ENGLISH 10203 Composition 2

At a Glance



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Course Overview

Students will explore how to use genre to shape an argument. They will define genre and investigate genre conventions to understand when and how to use/bend them. Students will analyze examples of genres and create their own compositions, both alone and in groups.

Course Goals

- Define what a genre is;
- Explain how genres, audiences, and purposes affect each other;
- Produce a composition that follows/bends genre conventions;
- Justify why genres work in a rhetorical situation;
- Create a multi-genre advocacy campaign about an issue of your choice;
- Use critical and charitable feedback for peer review;
- Revise your work;
- Use citation styles to format your papers, document citations, and organize references.

Textbook

Reading, Writing and Rhetoric in the First Year. Custom textbook; access in BB!

Schedule

DO add/change

- due dates
- course updates
- additional readings
- important semester dates (breaks, drop/add, etc.)

DO NOT change

- overall course objectives
- weekly objectives (you can move these, but do not change them)
- number of assignments
- number of conferences

Assignments

Genre Analysis (20%)

Students define a genre, find 3
examples, and compare/contrast
them. Students should choose a
genre that interests them, read and
annotate examples, and decide which
rhetorical features are most
important to the genre.

1200-1500 words

Multi-Genre Advocacy Group Project (20%)

Students use a variety of texts and genres to compose an advocacy campaign with a group of peers.

Students write a group proposal, then compose individual texts that spread a shared message. Finally, students create a cover letter that introduces the group, topic, purpose, and texts.

1500-2000 words

Genre Writing in Context (20%)

Students choose a genre, create an example of it, and justify how their work exemplifies the genre. Students should consider structure, tone, formatting, design, and medium. Students justify their use of genre with specific examples from the text.

1000-1500 words

Portfolio (20%)

Students demonstrate their growth as a writer throughout the semester.
Guided by their instructor, they should curate content for a portfolio and write a reflective essay to accompany their materials.

1000 words

Policies

Your syllabus should include the following policies:

- Disability accommodations
- Discrimination & sexual harassment
- Course recording
- Academic integrity
 - Reusing classwork
 - ChatGPT
 - Providing materials to course sites

- Absences
- Religious accommodations
- Classroom disruptions
- Inclement weather
- Emergency procedures
- Communications
- Feedback

Please consult the 10203 syllabus for more details: https://tinyurl.com/mr24adm3

Resources

10203 Course Wiki: http://aer.uark.edu/doku.php?id=composition 2

TA Handbook: https://tinyurl.com/bddaap5u

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