUCTORS WHO INTEND TO USE APPLICATIONS OR SERVICES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY UW-SYSTEM

This course requires posting of work on line that is viewable only by your classmates. None of the work submitted online will be shared publicly. Some assignments require account creation for on line programs. The instructor of this course will not share your academic records (grades, student IDs). Confidentiality of student work is imperative, so you should not share the work of your peers publicly without their permission. By participating in these assignments, you are giving consent to sharing of your work with others in this class and you recognize there is a small risk of your work being shared online beyond the purposes of this course. Examples of additional risks include data mining by the company providing the service, selling of your email to third parties, and release of ownership of data shared through the tool. If you elect to not participate in these online assignments due to confidentiality concerns, then an alternate assignment will be offered to you. [UWSP Handbook Chapter 9 Section 5]

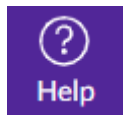
Course Technology Requirements

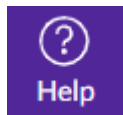
- View this website to see [minimum recommended computer and internet configurations for Canvas](#).
- You will also need access to the following tools to participate in this course.
 - o webcam
 - o microphone
 - o printer
 - o a stable internet connection (don't rely on cellular)

UWSP Technology Support

- Visit with a [Student Technology Tutor](#)
- Seek assistance from the [IT Service Desk](#) (Formerly HELP Desk)
 - IT Service Desk Phone: 715-346-4357 (HELP)
 - IT Service Desk Email: techhelp@uwsp.edu

Canvas Support



Click on the  button in the global (left) navigation menu and note the options that appear:

| Support Options | Explanations |
|--|--|
| <p>Ask Your Instructor a Question Submit a question to your instructor</p> | Use Ask Your Instructor a Question sparingly; technical questions are best reserved for Canvas personnel and help as detailed below. |
| <p>Chat with Canvas Support (Student) Live Chat with Canvas Support 24x7!</p> | Chatting with Canvas Support (Student) will initiate a <i>text chat</i> with Canvas support. Response can be qualified with severity level. |
| <p>Contact Canvas Support via email Canvas support will email a response</p> | Contacting Canvas Support via email will allow you to explain in detail or even upload a screenshot to show your particular difficulty. |
| <p>Contact Canvas Support via phone Find the phone number for your institution</p> | Calling the Canvas number will let Canvas know that you're from UWSP; phone option is available 24/7. |
| <p>Search the Canvas Guides Find answers to common questions</p> | Searching the Canvas guides connects you to documents that are searchable by issue. You may also opt for Canvas video guides . |
| <p>Submit a Feature Idea Have an idea to improve Canvas?</p> | If you have an idea for Canvas that might make instructions or navigation easier, feel free to offer your thoughts through this Submit a Feature Idea avenue. |

All options are available 24/7; however, if you opt to email your instructor, s/he may not be available immediately.

- Self-train on Canvas through the [Self-enrolling/paced Canvas training](#)

[course](#)

Grading Policies

Graded Course Activities

Note about grades and assignments: Because Canvas creates a listing both on the Syllabus page of assignments chronologically and on the Assignments page, you may not need to list every single assignment and accompanying points here. You may certainly do so, but consider keeping this a broader document, i.e. listing categories of assignments and weights or major assignments only.

Click the **Assignments** link in Canvas to access assignment listing, categories and weights as applicable. Click the **Syllabus** link to see a chronological listing of assignments. Click the **Grades** link to see current grades. Overall assignments and accompanying points are listed below:

| Description | Points |
|---|--------|
| Item 1 (List all activities, tests, etc. that will determine the students' final grade) | # |
| Item 2 | # |
| Total Points Possible | 100 |

Participation

Students are expected to participate in all online activities as listed on the course calendar. *Enter specific points regarding attendance policy here.*

If you monitor, track, and/or score student participation, explain how you will keep track and how often students should be accessing the course. If appropriate, mention that you will be using D2L tracking tool, discussions, chat sessions, and group work, to monitor their participation in the course.

Complete Assignments

All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through Canvas unless otherwise instructed. Assignments must be submitted by the given deadline or special permission must be requested from instructor *before the due date*. Extensions will not be given beyond the next assignment except under extreme circumstances.

All discussion assignments must be completed by the assignment due date and time. Late or missing discussion assignments will affect the student's grade.

Late Work Policy

Example: Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines—there will be no make-up assignments or quizzes, or late work accepted without a serious

and compelling reason and instructor approval.

Viewing Grades in Canvas

Points you receive for graded activities will be posted to Grades. Click on the Grades link to view your points.

Include a statement about the timeframe of when to look for grades.

