When are assignments due? Assignment Due Dates

I’ve set all of the due dates for the semester (see below). We may end up changing a date or two, but in general, we’ll stick to the dates below. You can also see your assignment due dates on the Course Calendar and in the Course Content. I hope that having all of the dates ahead of time will help in your planning. If you do find yourself falling behind, contact me as soon as possible so I can give you help to catch up.

When should I submit assignments? When to Submit Discussions and Assignments

All rough and final drafts are due by midnight except where noted. Everything else is due by 11:00am (EST). However, on some Fridays, the system locks everyone out at 10 p.m. for maintenance. If this happens to you, don’t freak out. Just submit it sometime on Saturday once the system lets you back in. Remember to familiarize yourself with the Late Policy on the course syllabus. There’s a three-day grace period for all assignments to allow for emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances. After that, a substantial penalty may be deducted.

For discussions, it’s important for everyone to submit during the same time frames so that we can have a conversation. Discussions work best if everyone is posting and responding to each other during the same period (starting about 2-3 days before the due date).

What if I’m late? How to Submit Late Work

If you do need to submit late work, turn it into the discussion or assignment area where it was due, and then send me an email letting me know it’s there. I grade assignments between 1 and 3 days after they are due. (I usually wait a day to make sure I have all the student submissions.) I will accept late work, but don’t make it a habit. It’s best for your learning, and for the class’s ability to learn from you, to be on time regularly.

What if I get behind? How to Manage the Work

You’ll find that even though assignments are due on specific days, you’ll be working on the course readings and assignments a little every day. Breaking the work into smaller chunks every day will help you stay on top of it and will also help with overall learning by not trying to absorb too much at a time. For example, I know that I can give online reading and writing an hour or so, but then need to take a break.

The course readings and content are where you will learn most in this class. Don’t just consider the assignments when you plan your time. Give yourself time to read and digest the course material. The assignments are only one part of the learning. So find what works for your busy
life. Set manageable goals, and create a study schedule that gives you time to read, to learn, and to engage in your learning.

- How and when will my work be graded? What to Expect in the Grading

In terms of grading, all work – except major papers/drafts – is worth between 5 and 10 points. Missing a small assignment here and there will not affect your grade much, but more than two each unit will start to affect your grade. Missing a major paper/draft assignment will have a big impact on your final grade. Make sure to contact me if you are struggling with a deadline.

You can email me at any time about deadlines, or grade questions, or for your overall grade. I keep the gradebook up-to-date, and it is set to calculate your overall grade all semester.

- Is participation important? Participate Regularly

Don't be afraid to ask questions or share thoughts this semester. The more you get into the course, the more you will learn and enjoy it—and usually, the better the grade. Stay in touch with your course regularly. If you go too many days without logging in, you will start to feel out of touch, and that is when most students get into trouble.

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All rough and final drafts are due by midnight (EST) on the date stated. Everything else is due by 11:00am (EST). If the site goes down for routine maintenance at that time, the assignment is due by 11:00am the next day. Follow all instructions precisely. For all submissions (excluding discussion posts), you must upload the document in .rtf or .doc file format (not PDF or .pages). Also, be sure to follow the file naming guidelines under the “Assignment Requirements” section of the syllabus.

Getting Started and Unit 1
Mandatory Attendance Quiz: DUE January 17th by NOON
Defining Success Journal Entry DUE January 18th
Critical Thinking Journal Entry DUE January 20th
Learning and Wonder/Vivid Sensory Writing Journal Entry DUE January 22nd
Brainstorming Journal Entry DUE January 24th
Unit 1 Grammar Test: DUE January 26th

Unit 2
Unit 2 MLA Quiz – DUE January 28th
Pre-discussion 2.1 Quiz: DUE January 30th
Discussion 2.1 – DUE February 3rd
Pre-discussion 2.2 Quiz: DUE February 6th
Discussion 2.2 – DUE February 9th
Pre-Assignment 2.1 Quiz – DUE February 11th
Assignment 2.1 – DUE February 13th
Reflection on Assignment 2.1– DUE February 17th

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Unit 3
Pre-discussion 3.1 Quiz: DUE February 20th
Discussion 3.1 – DUE February 22nd
Pre-discussion 3.2 Quiz: DUE February 24th
Discussion 3.2 – DUE February 26th
Unit 3 Rhetorical Analysis Essay – Rough Draft: DUE March 5th by midnight
Unit 3 Revision Quiz: DUE March 11th
Unit 3 Rhetorical Analysis Essay – Final Draft: DUE March 14th by midnight
Unit 3 Rhetorical Analysis Essay Feedback and Reflection Plan – Due March 18th

Extra Credit Rhetorical Analysis Critique – DUE March 20th

Unit 4
Unit 4 Grammar Quiz – DUE March 22nd
Pre-discussion 4.1 Quiz: DUE March 24th
Discussion 4.1 – DUE March 26th
Pre-discussion 4.2 Quiz: DUE March 29th
Discussion 4.2 – DUE April 1st
Pre-discussion 4.3 Quiz: DUE April 7th
Discussion 4.3 – DUE April 9th
Unit 4 Synthesis Essay – Rough Draft: DUE April 15th by midnight
Unit 4 Synthesis Essay – Final Draft: DUE April 22nd by midnight

End of Course Reflective Advice Letter – DUE April 27th

Note: The final deadline for any and all late/missing assignments is 11:59 p.m. on April 27th. No work will be accepted for a grade after this time.