

ENGL 1143: Intro to Critical Reading & Academic Writing

Section	Days, Time, & Place
X10	Online

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Office Hours	Tue. & Thur. 9:00 am - 11:00 am; Wed. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm; or by appointment What is "Office Hours?"

Required Materials

- Regular computer and internet access

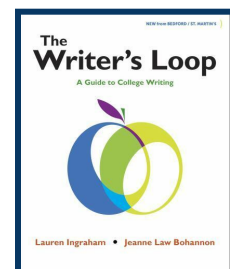
Course Goals

- Apply key rhetorical concepts through analyzing and composing a variety of texts.
- Engage in a writing process that includes invention, drafting, collaboration, and revision.
- Use reading and composing for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating in various rhetorical contexts.
- Use strategies – such as interpretation, synthesis, response, critique, and design to compose texts that integrate the writer’s ideas with those from appropriate sources.
- Use sources ethically and in contextually appropriate ways and follow a designated style guide.
- Demonstrate proficient use of linguistic structures, including grammar and mechanics, through practice in composing and revising.

Course Textbook (Required)

The Writer’s Loop: A Guide to College Writing for Midwestern State University. Ingraham, Lauren and Jeanne Law Bohannon. Bedford/St. Martins. 2020.

ENGL 1143 is included in the Courseware Access & Affordability Program at MSU Texas.



What does this mean?

- Your course material is in D2L on the first day of class, for everyone in your class. Dr. Kim opted to have this course in the program to save you time and money.
- The money saving charge of \$48.00 + tax has been added to your student account, which is below the publisher’s website price. This pricing also gives you access to Macmillan’s website.
- You have the choice to “opt out” of this special pricing and find your material on your own. If you prefer to “opt out”, the instructions will be in your my.msutexas.edu email on the second day of class. The last day to “opt-out” of this program is 9/13/2023.
- For questions concerning the program or if you need assistance, please contact the Bookstore at jenny.denning@msutexas.edu.

Grading Policy

Grading Scheme

Introduction Email	10
Syllabus Quiz	10
Discussion Board	100
Peer Review Workshops	40
Individual Conference	10
Grammar Quiz	60
Reading Quiz	60
Formal Essay 1	80
Formal Essay 2	100
Formal Essay 3	80
Formal Essay 4	100
Synthesis Essay	200
Timed Essay	50
Final Exam	100
Total	1000

Letter Grade

A	900 -1000
B	800 - 899
C	700 - 799
D	600 - 699
F	0 - 599

Extra Credit Policy

Extra Comments on Discussion Board (2 points each; up to 10 points in total): Students can gain extra credit points by posting additional comments after posting the required ONE comment for the discussion board activity. More details will be available in D2L.

Self-Reflection Report (up to 6 points each; up to 30 points in total): Students can gain extra credit by turning in “Self-Reflection Report” about their Formal Essays 1-4 and Synthesis Essay. Detailed instructions will be available in D2L.

Attendance Policy

Because this is an online course, your attendance is tracked on a weekly basis by completing Discussion Boards, quizzes, and other assignments.

Contacting Your Instructor

Email is the best way to contact me. Please allow at least 24 hours for a response during the week and 48 hours over the weekend. As a university student, you are expected to write formal and professional emails to your instructors and professors. This means that you are not to write emails as if you are texting a friend. In your emails, you must have a clear subject line, formally address the instructor, and clearly state your purpose. See the following example:

Subject: ENGL 1143 Section [XXX]: Question about [X]

Dear [instructor's name],

My name is [student's name], and I am currently a student in your [Course#;Section#; Date Class Meeting Times] this semester. I am writing to you [explain the issue].

Thank you,

[student's name]

[M. number]

Midterm Grades

In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, I will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. I will submit a grade for all students, not just those in danger of failing the course. Midterm grades will not be reported on the student's transcript; nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give you an idea of where you stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should make an appointment with me and consider visiting the TASP tutoring center.

Final Exam

You will take the final essay exam online on Tuesday, December 12. More information about the final essay exam will be available in D2L. You can find MSU's final exams schedule in [this link](#).

Submission Policy

All formal assignments are to be typed and formatted according to MLA style and must be uploaded into the D2L Dropbox folder in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx**. By enrolling in this class, the student expressly grants MSU a "limited right" in all intellectual property created by the student for the purpose of this course. The "limited right" shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product in order to verify originality and authenticity, and for educational purposes. Please note that **it is the student's responsibility to check that assignments have been submitted correctly**. After each submission, students should always download the file they just submitted in order to make sure it opens properly.

Note: You may **NOT** submit a paper for a grade in this class that already has been (or will be) submitted for a grade in another course, unless you obtain the explicit written permission of me and the other instructor involved in advance.

Late Submission Policy

All assignments should be turned in on the assigned due date. Late work will NOT be accepted unless students make prior arrangements with the instructor.

Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism is the use of another person's thoughts, words, ideas, or lines of argument in your own work without appropriate documentation (parenthetical in-text citations and a listing on the Works Cited page). Plagiarism also includes text written by a generation system or artificial intelligence tool. **All formal papers will run through the Turnitin for an originality report. At the very least, plagiarism will result in an F on the assignment; at worst, the consequence will be an F in the course.** Offenders will be reported to the Chair of the Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy. Please understand that students have the right to appeal an alleged incident of Academic Dishonesty. More information about this policy and appeal procedure can be found on page 55 of the Student Handbook: <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/assets/files/handbook.pdf>

Students with Disability

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 940-397-4140.

Safe Zone Policy

The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being – regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided you can agree to disagree. It is the professor's expectation that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

TASP Tutoring Center

Tutoring and Academic Support Programs (TASP) provides free drop-in tutoring for MSU students. Located on the first floor of Moffett Library, TASP's Learning Center provides tutoring support in a number of core courses and subject areas. Writing tutors are available Monday through Thursday from 11:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 2:00pm to 9:00pm. Remember that you don't need an appointment to utilize these services. For Distance Education students, TASP has partnered with Thinkingstorm, an online tutoring company that provides you with high-quality, 24/7 tutoring support. Located at the top of your D2L course page, select the tutoring tab to book an appointment with a tutor.

Writing Proficiency Requirement

All students seeking a Bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University must satisfy a writing proficiency requirement once they have 1) completed 6 hours of Communication Core and 2) earned 60 hours. Students may meet this requirement by passing the Writing Proficiency Exam, passing two Writing Intensive courses, or passing English 2113. If you have any questions about the exam, visit the Writing Proficiency Office website or call 397-4131.