Example: Your instructor will update the online grades each time a grading session has been complete—typically X days following the completion of an activity. You will see a visual indication of new grades posted on your Canvas home page under the link to this course.

Letter Grade Assignment

Include an explanation between the relationship of points earned and final letter grade. **Example:** Final grades assigned for this course will be based on the percentage of total points earned and are assigned as follows:

| Letter Grade | Percentage |
|--------------|------------|
| A | 93-100% |
| A- | 90-92% |
| B+ | 87-89% |
| B | 83-86% |
| B- | 80-82% |
| C+ | 77-79% |
| C | 73-76% |
| C- | 70-72% |
| D+ | 67-69% |
| D | 60-66% |
| F | 0-59% |

Course Policies

Netiquette Guidelines

Netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online. Your instructor and fellow students wish to foster a safe online learning environment. All opinions and experiences, no matter how different or controversial they may be perceived, must be respected in the tolerant spirit of academic discourse. You are encouraged to comment, question, or critique an idea but you are

not to attack an individual. Working as a community of learners, we can build a polite and respectful course community.

The following netiquette tips will enhance the learning experience for everyone in the course:

- Do not dominate any discussion.
- Give other students the opportunity to join in the discussion.
- Do not use offensive language. Present ideas appropriately.
- Be cautious in using Internet language. For example, do not capitalize all letters since this suggests shouting.
- Popular emoticons such as ☺ or / can be helpful to convey your tone but do not overdo or overuse them.
- Avoid using vernacular and/or slang language. This could possibly lead to misinterpretation.
- Never make fun of someone's ability to read or write.
- Share tips with other students.
- Keep an "open-mind" and be willing to express even your minority opinion. Minority opinions have to be respected.
- Think and edit before you push the "Send" button.
- Do not hesitate to ask for feedback.
- Using humor is acceptable

Adapted from:

Mintu-Wimsatt, A., Kernek, C., & Lozada, H. R. (2010). *Netiquette: Make it part of your syllabus*. *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching*, 6(1). Retrieved from http://jolt.merlot.org/vol6no1/mintu-wimsatt_0310.htm

Shea, V. (1994). *Netiquette*. Albion.com. Retrieved from: <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/book/>.

Build Rapport

If you find that you have any trouble keeping up with assignments or other aspects of the course, make sure you let your instructor know as early as possible. As you will find, building rapport and effective relationships are key to becoming an effective professional. Make sure that you are proactive in informing your instructor when difficulties arise during the semester so that we can help you find a solution.

Understand When You May Drop This Course

It is the student's responsibility to understand when they need to consider unenrolling from a course. Refer to the UWSP [Academic Calendar](#) for dates and deadlines for registration. After this period, a serious and compelling reason is required to drop from the course. Serious and compelling reasons includes: (1) documented and significant change in work hours, leaving

student unable to attend class, or (2) documented and severe physical/mental illness/injury to the student or student's family.

Incomplete Policy

Under emergency/special circumstances, students may petition for an incomplete grade. An incomplete will only be assigned if [insert condition here]. All incomplete course assignments must be completed within [insert timeframe here].

Inform Your Instructor of Any Accommodations Needed

If you have a documented disability and verification from the [Disability and Assistive Technology Center](#) and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact your instructor as soon as possible. It is the student's responsibility to provide documentation of disability to Disability Services and meet with a Disability Services counselor to request special accommodation *before* classes start.

The Disability and Assistive Technology Center is located in 609 Albertson Hall and can be contacted by phone at (715) 346-3365 (Voice) (715) 346-3362 (TDD only) or via email at datctr@uwsp.edu

Statement of Policy

UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.

If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the Disability and Assistive Technology Center in 609 ALB, or (715) 346-3365.

Commit to Integrity

As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and also integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.

UWSP Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures

Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures

UWSP 14.01 Statement of principles

The board of regents, administrators, faculty, academic staff and students of the university of Wisconsin system believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the university of Wisconsin system. The university has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. Students who violate these standards must be confronted and must accept the consequences of their actions.

UWSP 14.03 Academic misconduct subject to disciplinary action.

- (1) Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:
 - (a) Seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
 - (b) Uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
 - (c) Forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
 - (d) Intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;
 - (e) Engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance; or
 - (f) Assists other students in any of these acts.

(2) Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to: cheating on an examination; collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course; submitting a paper or assignment as one's own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another; submitting a paper or assignment that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas; stealing examinations or course materials; submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course; tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student; knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Religious Beliefs

Relief from any academic requirement due to religious beliefs will be accommodated according to UWS 22.03, with notification within the first three weeks of class.