

SPRING 2025 TOPIC BOOK

ENGCMP152

Expository, Analytical, and Argumentative Writing

Course Information

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45 minutes before your class time; and any

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Room: see your schedule Prerequisites: none

In addition to weekly scheduled classes, all students are encouraged to attend the seminars presented by the Writing Center.

Reference Books

Hacker, D., & Sommers, N. (2015). *A writer's reference (8th ed.).* Boston MA: Bedford/St. Martin's. *(WR)*

Najar, R., & Riley, L. (2013). *Developing academic writing skills (2nd ed.)*. Tokyo: Macmillian Languagehouse Ltd. *(DAWS)*

Course Description

ENGCMP 152 provides students with preparation for academic and professional writing, including a foundation in rhetoric, argumentation, composition, and style. Students will become familiar with planning, drafting, editing, and revising their academic writing with attention to audience, purpose, and genre. Students will also receive training in critical reading for academic purposes. Students will use creative and critical thinking skills such that their writing will serve as a mode of communication, persuasion, and problem solving that will in turn develop students' analytical and argumentative skills to achieve academic, professional, and personal goals. The course will allow students to identify their individual writing processes, to work collaboratively, and to use multi-modal forms of academic expression. To this end students will write essays, feedback reports, self-reflections, and routine communications that may include written, oral, visual, and electronic components.

Students enrolled in ENGCMP152 will also be enrolled in Tutorial ENGCMP152A that is administered by the Writing Center to provide weekly reading, writing and ESL language support, depending on student needs.

Student Learning Outcomes

With successful completion of this course, students will be able to:



- 1. Produce argumentative, analytical, and reflective writing with appropriate tone, style, content, organization, format, and diction that match the necessary purpose, audience, and genre
- 2. Understand and employ strategies for writing as a process, including: planning, drafting, revising, and editing
- 3. Work collaboratively on writing projects, using writing to organize, plan, report, and give feedback
- 4. Employ critical reading and listening strategies in academic situations and provide appropriate responses through oral, written, visual, and electronic communication
- 5. Understand and employ rhetorical concepts necessary for sound academic reasoning and argumentation

Assignments and Evaluation:

You will be evaluated in many activities according to the grading policy. Activities can include:

ASSIGNMENT 1	3 English language sources + 1 Chinese;	
Annotated Bibliography with	150-200 words for each annotation.	15%
References page + Turn it in	Lesson 7	
ASSIGNMENT 2	Title; research question; thesis; 3 levels	
Formal Outline for Argument	of information; introduction & conclusion	15%
essay + References page +		15%
Turn it in	Lesson 12	
ASSIGNMENT 3	2000-word argument essay	
Argument Essay + outline +		40%
Turn it in	Lesson 15	
ASSIGNMENT 4	Each student will give one in-class poster	
Poster Presentation	presentation, which will include written,	10%
	oral, and visual components.	10%
	Lessons 13, 14, 15	
ASSIGNMENT 5	This will include homework, in-class short	
Participation in class	writings, Blackboard (BB) forums, group	
activities and routine writing	work, and in-class discussions. This will	20%
	be graded holistically.	
	Lessons 1-16	

SYLLABUS



In addition to this syllabus, detailed weekly lesson plans are posted on Blackboard: Content: LESSON #.

Remember to ALWAYS bring your laptop/tablet/iPad to class charged and ready to use.

