



## National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

### 2020 Summer Program

### ENG 120 Advanced College Writing

#### Course Outline

**Term: June 01-July 03, 2020**

**Course Code: ENG 120**

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**Credits: 4**

#### **Course Description:**

This course aims to prepare students to write research papers in their area of study. Thus, the course itself is interdisciplinary as it will accommodate a range of research perspectives and fields of enquiry. As the purpose of this course is for students to produce a formal research paper, we will work through various stages of the writing process. These include writing a proposal, developing argument, presenting on research, learning documentation styles, and debating ideas, among others. Alongside these exercises, we will also consider examples of writing from various disciplines, analyzing these for style, argument, and conventions of the field. Ultimately, the course seeks to assist students in developing an argumentative writing practice based in research and shaped through the original expression of ideas.



### Course Objectives:

Through the course, students will learn to identify research conventions and the processes of documentation. Students will also work through the various stages of research writing in developing their individual projects. Even as they practice disciplinary research expectations in their writing, students will work on originality of expression.

### Required Texts:

Materials will be provided electronically at various points during the course.

### Grading & Evaluation:

Assignment 1 – Research Proposal (15)

Assignment 2 – Reading List (10)

Assignment 3 – First Draft (15)

Assignment 4 – Annotated Bibliography (10)

Final Paper (25)

Presentation (15)

Attendance and Participation (10)

**Grading:** A: 90-100; B: 80-89; C: 70-79; D: 60-69; F: 59 and below

### Course Schedule:

*\* Review all reading assignments ahead of the class in which we will discuss them.\**

#### Week 1: Introduction – Structure

Thesis development exercise 1.

1a. “[Developing a Thesis Statement](#)” by The Writing Center in *WritingWisc* (2019)

Thesis development exercise 2.

1b. “[Essay Structure](#)” by Harvard College Writing Center in *WritingFAS* (2019)

1c. “[How to Write your Research Proposal](#)” in *Westminster* (2019)

Outline development.

#### Week 2: Finding Research Resources



**Assignment 1 due.**

2a. [Mau Mau](#) by WNYC Studios in *Radiolab* (2015)

2b. “[Conducting Research](#)” by University Libraries in *Libguides/WUSTL* (2019)

2c. “[The Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence](#)” by Steve Omohundro in *How Researchers Changed the World* (nd)

Research exercise 1 on relevancy.

2d. “[Organizing a Research Project](#)” by Writing Studio in *Duke* (2019)

Research exercise 2 on organization.

Writing workshop and peer-review exercise.

Research collation into Reading List.

**Week 3: Draft Development**

**Assignment 2 due.**

3a. [Stylish Academic Writing](#) by Helen Sword in *OFDD/Harvard* (YouTube 2013)

Writing and editing exercise on sentence and paragraph structure.

3b. “On Fear” by Mary Ruefle in *Poetry Foundation* (1 June 2012)

Writing exercise in deconstruction.

3c. “[Organizing your Social Sciences Research Paper: Academic Writing Style](#)” in *Libguides/USC* (2019)

Writing workshop.

Peer-review.

**Assignment 3 due.**

**Week 4: Editing**

Review of the graded first draft.

4a. [How to Use a Semicolon](#) by Emma Bryce (TED-Ed 2015)

Writing exercise on integrating sources.

4b. “[Active versus Passive Voice](#)” in *OWL/Purdue* (2019)

4c. “[The Art of Editing](#)” in *Leicester* (2019)

Writing workshop on editing and rewriting.

Bibliographic annotation workshop.



## **Week 5: Citational Practice and Concluding Exercises**

### **Assignment 4 due.**

Review of citational methods.

Presentations.

Final workshop

### **Final papers due.**

### **Course Summation/Review**

