

EWRT 1A Syllabus Winter 2024

English Composition and Reading EWRT 1A-54Z Winter 2024

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Office Hour: Tuesday evenings 6–7 p.m. via Zoom.

This is an asynchronous class which has no required class meetings.

Welcome to EWRT 1A Composition and Reading. This course will introduce you to college-level reading and writing with an emphasis on analysis and close examination of a variety of texts (literary, professional, academic) from culturally diverse traditions. You will practice common rhetorical strategies used in academic writing. You will write compositions, clear, well-organized, and well-developed essays, with varying purposes and differing audiences, from personal to academic.

Required Text: Graff, Gerald, and Cathy Birkenstein. *They Say, I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing*. 5th ed., Norton, 2021. An electronic version or an earlier edition is acceptable.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Practice writing as a multi-step process including planning and revising with attention to varying purposes, audiences, and rhetorical strategies.
- Read and analyze rhetorically and culturally diverse narrative and expository texts from a variety of perspectives.

Course Objective

- Analyze college-level texts and discourse that are culturally and rhetorically diverse.
- Compose essays drawn from assigned texts.
- Utilize MLA guidelines to format essays, cite sources, and compile a Works Cited page.
- Create syntactically varied sentences that are free of mechanical errors.
- Distinguish, compare, and evaluate the multiplicity and ambiguity of perspectives.

Your final grade is based on the following work:

Description	Number of Assignments	Percentage
Quizzes	13	15 (average of all)
Homework	13	20 (average of all)
Summary	1	10
Essay Prep (Peer Edit)	2	5 (average of both)
Essay 1	1	20
Final Essay	1	30
Total	31	100%

Course Specifics

Feedback: I expect you to turn in your work on time, so you should expect the same of me. All work collected from you will be returned within a week with comments explaining the strengths of your work, areas in need of improvement, and your grade as applicable.

Attendance and Participation: This is an asynchronous class which means it has no required meetings; however, there will be work due every week. Because keeping up with readings and assignments is crucial for academic success, any student who fails to log into the course Canvas shell in any 8-day period is subject to being dropped from the class. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, voluntary withdrawal from this class must be done prior to the March 1st deadline. Per college policy, any student who fails to show up for the first-class meeting will be dropped from the class.

Late and Missed Work: In the course syllabus tab on the left side of the course Canvas Shell there is a schedule of all assignments due in this class. Please budget your time to ensure you meet all deadlines. Late work that comes in without a reasonable, documented excuse is **not** accepted.

Decorum: The De Anza student handbook describes the code of conduct here: www.deanza.edu/student-complaints/rights-responsibilities.html Links to an external site.. You should comport yourselves to these minimum standards.

Participation: Online discussions are a great opportunity to practice your communication skills. You will also be working with one another on occasion. Communicating respectfully with your classmates will allow for a productive learning space. I want us all to work toward creating a positive, supportive, non-threatening learning environment so that everyone can contribute to our success. In any required online class discussion, it is fine to disagree with what you have read, what someone in

class has said, and with me, but please ensure your disagreement is couched as disagreement with ideas, not persons.

Classroom Climate: This class is a place where you will be treated with respect, and individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, social classes, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, national origins, documentation statuses, religious affiliations or lack thereof, abilities, and other visible and nonvisible differences are welcome. All members of this class are expected to contribute to a respectful and inclusive environment for every other member of the class. This does not mean we cannot disagree or have different ideas. It does mean we try to consider perspectives other than our own, though they may differ from our own beliefs/experiences, and we need to recognize that our beliefs and ideas may not always be correct. Again, when disagreeing with someone, ensure that your disagreement is with ideas, not persons or personalities.

Plagiarism/Cheating: Don't do either. Plagiarism is the use of another's words or ideas without giving due credit. Cheating is turning in someone else's work as if it were your own. If you do either of these things, you will receive a zero for the assignment. For De Anza's official policy on academic honesty and detailed explanations and examples, go here: www.deanza.edu/policies/academic_integrity.htmlLinks to an external site.

There is no extra credit, and graded work may not be revised for a higher grade.

Resources for De Anza Students

- Should you require any accommodation or supportive services, please visit the [Disability Support Services Office](#)Links to an external site. in SCS, Room 141, or online via the [Virtual Help Desk](#)Links to an external site. Also, please let me know what accommodation you require in the first week of the quarter.
- The [De Anza Library](#)Links to an external site. has free access for current students. To access library resources remotely, you will need to log in with your Portal ID. On the next screen, create an account.
- There are many forms of [Financial Aid](#)Links to an external site. and several scholarships available.
- If you're struggling and need someone to talk to you can schedule an appointment with a counselor at the [Mental Health and Wellness Center](#)Links to an external site. or get support online via TimelyCare, a free service available 24/7.
- De Anza College [Food Pantry](#)Links to an external site. provides food to students in need. You can get a bag of groceries with no or few forms to fill out.
- Various local businesses give 10% discounts to [De Anza Associated Student Body cardholders](#)Links to an external site.
- [Free tutoring](#)Links to an external site. is available in the following locations. Fall Quarter hours will be posted at each location.

Tutoring Services	Location
Writing and Reading Center	AT 309
Listening and Speaking Center	AT 304
Math, Sciences and Technology Resource Center	S43
Academic Skills Center	AT 302
General Subject Tutoring	AT 305
Disability Support Services	SCS Room 141
NetTutor	Via Canvas