

Dakota College at Bottineau Course Syllabus

Course Prefix/Number/Title

ENGL 120 Composition 2

Number of credits

3

Course Description

Advanced practice in college-level writing from sources and in applying rhetorical strategies

Pre-/Co-requisites

ENGL 110

Course Objectives

To meet the course objectives – to read, write, and use information sources effectively as well as collaborate – students in this class will make progress towards the Writing Program Administrators outcomes listed below

Utilize rhetorical knowledge

Test critical thinking, reading, and composing

Utilize processes in reading, writing, and collaborating

Justify knowledge of conventions

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Lecture/Lab Schedule

Room designated on the 2020 spring class schedule

https://www.dakotacollege.edu/application/files/4515/7850/1979/DCB_2020_Spring_Schedule.pdf

Textbooks

Axelrod and Cooper. *St. Martin's Guide to Writing*. 11th ed. Bedford St. Martin's, 2016

Axelrod and Cooper. *Sticks and Stones and other student essays*. 9th ed. Bedford St. Martin's, 2016

Wardle and Downs. *Writing about Writing*. 3rd ed. Bedford St. Martin's, 2011

Kolln and Gray. *Rhetorical Grammar*. 8th ed. Pearson, 2010. (recommended)

Course Requirements

Students meet the requirements for this class by completing the assignments on the table below.

TBD Credit hour assignments completed out of class

100 Summary of an assigned reading

200 Essay arguing a position

200 Essay defining a concept

200 Annotated bibliography with an accompanying unessay TBD

100 Writing a speech

200 Take home final critically evaluating a message

Tentative Course Outline

Weeks 1 – 2 ideas and support in writing -- using, misusing, and abusing sources

Weeks 3 – 6 Essay arguing a position – your education and the future of work

Weeks 7 – 10 Essay defining a concept – discourse community

Weeks 11 – 14 Annotated bibliography and an Unessay

Weeks 15 – 16 Writing a speech

Week 17 – take home final: critically evaluating a message

Final grades will be calculated on the total points earned for activities in class and out, process work, final drafts, and final examination.

General Education Goals/Objectives

Competency/Goal 4: Communicates effectively

The following competencies reflect the contribution of College Composition II to the General Education Objectives and thus are assessed as part of the course as well as part of the assessment of learning outcomes of the General Education Curriculum.

- Students will be able to write academic essays or other genres with clarity and accuracy after learning and practicing the stages of writing.
- Students will read closely and analyze and appreciate what is read.
- Students will learn to find and evaluate sources, then integrate and acknowledge sources in their writing.
- Students will learn to work collaboratively with others and will apply a variety of invention and review techniques to their own and each other's writings.

Express ideas through effective writing

Sub-competencies:

- Use the stages of a writing process to develop, organize, and present ideas in writing.
- Analyze the demands and possible strategies of a writing task, based on topic, purpose, and audience, and then accomplish that task with clarity, understanding, and sensitivity.
- Demonstrate competent college-level writing through finished written texts that typically include a clear, original idea, appropriate evidence and support, and a style of language that serves the writer's purpose and audience.
- Use Edited Standard Written English in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and syntax, and present written work in a style and format consistent with the demands of an academic setting.

Read at a level that allows students to participate in collegiate studies and chosen careers

Sub-competencies:

- Anticipate and understand the structure and organization of written work.
- Recognize the purpose of a written text, and understand the rhetorical strategies used in a text to convey meaning.
- Relate the students' own life experiences to the information in literary, public, scholarly or professional texts.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and validity of an author's style, organization, support, evidence, and presentation.
- Demonstrate awareness of the connection that style and language have to an author's topic, audience, and purpose.
- Assimilate and connect information and ideas from multiple written sources.

Use information resources effectively

Sub-competencies:

- Find, consult, and use a variety of information resources.
- Evaluate the relevance and reliability of sources.
- Use information resources ethically and honestly, preserving the meaning of the source and documenting the use of the source in the style appropriate for the student's discipline or field.
- Integrate source material smoothly and clearly into the student's own text.

Work collaboratively with others

Sub-competencies:

- Participate in class discussions and in any group projects or activities.

- Participate effectively in class discussions, peer editing, and group activities or projects, responding productively and respectfully to the work and ideas of others and considering the ideas and suggestions of others with respect and consideration.

Relationship to Campus Theme

The quotation below, attributed to Dr. C.N. Nelson, no date, is published in the atrium of the Nelson Science Center here on the DCB campus.

Man lives in two worlds. The world of the biosphere and the world of the technosphere. To the degree in which man reconciles his imposed technosphere to the requirements of the biosphere will determine whether he becomes extinct, continues to exist, or enjoys enlightened living.

