

Evaluation Argument Revision Policies

You have the opportunity to revise and resubmit your Evaluation Argument. Provided you choose to do so, the following guidelines apply:

To make the process as clear as possible, we'll use these terms and definitions:

- A **Rough Draft** is an essay you have never submitted for a provisional grade and/or an essay I have never graded.
- A **Final Copy** is an essay you submit or have submitted for a provisional grade.
- A **Revised Copy** is a revised version of a Final Copy; it's the version that's submitted at the end of the semester, counting toward the final course grade.

When a Final Copy essay is graded, that grade will be considered provisional (temporary) until the end of the semester (last day of class). For instance, assume that your Evaluation Argument is assessed as a "C-." That C- is recorded in the grade book in pencil. Should you decide to revise your Evaluation Argument, you are free to do so as much as you'd like, provided you submit the original, graded Final Copy and the Revised Copy in May.

Our last day of class is Tuesday, April 30. That's when your Final Copy and Revised Copy are due.

If you do not submit a revision on or before Tuesday, April 30, I'll assume you're satisfied with your provisional (in pencil) grade, and that grade will stand.

I cannot read multiple versions or drafts of essays for every student. I will do my best to answer relatively quick and/or focused questions (during class, in writing groups, after class, during office hours, etc), but I cannot have an essay come across my desk more than once. Consider visiting the Writing Center. They offer excellent help!

If you lose a graded Final Copy, your provisional grade will have to count. You cannot submit a Revised Copy without also submitting the original, graded Final Copy. I suggest you make photocopies of your graded Final Copy and save the copies separately from the originals. Or, give me the original or the copies. I will hold on to them all semester for you, if you'd like. (If I lose it, you can still revise and resubmit.)

You cannot change topics for any revision w/o my prior approval. In other words, you cannot 'start over from scratch' without my knowledge and consent.

Successfully revising an essay requires more work than simply fixing the things I comment on, mark, or note in your paper. I will not correct or edit drafts or Final Copies for you, and should you choose to revise a Final Copy to submit it in your final Portfolio, you should be prepared to do more than make simple editing corrections. (This is especially true of a Final Copy that receives a provisional grade lower than a B.)

Should unexpected situations arise, I reserve the right to add to or modify these policies. I will announce any and all changes.