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# ENGL 1143-X30: Introduction to Critical Reading and Academic Writing **online**

## Syllabus

### Text:

- Ingraham, Lauren and Jeanne Law Bohannon. *The Writer's Loop*. Bedford/St. Martin's, 2020. (eBook through *Achieve*)

### Required Materials:

- Textbook
- Computer access to MSU's D2L

### 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

Additional information about course objectives can be found at [MSU Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy](#).

### Course Requirements and Percentages of Final Grade:

- Email Paragraph 5%
- Proposal Paper 15%
- Timed-Writing Essay #1 10%
- Annotated Bibliography 10%
- Synthesis Research Paper 25%

- Peer Review 10%
- Infographic 15%
- Final Exam Timed-Writing Essay #2 10%

### **Zoom:**

This course has 4 Zoom meetings on Wednesdays:

- 7 June at 8:00 PM—proposal paper, online research, and citation requirements
- 13 June at 8:00 PM—timed-writing preparation and database research process
- 27 June at 8:00 PM—infographic analysis
- 5 July at 8:00 PM—final exam preparation

### **Final Exam:**

- 6 July 2023; 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, CST; (Respondus Lockdown) on D2L

### **Grading Policy:**

This class will not use the plus/minus grading system. In this class, the following numerical equivalents for final grades are used:

- A = 100-90%;
- B = 89-80%;
- C = 79-70%;
- D = 69-60%;
- F = 59-0

Letter grades have the following significance: A indicates excellent work, B indicates good work, C indicates satisfactory work, D indicates passing work, F indicates failing work. Consequently, an essay that meets the basic requirements earns a C, not an A or B. If you wish to earn As and Bs, you will have to work hard to produce better than satisfactory, or average, writing.

**IMPORTANT:** A grade of **C** or higher in ENGL 1143 is required for graduation from Midwestern State University.

### **Submission Format and Policy:**

The Proposal Paper, Synthesis Research Paper, and Annotated Bibliography must follow MLA style (not APA). A sample paper for each of these is included in the content of the course. The style preference includes the following:

- Header: writer's last name and page number
- Identification: writer's full name, instructor's name, course title-number-section, date
- Title: centered
- Spacing: Double-spaced throughout (extra space eliminated)
- Margins: One inch margins on top, bottom, and sides of text
- Font: Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial; size 12

Submit these papers in the corresponding D2L drop box by its due date by 11:00 PM.

Submission is not through email.

Type the Timed-Writing essay into the written-response box in D2L. MLA format is not required

but paragraphing is.

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.

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 Assignment Policy:** You may submit a late paper at a penalty of 10 points. The late-submission period ends 48 hours after the deadline. A late timed-writing essay requires special permission from the instructor.

**Academic Dishonesty:** Plagiarism is the use of someone else’s thoughts, words, ideas, or lines of argument in your own work without appropriate documentation (a parenthetical citation in the text and a listing in “Works Cited”)—whether you use that material in a quote, paraphrase, or summary. At the least, plagiarism will result in an F on an assignment. At the worst it will result in an F in the course. I will follow the reporting procedures of the English Department and the Dean of Students.

On May 23, 2023, Joseph M. Keegin, an editor at *The Point* and a doctoral student in philosophy at Tulane University, wrote: “the basic purpose of education [is] to develop the skills, to cultivate the virtues and habits of mind, and to acquire the knowledge necessary for leading a rich and meaningful human life.” Keegin’s opinion is that AI, such as ChatGPT, robs a college student of an education. I agree. Therefore, if you submit an assignment that is artificially generated in part or whole, the submission earns at least an F, at worst no grade—0.

**Students with Disabilities:** 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 Statement:** 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.

**Contacting Your Instructor:** I am available to you at [becky.green@d2lmail.msutexas.edu](mailto:becky.green@d2lmail.msutexas.edu) Monday through Thursday from 7:00-9:00 PM this semester. If you would like to meet with me on Zoom or in my office on campus, request an appointment through email.

When writing a message, follow conventions of standard written English. Do not text when “u”

write a professor or instructor. Begin with a greeting (Ms. Green) and end with a signature (your name) even when using a cell phone.

What you cannot expect of me is to be available 24/7. I don't answer late night emails, and I'm offline on Saturday.

**Attendance Policy:** Your attendance in this class is measured by your completion of assignments on time, progression through the course content, and response to email messages. If you "disappear," I'll contact you and suggest that you drop the course.

The last day to drop this course is 23 June 2023 by 4:00 PM. Dropping the course is your responsibility.

**Writing Center:** Time for writing is short during summer school, and so is response time from writing tutors. Follow guidelines from [TASP Learning Center](#) to find the in-person and online help you need.

**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 either the Writing Proficiency Exam, English 2113, or passing two Writing Intensive courses. If you have any questions about the exam, visit [Writing Proficiency](#) or call 397-4131.

**Campus Carry Statement:** Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at MSU Texas's [Campus Carry page](#).

**Daily Schedule of Readings and Assignments:** See Weeks #1 through 5 in the content of this course.