

ENGL7 (PHYS142W) Syllabus – Winter 2018

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Enrollment

Please enroll in ENGL7 – Section 7 (Registration Number: 44179). Enrolling in ENGL 7 will allow you to provide feedback, through iEval, on the workshop component of the course at the end of the quarter.

Writing Workshops

These writing sessions focus on the writing-intensive aspects of the course and have three main objectives:

- ❖ *To guide* students with various writing strategies that can create successful reports. More specifically, we will discuss how to present professional, organized, and understandable written material that contains an effective scientific tone.
- ❖ *To coach* students to establish significance in their reports; this is done by properly utilizing, analyzing, explaining, and describing observable data. This also includes a thorough presentation of motivations and other relevant aspects of a report.
- ❖ *To facilitate* an environment where students can interact with each other and discuss their written work.

Please bring a pen and paper, since writing activities will be involved in these workshops. Also come prepared with any questions, rough drafts, or other pertinent written materials, including your lab journal. Note: the majority of any discussion on content must be provided by students who attend these sessions. These sessions will be structured like an open discussion to develop, structure, clarify and present your ideas more effectively. ***Participation is necessary.***

Attendance

Attendance in these writing sessions is mandatory. These writing sessions will be held in Humanities 1001G in weeks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10— during these weeks, all writing sessions are scheduled to meet on Wednesdays, 6:10 PM to 7:00 PM and Wednesdays, 7:10 PM to 8:00 PM. You will be assigned to one of these two times, and that will be your workshop time for the entire quarter. The last two of these workshops, during weeks 8 and 10, are private consultations that you will have to sign up for via iLearn. Attendance will be taken, so make sure you come on time. Tardiness will not be tolerated— ***failure to attend will prevent you from fulfilling the mandatory requirement.***

General Lesson Plan

Ultimately, during these workshops, the goals are A) the enhancement of student writing by addressing issues with a report's scientific tone, grammar, structure, coherency, specificity and clarity, and B) the professionalization of your academic written work, especially for when you are on the job market. We will look not only at your own reports, but professional, published reports so we can study and emulate the structures that present ideas with a clear scientific tone.