

A top-down view of a student's desk. The desk is cluttered with various items: a laptop on the right, a coffee cup on the left, several papers and documents scattered across the surface, a pair of glasses, and a crumpled piece of paper. A person's hands are visible in the center, holding a pen and looking at a document. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the desk and the student's work.

## ESSAY 2

# 2024 WINTER- ENGLISH READING AND COMPOSITION

## INTRODUCTION

The argumentative essay is a genre of writing that requires the student to investigate a topic, collect, generate, and evaluate evidence, and concisely establish a position on the topic. All students can choose their own topic / argumentative subject. This process will be done in class, and the teacher will review your topic to ensure that all topics are indeed argumentative and not persuasive, comparison, or cause-and-effect.

We will use a systematic process and complete a Brainstorming sheet to translate the topic into a title, your research question, and a thesis statement. It is important to have a specific position, which should be clear in your thesis statement.

Use your Brainstorm sheet to finalize your main arguments for each paragraph, with major and minor supporting details. Remember that we follow the Toulmin Model with a clear introduction, a body that includes a counterargument and refutations, and a conclusion.

## GUIDELINES

- **Due: 08 January 2025 at 23:59**
- Minimum word count: 1200, double-spaced. The exact number of pages, paragraphs, or words is not important. The important thing is that your ideas are clear, complete, and compelling.
- Give your essay a title. Capitalize the first letter of each major word (do not capitalize conjunctions, prepositions, or articles unless they are the first word of the title).
- Use as many body paragraphs as necessary. Each body paragraph needs a clear topic sentence and supporting ideas. Use a variety of sentence types. Use your computer's TAB key to indent the first line of each paragraph.

- Include an introduction with a thesis statement that contains a clear topic and claim, followed by a preview of the main points.
- Your introductions should have a clear hook, connecting information, a research question, and a thesis statement.
- Support your ideas with specific details, descriptions, examples, and information from at least one outside source.
- Your essay is incomplete without a counterargument and refutations.
- The conclusion should restate the thesis (topic + opinion) in light of the information you provided in the body.
- For academic writing, use a formal tone. Please write in the third person, not first or second person (don't use I, we, or you).
- Use academic vocabulary. Use transition signals (first, next, also, however, etc.) to guide the reader.
- Remember to carefully edit, proofread, and revise, paying close attention to grammar and mechanics. Review the grading rubrics below and double-check your essay for comma splices, subject-verb agreement, word forms, punctuation, and spelling.
- Do your own work; do not plagiarize, and use AI ethically and responsibly.
- Submission Submit to Turnitin. You can submit your essay at any time during the assessment period. Please note that if you submit your essay after the deadline, you will be penalized.

## **TECHNICAL CARE AND SUBMISSION**

- Please keep in mind the following technical requirements and guidelines while writing your essay: The minimum word count for your essay, excluding the cover page and references, should be 1200 words.
- Use Microsoft Word to write your essay.
- Use Times New Roman font, size 12, and double spacing. Follow the instructions for the cover page discussed during Session 3, which can be found on the LMS in the Week 7 resource folder. Please carefully read through all the technical instructions for Essay 1 and apply everything discussed in class.
- Grading per section Intext citation Follow APA citation, please, and for intext citation, you can only use two ways. Parenthesis, for example: In the last four years, a large group of young adults has left high school to pursue influencer careers (Sung, 2019).
- Or narrative, for example: According to Sung (2019), a large group of young adults leave high school to pursue careers as influencers.
- It is crucial to include a complete reference list at the end of your essay.
- You must include a minimum of three academic journal articles. Please follow the Toulmin structure as discussed in class.