Lesson		Due dates
1	Lecture: Topic information and assessment methods	
BB Information: TOPIC BOOK BB Information: TEXTBOOK DAWS (Developing Academic Writing Skills)	 Unit 1 Model Research Papers Overview of parts of research paper Practice 1, p. 10 Practice 2, p. 12 Practice 3, p. 13 	
HW DAWS	Read • Unit 2 Selecting and Narrowing Topic	
2	Lecture:	
BB Information: TEXTBOOK DAWS (Developing Academic Writing Skills)	 Unit 2 Selecting and Narrowing Topic Overview of selecting a topic Practice 1, p. 15 Overview of topic selection strategies (brainstorming, trees, mind maps) 	
	 Tutorial: Quiz Units 1 and 2 Practice 2, p. 17 Practice 3, p. 18 Practice 4, p. 18 Begin Apply 1-7; p. 19 	



HW DAWS	Complete
3 Review	Lecture:
BB Information: TEXTBOOK DAWS (Developing Academic Writing Skills)	Review of Units 2 Unit 3 Resources: Searching & Recording Overview of searching for and evaluating sources APA referencing system Tutorial: Activities Quiz Unit 3 Practice 1, p. 23 Practice 2, p. 24 Practice 3, p. 25
	• Apply 1-5, p. 26
HW	Complete Practice 1, p. 23 Practice 2, p. 24 Practice 3, p. 25 Apply 1-5, p. 26 Checklist, p. 27 Read Unit 4 Taking Notes
4 Review	Lecture: Review of Unit 3
	Unit 4 Taking Notes Importance of taking notes



6	<u>Lecture:</u>
	Read • Unit 6 In-text citation
DAWS	• Apply 1-8, p. 38
HW	Complete
	 Quiz Units 5 Practice 2, p. 38 Apply 1-8, p 38 Checklist, p. 39
	<u>Tutorial:</u> Activities
DAWS	 Unit 5 Plagiarism What constitutes plagiarism Avoiding plagiarism Practice 1, p. 37
Review	Review of Unit 4
5	Read • Unit 5 Plagiarism <u>Lecture:</u>
	Unit 4: Apply, p. 33Unit 4: Checklist, p. 33
HW DAWS	Complete Assessment Task 1
	Tutorial: Activities • Quiz Unit 4 • Finish Practice, p. 31 • Begin Assessment Task 1
BB Information: TEXTBOOK DAWS (Developing Academic Writing Skills)	 Introduction to brief notes, quotation, paraphrasing, summarising Using symbols



Review	Review of Unit 5	
DAWS	Unit 6 In-text Citation When to cite Format of citations Practice, p. 44 Tutorial: Activities Quiz Unit 6 Practice 2 Begin Apply 1-5. p 46	
HW DAWS	Complete	
7	<u>Lecture:</u>	ASSIGNMENT 1:
Review DAWS	Review of Unit 6 Unit 7 Planning and Writing an Outline What is an outline	ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY
	 Practice 1, p. 49 Ways of writing outlines Practice 2, p. 51 Tutorial: Activities Quiz Unit 7 Apply 1-9, p. 52 	
HW	 Practice 1, p. 49 Ways of writing outlines Practice 2, p. 51 <u>Tutorial:</u> Activities Quiz Unit 7 	
HW DAWS	 Practice 1, p. 49 Ways of writing outlines Practice 2, p. 51 Tutorial: Activities Quiz Unit 7 Apply 1-9, p. 52 	



Review	Review of Unit 7
DAWS	 Unit 8 Levels of Information Relationship between title, thesis statement, main idea, supporting idea Practice 1, p. 56 Practice 2, p. 57
	Tutorial:
	Activities • Quiz Unit 8
	• Apply 1-5, p. 58
HW	Complete
DAWS	 Apply 1-9, p. 52
	• Apply 1-5, p. 58
	Read
	Unit 9



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9	<u>Lecture:</u>
Review	Review of Unit 8
DAWS	Unit 9 Topic Sentences & Paragraphs • Parts of a paragraph
	The topic sentences
	Practice 1, p. 61
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	<u>Tutorial:</u>
	Activities
	Quiz Unit 9
	• Practice 2, p. 61
	 Practice 3, p. 62
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	• Begin Apply 1-7, p. 64
HW	Complete
DAWS	 Unit 9 Apply 1-7, p. 64
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	Read
	• Unit 10
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10	Lecture:
Review	Review of Unit 9
DAWS	Unit 10 Developing Supporting Ideas & Details
	Body of a paragraph
	Types of supporting ideas and
	details
	Connecting paragraphs
	Practice, p. 68
	<u>Tutorial:</u>
	Activities
	Quiz Units 10
	 Apply 1-9, p. 69