In his brief manifesto, Dr. Nelson uses language to alert people to the necessity of reconciling the technosphere with the biosphere. Therefore, in addition to living in the two spheres Nelson identifies, humans also live in a logosphere, logos being a concept that includes “language,” “word,” “concept,” and “Reason” as only some aspects of its definition. By studying language to be used for informative or persuasive purposes, spoken or written, DCB students learn to use the resources of a third sphere that has the potential to reconcile the technosphere with the biosphere.

Classroom Policies

Late Policy

In all communication situations--professional, workplace, and academic--writers and speakers must meet deadlines. Any student who knows in advance he or she will not be able to submit an assignment on time should send the instructor an email informing him of the deadline to be missed. Once that is completed, the student and the instructor can work together to submit the work. In all other cases, work submitted late earns half credit and no credit if not submitted within a week of the original due date. Late submissions for the credit hour assignments earn no points.

Non-discrimination

Alternative viewpoints are welcome in this classroom. There will be no discrimination in this class, no discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, marital status, disability, status as U.S. military or US veteran, or on any other basis not listed above.

Student Email Policy

Dakota College at Bottineau uses email as an official form of communication. Instructors recognize a student's campus-assigned email address as the only address for official mailings. The liability for missing or not acting upon important information conveyed via campus email rests with the student.

Academic Integrity

In ENGL 120 students learn about and use primary and secondary sources. In this course students will learn how to use sources appropriately and to avoid misusing or abusing sources. The information below, created by the Modern Language Association (MLA), a professional organization for faculty and others who work in language and literature, defines and illustrates plagiarism. The section below comes from a longer discussion that can be read at <https://style.mla.org/plagiarism-and-academic-dishonesty/>.

Plagiarism can take a number of forms, including buying papers from a service on the Internet, reusing work done by another student, and copying text from published sources without giving credit to those who produced the sources. All forms of plagiarism have in common the misrepresentation of work not done by the writer as the writer's own. (And, yes, that includes work you pay for: while celebrities may put their names on work by ghostwriters, students may not.)

Even borrowing just a few words from an author without clearly indicating that you did so constitutes plagiarism. Moreover, you can plagiarize unintentionally; in hastily taken notes, it is easy to mistake a phrase copied from a source as your original thought and then to use it without crediting the source.

Imagine, for example, that you read the following passage in the course of your research (from Michael Agar's book *Language Shock*):

*Everyone uses the word language and everybody these days talks about culture. . . .
"Languaculture" is a reminder, I hope, of the necessary connection between its two parts. . . .*

If you wrote the following sentence, it would constitute plagiarism:

At the intersection of language and culture lies a concept that we might call "languaculture."

This sentence borrows a word from Agar's work without giving credit for it. Placing the term in quotation marks is insufficient. If you use the term, you must give credit to its source:

At the intersection of language and culture lies a concept that Michael Agar has called "languaculture" (60).

In this version, a reference to the original author and a parenthetical citation indicate the source of the term; a corresponding entry in your list of works cited will give your reader full information about the source.

Is it possible to plagiarize yourself? Yes, it is. If you reuse ideas or phrases that you used in prior work and do not cite the prior work, you have plagiarized. Many academic honesty policies prohibit the reuse of one's prior work, even with a citation. If you want to reuse your work, consult with your instructor.

It's important to note that you need not copy an author's words to be guilty of plagiarism; if you paraphrase someone's ideas or arguments without giving credit for their origin, you have committed plagiarism. Imagine that you read the following passage (from Walter A. McDougall's *Promised Land, Crusader State: The American Encounter with the World since 1776*):

American Exceptionalism as our founders conceived it was defined by what America was, at home. Foreign policy existed to defend, not define, what America was.

If you write the following sentence, you have plagiarized, even though you changed some of the wording:

For the founding fathers America's exceptionalism was based on the country's domestic identity, which foreign policy did not shape but merely guarded.

In this sentence, you have borrowed an author's ideas without acknowledgment. You may use the ideas, however, if you properly give credit to your source:

As Walter A. McDougall argues, for the founding fathers America's exceptionalism was based on the country's domestic identity, which foreign policy did not shape but merely guarded (37).

In this revised sentence, which includes an in-text citation and clearly gives credit to McDougall as the source of the idea, there is no plagiarism.

Differently Abled and Special Needs

Any student who identifies as differently abled, or with special needs, should contact the Student Success Center (228-5668 or 1-888-918-5623) as well as inform the instructor, who will make accommodations so all students can meet their educational goals.