

EN 295 Advanced Writing and Editing Skills (3) Winter 2005

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Required Texts

Barnet, Sylvan, et al. The Practical Guide to Writing. Canadian ed. Toronto: Longman, 2003.

Note: the instructor will supplement the text with class handouts as needed.

Course Objectives

To engage fully with John C. Mellon's assertion: "Writing is the greatest tool for thinking ever invented by man."

Course Schedule

January

Wednesday	Friday
5 introduction	7 self-assessment and in-class writing
Reading: Atwood "Nine Beginnings"	
12 prewriting	14 peer editing; fundamentals of editing
Writing: essay one assigned	Reminder: first draft ready by 19 January
19 peer review of first draft	21 mechanics
Reading: all of chapter 20	essay one due
Pico Iyer "In Praise of the Humble Comma"	Reading: review chapter 21
26 Community Day (class cancelled)	28 sentence revisions
	essay one returned
	Reading: chapter 8

February

Wednesday	Friday
2 critical thinking and writing	4 peer editing
Writing: essay two assigned	Reading: chapter 7
Reminder: first draft ready by 4 February	
9 voice	11 defining
Writing: essay two due	essay two returned
Reading: chapter 11	Editing: exercise one returned
16 Mid-Semester Break (class cancelled)	18 Mid-Semester Break (class cancelled)
23 academic writing; writing about literature	25 topic and thesis clinic
Writing: essay three assigned	self-assessment
Editing: exercise one due	Reading: Gilman's "Yellow Wallpaper"
Reminder: topics and theses due 25 Feb.	

March

Wednesday	Friday
2 self-assessment	4 writing
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Editing: exercise one returned	
9 writing	11 writing
16 writing	18 writing
	Writing: essay three due
23 writing	25 Good Friday (class cancelled)
30 writing	

April

Wednesday	Friday
	1 writing
	Writing: essay 4 due
6 self-assessment	8 horizons
13 Last day of classes	

Course Requirements and Grading

- 1. Students should do all the prescribed readings before class and be prepared to participate in class because I anticipate lively discussions.
- 2. Assignments are due on the dates specified. Late assignments will not be accepted, unless extenuating circumstances can be shown.
- 3. To receive a passing grade in the course all assignments must be submitted to the instructor.
- 4. Plagiarism in any of its forms will not be tolerated.
- 5. Students may not submit work done for another class.
- 6. Students are responsible for all the information given in class and also for any changes to the syllabus announced in class.

7. Grading:

Essay 1	10%
Essay 2	10%
Essay 3	20%
Essay 4	20%
Editing exercise 1	10%
Editing exercise 2	10%
Participation	<u>20%</u>
	100