

Persuasive Writing Class Syllabus

Instructor:

- Name: [Instructor Name]
- Email: [Instructor Email]
- Office Hours: [Office Hours and Location]

Course Description: This course is designed to help students develop their persuasive writing skills. Students will learn how to craft compelling arguments, use evidence effectively, and write clearly and convincingly. The class will cover the elements of persuasive writing, including thesis statements, supporting arguments, organization, and language and style.

Learning Goals: By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. **Understand the Structure of Persuasive Essays:**
 - Identify and understand the components of a persuasive essay: introduction, thesis statement, body paragraphs, and conclusion.
2. **Develop Strong Thesis Statements:**
 - Create clear and specific thesis statements that present a strong argument.
3. **Construct Effective Arguments:**
 - Develop at least three well-supported arguments for a persuasive essay.
 - Use specific examples and evidence to strengthen arguments.
4. **Organize Essays Logically:**
 - Organize essays with clear topic sentences and logical transitions between paragraphs.
 - Ensure a logical flow of ideas to create a cohesive argument.
5. **Enhance Language and Style:**
 - Use varied and appropriate word choices to enhance arguments.
 - Employ varied and complex sentence structures effectively.
6. **Master Conventions of Writing:**
 - Write with proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

Course Schedule:

Week 1: Introduction to Persuasive Writing

- Overview of persuasive writing
- Understanding the purpose and audience
- Assignment: Write a short persuasive paragraph on a given topic

Week 2: Crafting a Strong Thesis Statement

- Characteristics of a good thesis statement
- Practice developing thesis statements
- Assignment: Write a thesis statement for your chosen essay topic

Week 3: Developing Supporting Arguments

- Identifying and using evidence

- Building strong, logical arguments
- Assignment: Outline three supporting arguments for your essay

Week 4: Organizing Your Essay

- Structure of a persuasive essay
- Creating effective introductions and conclusions
- Assignment: Draft the introduction and conclusion of your essay

Week 5: Writing Body Paragraphs

- Writing clear and concise topic sentences
- Ensuring logical transitions between paragraphs
- Assignment: Write the body paragraphs for your essay

Week 6: Enhancing Language and Style

- Improving word choice and sentence structure
- Avoiding common pitfalls in persuasive writing
- Assignment: Revise your essay to improve language and style

Week 7: Mastering Conventions

- Grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization review
- Peer review and editing session
- Assignment: Proofread and edit your essay

Week 8: Finalizing and Presenting Your Essay

- Final revisions and formatting
- Presentation of essays to the class
- Assignment: Submit final essay

Grading:

- Participation and Attendance: 10%
- Weekly Assignments: 30%
- Peer Review and Editing: 20%
- Final Essay: 40%

Textbook and Resources:

- [Textbook Name and Edition]
- Online resources and readings will be provided on the course website

Class Policies:

- Attendance is mandatory. More than three unexcused absences will result in a lower grade.
- Assignments must be submitted on time. Late submissions will incur a penalty.
- Respectful and constructive feedback is expected during peer review sessions.
- Academic integrity is paramount. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.

Additional Support:

- Writing Center: [Location and Hours]
- Office Hours: [Office Hours and Location]
- Online Resources: [Course Website]

This syllabus provides a roadmap for your journey in becoming a proficient persuasive writer. Let's work together to achieve these goals and improve your writing skills!