Contact Information
Phone: 678-839-0602
Email: All email correspondence for this class will be done through our Course Den site.

Office Hours
MW 1:00-3:00

During these times I will be available both in my office (Melson 105) for face to face meetings. I will have a 24 hour turn around policy for all course related questions which come to me outside of office hours.

Course Description
This is a one credit class focused on improving students scholarly and academic writing.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course you will be able to:

1. Identify common grammatical errors in your own and other’s writing.
2. Correct common grammatical errors.
3. Write a scholarly paper that meets or exceeds Standard English guidelines.

Course Requirements

1. Various small assignments (as outlined below) that are designed to help you with the final paper for the class.

2. Writing assessment piece

3. 15-20 page paper of a topic of your choosing. The paper can following general structures:

   a. Term paper. For example, you may want to use this class to work on a term paper required in another class.
   b. Literature Review.
   c. Paper that presents the results of an original piece of research.
   d. A paper written for the popular press, for example a newspaper or magazine.
   e. A book review that also addresses the relationship between the topic of a book and ideas/theories of the social sciences.
   f. A movie review that also addresses the relationship between the movie and ideas/theories of the social sciences.
Class Schedule and due dates

Week 1 January 7: By the end of the week send me an email that discusses:
   1. Why you signed up for this class.
   2. What are your goals for your writing?
   3. What are your writing strengths?
   4. What are your writing weaknesses?

Week 2 January 14: By the end of the week please submit, as an email attachment, a 300 word paper that discusses:
   1. A happy memory.
   2. A synopsis of the learning that happened in one of your favorite social science classes.
I will use this paper to do a formal assessment of your writing.

Week 3 January 21: I would like to have a 1:1 conversation with each of you and would like to schedule these on January 24 and 25.

Week 4 January 28: By Friday please submit a one or two paragraph “concept” paper that discusses what you plan to write for your final paper.

Week 5 February 4: By Friday please submit an outline of our final paper.

Weeks 6 and 7 February 11-22: work on the first draft of your paper.

Week 8 February 25: By Friday of this week please submit the first draft of your paper.

Week 9 March 4: Peer review each other’s paper. Due by Friday of this week.

Week 10 March 11: I will return your first drafts.

Week 11 March 18: Spring Break

Week 12 March 25: Continue to work on paper revision.

Week 13 April 1: Second draft due by Friday of this week.

Week 14 April 8: I will return your second draft to you by Friday of this week.

Week 15 April 15: Revise second draft.

Week 16 April 22: Final draft due on Friday April 26.