

Writing 2: Academic Writing

Course Information:

Class Location: HSSB 1207

Class Hours: MW 10-11:50am

Enroll Code: 45492

****Last day to drop Writing 2: Wednesday, October 4th****

Instructor Information:

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Course Description:

This course is designed to prepare you for academic reading, writing, and discourse across the disciplines. In short, at the conclusion of this course you will feel confident in your analytical and rhetorical skills and have the ability to organize your thoughts into well-structured and thoroughly revised writing assignments.

Required Materials:

- 1) McLeod, Jarvis, and Spear's *Writing about the World* (available at the UCEN bookstore)
- 2) Hacker's *A Writer's Reference, 5th Edition* (available at the UCEN bookstore)
- 3) Selections on ERes: <http://eres.library.ucsb.edu/>
Course Number = WRIT002□
ERes Password = swan
- 4) Handouts distributed in class.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Three major writing assignments (MWA's), due at the conclusion of each unit.
- 2) Several shorter, informal writing assignments assigned in class and for homework.
- 3) Reading from the aforementioned required materials.
- 4) Participation and attendance. **This is crucial!**

Grade Breakdown:

- 1) Participation and attendance: 20%
 - This includes showing up on time to every class and scheduled conference, turning off your cell phone, and participating actively and thoughtfully in class discussions, in-class writing assignments, and group work.

Attendance Policy: Attendance should not be taken lightly in this course. You will have daily assessments and learning exercises that are essential to your success as a writer (not to mention your grade). More than three absences could lower your grade by a letter. If you are more than 10 minutes late to class, you will be marked absent.

- 2) Three major writing assignments: 60%
 - Unit one paper: 15%
 - Unit two paper: 20%
 - Unit three paper: 25%
- 3) Shorter, informal writing assignments: 20%
 - Moodle Submissions: 10%
 - Peer review: 10%

Academic Integrity:

“Academic dishonesty is an assault upon the basic integrity and meaning of a University. Cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities are serious acts which erode the University's educational and research roles and cheapen the learning experience not only for the perpetrators, but also for the entire community. It is expected that UCSB students will understand and subscribe to the ideal of academic integrity and that they will be willing to bear individual responsibility for their work. Materials (written or otherwise) submitted to fulfill academic requirements must represent a student's own efforts.”¹

Notice to Students With Disabilities:

If you are a student with a documented disability and would like to discuss special accommodations, please contact me during office hours, after class, or in whatever way would be best for you to talk to me privately.

¹ Taken from UCSB's Academic Conduct Code:
<http://hep.ucsb.edu/people/hnn/conduct/disq.html#over>