



# Short Syllabus

Course Title	Credits
<b>Academic Writing</b>	4
<b>Lecturer</b>	
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<b>Semester</b>	
Fall 2022//Spring 2023	
<b>Short Description</b>	
<p>The Academic Writing Workshop is an introduction to conventions of academic writing. It aims to give you the tools to write academic essays for all your university courses. Over the course of the semester, you will learn how to write a position paper and a research paper, engage in critical close reading of texts, learn how to identify arguments, organize ideas, and distinguish the ways in which the text uses evidence. You will develop skills in research methods and techniques, including an in-depth introduction to the library databases and familiarization with the MLA citation system.</p> <p>Throughout the semester, you will complete (group and individual) exercises during and after class. Additionally, you will write short essays designed to hone your skills in academic writing, which require the formulation of a critical position, reasoning with evidence, examination of sources, organization of persuasive and well-structured arguments, communication of ideas in clear and effective prose, and practice of accurate citation skills.</p> <p>The course work is based on an assigned novel which you will be required to read during the first weeks of class. Critical and theoretical readings during the semester will be related to the novel. Your final research essay will be based on the novel.</p>	
<b>Final grade components</b>	
Minor assignments: <u>Assignments During the Semester (total of 45% of grade):</u> On-line assignments: Reading Responses = 10% Completion of 4 in-class and 4 take-home exercises = 5% 2 critical essays (2-3 pages) = 15% per essay (total of 30)	



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## Midterm:

Outline for research paper (Midterm) = 15%

## Final requirement:

Final Research Paper = 40%

## Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three unauthorized absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.\*

## Academic Conduct

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else's work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.\*

## Final assignment

Exam dates and submission deadlines are published on the Liberal Arts website. Courses with a final exam also have a second make-up exam. Students requiring an extension for a final paper must submit an Academic Committee Request Form to the Liberal Arts office in advance of the deadline. Late papers will be subject to a point deduction.\*

## Additional requirements

Messaging, texting, and surfing the net during class are unacceptable.  
Use of computers will be limited to class work only.

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\* See Liberal Arts academic handbook for further details