

Syllabus Spring 2009

English 202: Technical Writing
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Office Hours: By appointment, before and after class, and on-line chats
Required Text: Successful Writing at Work Concise Edition by Philip Kolin
Materials: one flash drive, one notebook

Course Description:

This course develops writing skills needed in the workplace. After targeting an audience, you will complete an array of assignments: memos, instructions, proposals, formal analytical reports, etc. Topics for these assignments may relate to your major. You will learn how to format pages, incorporate visuals into your writing, and give brief oral presentations based on your written assignments.

Part of your learning will be accomplished outside of the classroom by using Blackboard Vista and the internet to complete assignments on line. You will work from your own computer facilities.

Learning Objectives

- Recognize the difference between academic writing and writing in business, industry and technical fields
- Understand the importance of error-free documents in the workplace
- Prepare documents with clarity and economy of words
- Recognize and adjust for audience background and knowledge when creating workplace documents
- Create visuals for documents that are well-integrated into the text
- Format documents to fit specific writing assignments including, but not limited to, letters, memos, proposals, and short reports
- Produce a formal, analytical report using advanced research techniques
- Prepare and give an oral presentation of the formal report's major findings
- Collaborate over a distance
- Manage writing projects in ways found in workplace settings

On-site/Online Time

The schedule for Technical Writing involves both on-site classes and online time. On-site class time will be a combination of lectures, power point presentations, discussions, and collaborative writing to prepare you for your individual writing assignments. Online time will be spent completing posted readings, quizzes, individual writing assignments, writing conferences, etc. I will check my email for any questions Monday through Friday, usually in the morning and evening.

Graded Writing Assignments

Reading Assignments

Identifying your audience Long Reports Topics/Works Cited/ Documentation/MLA	5% 5%	chs 1, 9	wk 1
The Writing Process/ Page Design	5%	ch 2 ch 6	wk 2
Memos/E-mails		ch 3	wk 3
Portfolio 1- Audience Awareness, Page Design, Memos	10%		wk 4
On line Learning-02/12/09			
Handout with directions and assignments will be distributed on 02/05/09			
Visuals Proposals	10%	ch 6 ch 8 (pgs 242-254)	wk 5
Portfolio 2-Long Report Proposal with visuals			wk 6, 7
On line Learning-02/26/09			
Directions will be discussed on 02/19/09			
Letter Writing		ch 4	wk 8, 9
Portfolio 3-Correspondence	15%		
On line Learning-03/12/09			
Handout with directions will be distributed 03/05/09			
Short Report with visual	5%	ch 8	wk 10
Instructions	5%	ch 7	wk 11
Formal Analytical Report/ Conferencing/revision	5%	ch 9	wk 12
▪ Title page			
▪ Introduction			
▪ Body (page one)			
▪ Works Cited			
Abstract			

Portfolio 4-Long Report Final Copy

Due: April 23

wk 13

(I must see the first draft of your long report, or I will not accept the final copy)

25%

Portfolio 5-Employment Seeking Techniques

Making Successful Presentations	5%	ch 5 ch 10	wk 14, 15
Oral Report	5%		

You will deliver one oral report during the semester:

Long report 5 to 7 minutes

Attendance

Attendance is important and all absences count. Please remember, should you be absent on a day that an assignment is due, it will be considered late and must be handed in no later than the next class to receive any credit. If you feel that you must tell me the reason for an absence, send me an email. An occasional tardiness is understandable; chronic tardiness or leaving class early disrupts and distracts. Also, if you find that personal and/or professional responsibilities are preventing you from attending class, drop the course and take it at a later time.

Remember: Your attendance reflects your sense of responsibility, conscientiousness and work ethic.

Extra Credit

For each chapter, take the two quizzes found on the website for the textbook. Hand in your quizzes. At the end of the semester, you will receive extra credit. Your quizzes must be passed in on time to get credit for them

Miscellaneous

See the college catalog for policies on withdrawing and plagiarizing.

Any student with a hidden or visible disability that may require classroom modifications should see me about this within the first week or two of class.

It is very important that you have a current e-mail address on file with me as we often correspond using the Internet. Also as the semester progresses, projects will be completed through distance learning online.

