

ADVANCED ACADEMIC WRITING

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Short description:

This course is for students who already feel confident in their essay writing abilities. Students opting for Advanced Academic Writing should have a full mastery of English grammar and academic register and be able to write well-structured and cogent essays. The class is focused around a novel which students read and write on extensively. We also read a number of critical articles which form the basis of secondary material for writing assignments. Through a careful examination of the entire writing process, students are provided with the means to master an academic style which complies with expectations across the entire program. This is an intensive course involving numerous unassessed short writing tasks and frequent peer-review exercises.

Assessment:

Minor assignments:

- Reading quizzes (5%)
- MLA list of works cited (5%)
- Summary of a secondary source (10%)
- Outline of final essay (10%)

Midterm:

- First half of final paper – three pages (20%)

Final requirement:

- Final paper – six pages (50%)

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three unexcused absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

Academic conduct:

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else's work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.

Additional requirements:

You will need to bring a laptop computer to classes but use of social media, email etc. is strictly prohibited during classes.