HW	Complete	:
DAWS	 Unit 10 Apply 1-9, p. 69 	
	: Read	:
	• Unit 11	
11	Lecture:	;
Review	Review of Unit 10	
DAWC	Unit 11 Introductions Conclusions	
DAWS	Practice 1, p. 73	
	Practice 2, p. 73	
	Practice 3, p, 75	
	Practice 4, p, 76	:
	• Practice 5, p, 76	
	: : Tutorial:	
	Activities	
	Quiz Units 11	
	 Apply 1-6, p. 77 	
HW	Complete	
DAWS	 Unit 11 Apply 1-6, p. 77 	
	Checklist, p. 77	
	: Read	:
	Unit 15 Oral Presentations	
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12	Lecture:	ASSIGNMENT 2:
Review	Review of Unit 11	FORMAL
	: Unit 15 Oral Presentations	OUTLINE
DAWS	Apply, p. 96	
	- Apply, p. 30	
	<u>Tutorial:</u>	
	Activities	
	 Apply, p. 96 	



HW DAWS	 Complete Apply, p. 96 Checklist, p. 97 Bring outline for Oral presentation to class Bring draft of researched paper to class Read Unit 14 	
13	Lecture	ASSIGNMENT 4:
Review	Lecture: Review of Unit 12	POSTER
		PRESENTATION
DAWS	Unit 15 Oral Presentations	
	• Apply, p. 96	
	<u>Tutorial:</u>	
	Activities	
	Begin Apply 3, p. 96	
HW	Complete	
DAWS	 Apply, p. 96 	
	Bring outline for Oral presentation to class	
	presentation to classBring draft of researched	
	paper to class	
	Dood	
	Read	
	• Unit 14	
14	<u>Lecture:</u>	
Mriting Markahan	Review of Unit 15	ASSIGNMENT 4: POSTER
Writing Workshop	The process up to date	PRESENTATION
DAWS	Unit 14 Proofreading: Self and Peer	
	Editing	
	Overview of editingEditing and proof-reading	
	strategies	
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HW DAWS	 Tutorial: Activities Quiz Unit 14 Unit 14: Practice 2 (1) Peer Edit, p. 91 Unit 14: Practice 2 (2) Peer Edit, p. 91 Complete Unit 14: Apply 1-6, p. 92 Bring draft of researched paper to class 	
15	Lacture	ASSIGNMENT 4:
Review	Lecture: Review of Unit 14	POSTER PRESENTATION
DAWS	 Unit 13 Abstract Writing What is an abstract Features of an abstract Phrases to use in an abstract Practice 1, p. 86 Practice 2, p. 87 Tutorial: Activities Quiz Unit 13 Practice 3, p. 87 Begin Apply 1-8, p. 87 	ASSIGNMENT 3: FINAL PAPER
HW DAWS	Complete	
16 Review	Lecture: Review the writing process Collect from students ASSIGNMENT 3: Essay	



Thank you for your hard work and cooperation ©

Attendance

Students who miss more than three (3) classes will fail the course. Arriving late, leaving class during the class time, or leaving the class early without teacher's permission will be recorded—missing class three times in any of these manners will be counted as one absence. More than three absences will result in a FAIL for the course. All absences require an official note from the doctor or from the office with a red stamp. Please let your professor know ahead of time via WeChat or email.

Student Use of Electronic Technology Policy:

Students must use electronic technology (including cell phones, laptops, tablets, and iPads) in appropriate ways during classes. Out of respect, mobile phones should generally be on silent and stored in your bags. They should not be used during classroom activities unless the instructor has given permission. Electronic devices are forbidden during quizzes, tests or other in-class graded assignments, unless the instructor has given permission.

