

ENGL 1143. X61: Introduction to Critical Reading and Academic Writing

Fall 2026

Online

Schedule:

*Notice: Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Week	Assignments	Due Dates
1 8/24-8/28	Read: • Syllabus & Calendar • <i>The St. Martin's Guide to Writing (G2W) 13e:</i> ◦ Ch 1. Foundations for Becoming a Successful College Writer • <i>St. Martin's Handbook (St. MH) 9e:</i> ◦ Ch 8. Working with Others ◦ Ch 9. Reading Critically Do: • Introduction Discussion Board (DB)	DB1: Initial post due Wed 8/26 @ 11:59pm Response due Fri 8/28 @ 11:59pm
2 8/31-9/4	Read: • <i>St. MH:</i> ◦ Ch 3. Rhetorical Situations ◦ Ch 4. Exploring, Planning, and Drafting ◦ Ch 6. Reviewing, Revising, and Editing • <i>The Writer's Loop (WL):</i> ◦ Ch 5. Reading Actively and Critically to Create Meaning Do: • Chapter Readings DB Introduce: • Response Papers	DB2: Initial post due Wed 9/2 @ 11:59pm Response due Fri 9/4 @ 11:59pm

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3 9/8-6/11	Read: • “How to Fix Social Media” • “Warped Front Pages” (D2L) • <i>WL</i>: ◦ Ch 9. Managing, Annotating, and Summarizing Sources • <i>Rules for Writers (Rules) 11e</i>: ◦ Ch 54. Managing information; taking notes responsibly Do: • Response Paper #1 Introduce: • Rhetorical Analysis (RA) 9/7: No class- Labor Day	RP #1 Due Fri 9/11 @ 11:59pm
4 9/14-9/18	Read: • “How and why do consumers access news on social media?” (D2L) • <i>WL</i>: ◦ Ch 4. Improving Your Draft Using Feedback and Revision Do: • Response Paper #2 • Find & read text for RA • RA Rough Draft	RP #2 Due Fri 9/18 @ 11:59pm
5 9/21-9/25	Read: • <i>St. MH</i>: ◦ Ch 44. Comma Splices and Fused Sentences ◦ Ch 38. Concise Writing ◦ Ch 40. Sentence Variety ◦ Ch 47. Consistent & Complete Structures Do: • RA Peer Review DB	DB3: Initial post due Wed 9/23 @ 11:59pm Response due Fri 9/25 @ 11:59pm

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6 9/28-10/2	Read: • “Contesting Standardized English” (D2L) • ““Qué lo qué, papi’: Giants bridge cultural gaps with Spanish classes” (D2L) • <i>St. MH:</i> ◦ Ch 33. Language & Identity ◦ Ch 34. Language Varieties ◦ Ch 35. Writing to the World Do: • Rhetorical Analysis due • Response Paper #3	RA due Wed 9/30 @ 11:59pm RP #3 due Fri 10/2 @ 11:59pm
7 10/5-10/9	Read: • <i>St. MH:</i> ◦ Ch 10. Analyzing Arguments ◦ Ch 11. Constructing Arguments • Selected stories from Science & Technology* *More info to come Do: • Response Paper #4 Introduce: • Position Paper (PP)	RP #4 due Fri 10/9 @ 11:59pm
8 10/12-10/16	Read: • <i>WL:</i> ◦ Ch 8. Planning Your Research and Evaluating Sources • <i>Rules:</i> ◦ Ch 55. Evaluating sources • <i>St. MH:</i> ◦ Ch 12. Preparing for a Research Project Do: • Position Paper Peer Review DB	DB4: Initial post due Wed 10/14 @ 11:59pm Response due Fri 10/16 @ 11:59pm

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9 10/19-10/23	Read: • “Influencer Parents and the Kids Who Had Their Childhoods Made into Content” (D2L) • <i>G2W</i> ◦ Ch 25. Writing for & about Your Community • <i>St. MH:</i> ◦ Ch 17. Writing a Research Project • <i>WL:</i> ◦ Ch 11. Integrating Ideas from Sources Do: • Position Paper due • RP #5 Introduce: • Annotated Bibliography (Ann Bib) • Synthesis Paper (SP)	PP due Wed 10/21 @ 11:59pm RP #5 Due Fri 10/23 @ 11:59pm
10 10/26-10/30	Plan: • Research Question • Working Thesis • Possible Sources Do: • Brainstorming BD • Ann Bib	DB5: Initial post due Wed 10/28 @ 11:59pm Response due Fri 10/30 @ 11:59pm
11 11/2-11/6	Read: • <i>St. MH:</i> ◦ Ch 16. Acknowledging Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism • <i>Rules:</i> ◦ Ch 59. Documenting sources in MLA style ◦ Ch 60. MLA format; sample research essay Do: • Synthesis Paper Draft • Ann Bib due	Ann Bib Due Fri 11/6 @ 11:59pm
12 11/9-11/13	Do: • Synthesis Paper Draft • SP Peer Review DB	DB6: Initial post due Wed 11/11 @ 11:59pm Response due Fri 11/13 @ 11:59pm

Week	Assignments	Due Dates
13 11/16-11/20	Read: • <i>St. MH:</i> ◦ Ch 22. Design for Print & Digital Writing ◦ Ch 24. Communicating in Other Media • <i>G2W</i> ◦ Ch 22. Analyzing & Composing Multimodal Texts Do: • SP Final Draft Introduce: • Remix Project	SP due Fri 11/20 @ 11:59pm
14 11/23-11/27	Do: • Remix Project DB • Remix Project Last Day to drop with a “W” - November 23 by 4pm 11/25-11/29: Thanksgiving Break	DB7: Initial post due Tues 11/24 @ 11:59pm
15 11/30-12/4	Do: • Remix Project Due	DB7: Response due Mon 11/30 @ 11:59pm Remix Project due Fri 12/4 @ 11:59pm
16	No Final Exam!	