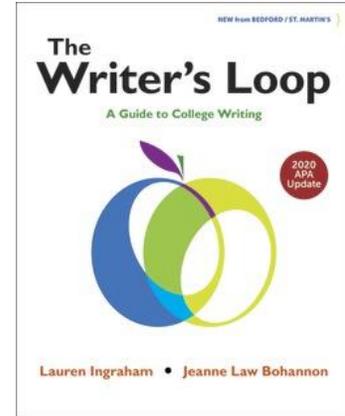


ENGL 1143: Academic Research and Writing

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| Section | Days | Time | Room |
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| 102 | MWF | 9:00 am – 9:50 am | DB 328 |
| 113 | TR | 12:30 pm – 1:50 pm | PY 103 |

Texts:

- Ingraham, Lauren and Jeanne Law Bohannon. *The Writer's Loop: A Guide to College Writing*. Bedford/St. Martins. 2020.

Required Materials:

- Note-taking materials
- 2 Blue Books
- D2L/Achieve Access
- Webcam/microphone (for Zoom meetings when necessary)

Course Goals:

- Apply knowledge of rhetoric to make decisions about written communication
- Engage in a writing process that includes invention, drafting, and revision
- Write thesis-based academic arguments that provide strong support and specific details
- Find, evaluate, and synthesize credible sources in support of a research paper
- Use sources ethically and in contextually appropriate ways and follow a designated style guide
- Demonstrate proficient use of Standard Written English
- Additional information about course objectives can be found on the department webpage, <https://msutexas.edu/academics/libarts/english/index.php>.

Course Requirements:

- 10% 2 Peer Review Workshops
- 10% 2 Timed In-Class Essays (350-word min. each)
- 30% 2 Formal, Revised Essays (750-word min. each)
- 5% Grammar Exercises
- 5 % Research Proposal & Annotated Bibliography
- 20% Researched Academic Argument (1500-word min.)
- 10% Final Portfolio Project
- 10% Final Exam Essay

Final Exam:

The final exam will be submitted electronically through D2L.

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

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| A = 100-90% | indicates excellent work |
| B = 89-80% | indicates good work |
| C = 79-70% | indicates satisfactory work |
| D = 69-60% | indicates passing work |
| F = 59-0 | indicates failing work |

Grade Policy:

According to MSU's Undergraduate Catalogue, "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" (73).

Consequently, essays that meet the basic requirements earn a C, not an A or B. If you wish to earn As and Bs, you will have to work harder to produce better than satisfactory, or average, writing. A grade of C or better is required by the university to receive credit for this course.

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 students' 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 Writing Center.

Submission Format and Policy: All formal assignments are to be typed and formatted—and outside sources documented—according to MLA style. Additionally, all formal papers must be uploaded into the D2L Dropbox folder.

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: Late assignments, defined as work not submitted by the start of class on the designated due date, will be accepted, but they will lose 10% of the final grade. Additionally, no late work will be accepted more than 48 hours after the original deadline. If you are unable to come to class on the day an assignment is due, you should still upload it into the D2L Dropbox folder on time to avoid late paper deductions.

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 at the end and a listing on the Works Cited page)—whether you use that material in a quote, paraphrase, or summary. 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 and/or the Director of Student Conduct

Students with Disabilities: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal antidiscrimination 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: Email is the best way to contact me.

Attendance Policy: It is important that you attend class and be on time, whether in person or via D2L/Zoom. If you have a total of more than two weeks' worth (TR: 4 class sessions; MWF: 6 class sessions) of absences (excused or not), the missed instruction and opportunities will make it difficult for you to excel in the class. If you miss class, you miss any exercises or group work done during that period, and you miss any announcements regarding future assignments. Notify me via email in advance if you will not be able to make class or if you will join on Zoom when you are scheduled to attend in person. Notify me in advance if you will not be able to make class; you may leave an email message. If you need to miss multiple sessions for personal reasons, you should alert the Dean of Students office and provide them with the necessary information so that they can verify the situation for all of your instructors. As stated above, if you miss class on a due date for an assignment, upload the assignment to the Dropbox or it will lose points. Consider it your responsibility to be present (physically or virtually) and prepared for class in order to succeed and maximize your learning.

Writing 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 either the Writing Proficiency Exam or English 2113. If you have any questions about the exam, visit the Writing Proficiency Office website at <https://msutexas.edu/academics/wpr/>, 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.