Technology use in this class is meant to improve the learning environment for all students. Please be respectful of your instructor and classmates and use the technology appropriately. If you have questions about what this means, please talk to your instructor.

Recording:

To encourage free and open language practice, students MAY NOT record classroom lectures, discussions, and/or activities without the written permission of the instructor, and any such permitted recording can only be used for the student's own private study.

Make-up Policy for Missed Assignments and Tests:

Students are responsible for the assignments in their classes. Assignments include in-class activities, quizzes, tests, homework, and any other work related to classes. No late work will be accepted without instructor approval; late work will receive a grade of 0 (zero).

- Consult Blackboard (BB): CONTENT. Each lesson is posted in advance on BB with the files needed to complete the work.
- If you are absent from class, you should try to contact one of the students in your class to find out what work was missed.
- As a last resort, and only if you cannot access BB or find out from another student about what work you have missed, you can talk to your instructor about the missed work and if/how you can make up the work. You are responsible for talking to your instructor; your instructor is not responsible for reminding you about missed work.



- If you are absent from class on the due date of an assignment, you must hand in the assignment ahead of time and be prepared to make up tests the day that you return to class or on a date decided with your instructor.
- If you know you will be absent, talk to your instructor before you leave or email your instructor to find out about the work that you will miss while you are away.
- If you have not been absent from class and you want to hand in an assignment late, you must first discuss the reason with your instructor before or on the due date. Do not assume that your instructor will accept late assignments. Also, you will lose points for late work in this situation.
- If you and your instructor arrange to meet so that you can make up an assignment and you miss that meeting, you will receive a "0" for that assignment.

SCUPI Honor Code:

Students in this course must follow the SCUPI Honor Code. This includes:

- Students must not get help from anyone to do their work without the teacher's permission.
- Students must not get help from any outside sources to do their work without the teacher's permission.
- Students must not copy the words of another and present those words as their own work.

Participating in any of these activities can result in an F. Turning in work that is not your own can result in an F.

Consequences for misconduct of this form: first instance will result in failure in assignment with option of re-write; second instance will result in failure of assignment and meeting with SCUPI Dean; third instance will result in failure in the course and referral to University officials for Honor Code violation.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity refers to various forms of academic dishonesty, including dishonesty in examinations, plagiarism, falsification of data, and giving and accepting assistance in a piece of assessed individual work. Plagiarism consists of using another person's words or ideas as if they were your own. It can take the following forms:

- Presenting substantial extracts from books, articles, theses, other published or unpublished works and other students' work, without clearly indicating the origin of those extracts with quotation marks and references such as footnotes.
- Using very close paraphrasing of sentences or whole paragraphs without due acknowledgment in the form of reference to the original work.
- Quoting directly from sources and failing to insert quotation marks around the cited passages. In such a case, it is not adequate merely to acknowledge the source.
- Arranging for someone else to undertake all or part of a piece of work and presenting that work as one's own.
- Handing in another student's work whether or not that student has previously submitted it.



• Two or more students separately submitting the same piece of work on which they have collaborated, unless the Instructor has indicated that this procedure is acceptable for the specific piece of work in question.

Both the academia and professional communities take a very serious view of academic dishonesty.

It is the responsibility of every student to ensure they are fully aware of the relevant policies and guidelines related to academic misconduct and particularly plagiarism. If you are in doubt about what constitutes academic misconduct, speak up early!

Participation:

Active participation is crucial for language learning. Participating makes you an engaged learner of English. In this class participation means:

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- arriving to class on time
- staying on task (including appropriate use of technology)
- actively listening to your classmates and teacher when they speak in class
- asking questions
- bringing all class materials

- consideration
- attending class regularly
- completing all homework on time
- actively and constructively participating in class activities
- being prepared to answer questions
- using only English in class