

Weekly Course Schedule

This Schedule is subject to change. See Blackboard Course Content for details.

Abbreviations:

AWR: Academic Writing and Research

RA: Rulebook for Arguments

Week Number & Date Range	Topics, Objectives, & Activities	Reading & Assignments Due
<i>Unit I: Academic Discourse and Critical Reading</i>		
Week 1: Jan. 8 – Jan. 12	Course introduction First lab day Introduction to conferences Personal introductions	Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR Introduction • AWR Chapter 1 • RA Introduction
Week 2: Jan. 16 – Jan. 19 Mon, Jan. 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (NO CLASS MEETING)	Discourse communities Discuss outlines and summaries Select articles from chapter 3 Group presentations of articles on drug legalization	Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR, Chapter 3 Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline, Mon. 1/16
Week 3: Jan. 22 – Jan. 26	Workshop summary drafts Descriptive vs. Evaluative language	Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary, Fri. 1/26 Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue AWR, Chapter 3 Preview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR Chapter 4
Week 4: Jan. 29 –Feb. 2	Expanding summary into a review Criteria for evaluation Review as argument Workshop reviews	Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR Chapter 4 • RA, Chapter I (Short Arguments)
<i>Unit II: Academic Research Resources & Explanation through Information Synthesis</i>		
Week 5: Feb. 5 – Feb. 9	Conducting academic research Exploring research topics Primary and secondary research Evaluating & Establishing Credibility Library research resources and methods Brainstorm research topics	Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, Mon. 2/5 Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR, Chapter 2

<p>Week 6: Feb. 12 – Feb. 16</p>	<p>Library research resources and methods, continued Qualtrics surveys MLA citation Annotated bibliography Select research topics</p>	<p>Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 106 course guide (library website) • RA, Chapter IV (Sources) <p>Preview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR, Chapter 5
<p>Week 7: Feb. 19 – Feb. 23</p>	<p>Introduce Explanatory Report Synthesizing information Note-taking, documentation, and keeping record of source information.</p>	<p>Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR, Chapter 5 <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotated Bibliography, Mon. 2/19
<p>Week 8: Feb. 26 – Mar. 2</p>	<p>Continue working with research methods Develop annotations and notes into report language Workshop explanatory report drafts Preview research-based argument and proposal assignments</p>	<p>Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA, Chapter II (Generalizations) • RA, Chapter VII (Extended Arguments) <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanatory Report (draft), Mon. 2/26 <p>Preview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR, Chapter 6
<p>Week 9: Mar. 5 – Mar. 9</p>	<p>Refine and finalize explanatory reports Reflect on research so far: Would you like to keep researching this topic (why?) Are you considering a change (to what else?) Begin working on proposals</p>	<p>Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR, Chapter 6 <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanatory Report (final), Fri, 3/9
<p>Spring Break, March 12 -16 (NO CLASS MEETINGS)</p>		
<p><i>Unit III: The Process of Argument-Based Research</i></p>		
<p>Week 10: Mar. 19 – Mar. 23</p>	<p>Features of research proposals Feasibility Research Questions Workshop Proposal drafts</p>	<p>Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWR, Chapter 6 (continued) <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal (draft), Thurs., 3/22

Week 11: Mar. 26 – Mar. 30	Argument types	Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RA, Chapter III (Arguments by Analogy)• RA, Chapter V (Arguments about Causes) Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal, Fri., 3/30
Week 12: Apr. 2 – Apr. 6	From proposal to argument paper	Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AWR, Chapter 7
Week 13: Apr. 9 – Apr. 13	Continued discussion and development of argument papers Counterargument principles and practices Workshop paper drafts	Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RA, Chapter VIII (Argumentative Essays) Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research-Based Argument (draft), Thurs., 4/12
Week 14: April 16 – April 20	Digital Poster Presentations Incorporating peer feedback	Read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RA, Chapter IX (Oral Arguments)
Week 15: April 23 – April 27	Digital Poster Presentations Strategies for revision	Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Draft of Argument-Based Research Paper, Fri. 4/27
Finals Week:	ENGL 106 Does Not Meet.	ENGL 106 Does Not Have a Final Exam