

San José State University
Humanities and Arts, Department of English and Comparative Literature

ENGL 1AS, Spring Stretch English
Section 46

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| Class Meeting Times: | Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00-4:15 pm |
| Classroom: | Sweeney Hall 348 |
| GE Category: | You must complete both English 1AF in the Fall and English 1AS in the Spring to satisfy the requirement for Written Communication I, GE Area A2. |

Course Description

Last semester, we thought a lot about the transition between high school and college. In the process, we tackled writing across genres, writing for different audiences, and reflecting upon the choices we make as writers.

This semester, we will begin to explore the university beyond the classroom. We will investigate the larger network of departments, programs, and organizations within the university, exploring how they work and what they offer. We will think about selecting a major, what that entails and what opportunities that can create for you, as well as the role of the university in society at large. The second half of our class will give you the chance to continue the work you did last semester thinking rhetorically. You will encounter new genres, new audiences, and new purposes for writing. As you work through the course content, you will also engage in the reflective thinking we started last semester about your writing practices.

Meet with Our Course Peer Educator

This semester, our learning community will include a Peer Educator! A Peer Educator is a SJSU student who has been trained to assist you as you work to achieve your learning goals in this course. She will be available to support you in two ways:

1. Our Peer Educator will attend class and can assist you during class time.
2. Our Peer Educator will reserve time each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist you one-to-one with ANYTHING related to your language development. That means she can help you with assignments for our class or for other classes. She might also assist with other writing you might need to do, like filling out an application form or writing a job letter.

Think of your Peer Educator as a person who has been in your shoes, knows a lot, and has access to the resources SJSU has to offer. She can assist you with your writing, but she can also direct you to resources across the university who can help you with many other things, from personal concerns, like dealing with stress, to financial concerns like figuring out how to manage your student loans.

To encourage you to meet with your Peer Educator outside of class, I have altered the grade distribution for our course this semester. **Eight percent of your final grade for this course is allotted to give you credit for meeting with your Peer Educator at least two times outside of class. These meetings can be either in person or online.**

What You Will Learn in Stretch English

Our course is designed to meet what the university calls “learning outcomes” for both General Education courses and for the Stretch curriculum. I have included both of these learning outcomes for you to review.

General Education Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. demonstrate the ability to read actively and rhetorically
2. demonstrate the ability to perform the essential steps in the writing process (prewriting, organizing, composing, revising, and editing) and demonstrate an awareness of said performance
3. articulate an awareness of and write according to the rhetorical features of texts, such as purpose, audience, context, and rhetorical appeals
4. demonstrate the ability to integrate their ideas and those of others by explaining, analyzing, developing, and criticizing ideas effectively in several genres
5. demonstrate college-level language use, clarity, and grammatical proficiency in writing

Stretch English Course Learning Outcomes

These outcomes are organized into four categories. Both semesters, you will create a portfolio of your writing that demonstrates to the Stretch English faculty that you understand and can demonstrate that you are working toward meeting these learning outcomes.

Read to Learn:

- annotate a reading selection to develop a summary and response in your writing
- identify audience & purpose in several genres
- explain how genres work to serve audience and context

Read to Write:

- identify rhetorical appeals and devise strategies to effectively appeal to a specific audience
- develop a text to appeal to a specific audience
- identify choices a writer has made to produce a text
- use readings as models for your own writing strategies
- concisely, accurately explain and critique information and ideas from your reading
- use information gleaned from your reading as evidence in your text and cite that information
- use quotation & summary to create context for readers

Write with an Increased Awareness of the Process:

- discuss specific strategies for prewriting and revision that have worked for you
- repurpose acquired skills and information to tackle new writing problems

Read and write with an increased awareness of the language you use:

- identify new grammatical forms and imitate them
- analyze and discuss the structure of sentences and the grammatical choices you make
- identify editing problems in your own writing
- identify and apply effective strategies for editing your work
- identify and apply effective proofreading strategies

How to Find Course Assignments and Materials

You will continue to use Canvas to find instructions and submit assignments in this course. *You* are responsible to check Canvas frequently and to resolve technical problems you may encounter. Below are some resources that will help you to do that:

IT Help Desk: 408-924-1530

Email: ithelpdesk@sjsu.edu

Website: <http://its.sjsu.edu/support/student-support/>

How Your Work Will Be Assessed and Graded

Assignments and Weight

Fall 2017: Grades in the Fall are based on measured progress toward our course learning outcomes. To earn credit in the course, you will need to have completed **all** of the assigned work, and you will need to demonstrate measurable progress in at least 3 out of 4 (75%) of the CLO categories to earn credit (a “CR” grade) in English 1AF. If you receive a CR grade for the Fall semester, you will be eligible to continue the course (English 1AS) in the Spring.

| Item | % of Course Grade | Word Count |
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| Critical Reading & Reflection 1 | 3% | 600 |
| Personal Essay | 5% | 1000 |

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| Blog | 8% | 1000 |
| Critical Reading & Reflection 2 | 5% | 750 |
| Self-Reflection & Midyear Portfolio | 8% | 750 |
| Participation in Canvas Assignments | 8% | Not Applicable |

Fall Total [37% of final grade for the course]

Spring 2018: You will need a final grade of a C- or better in English 1AS to clear remediation and satisfy GE Area A2.

| Item | % of Course Grade | Word Count |
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| The Profile Unit | 10% | 1000 |
| Multi-Modal Ethnography Presentation Unit | 10% | 500 |
| Critical Essay Unit | 10% | 2000 |
| Self-Reflection/Final Portfolio | 15% | 1000 |
| Canvas Supplemental Instruction Modules | 10% | Not Applicable |
| Meeting with Peer Educator at least twice | 8% | Not Applicable |

Spring Total [63% of final grade for the course]

Attendance and Lateness

Attendance: Attendance in this class is necessary. I want to know what you think. I want other students to know what you think. I want to hear you discuss your writing, the writing of other students, and the writing of professionals. If you miss class, I expect that you will make up any missed work.

Course Policies

Office hours: Each week, I hold office hours, which means I sit in my office ready and waiting to talk with you about what you need, what you want to accomplish, and how I can help you do that. You can either drop in or email me to make an appointment.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is when you take someone else's words or ideas and pass them off as your own. While plagiarism is wrong, asking about it is not! If you are not sure if something counts as plagiarism or not, go ahead and ask me, either in class, individually before or after class, or via email. After teaching for many years, it is pretty obvious to me when a writer forgets to cite a source or does not understand how to cite a source correctly. However, it also obvious when a writer blatantly inserts someone else's language or ideas into their own writing. If I find a case of plagiarism that is not the result of misunderstanding or incorrect citation, I will refer the student to the university for disciplinary action.

Late Work: In the case of either an emergency or a serious setback, I will accept late work for up to a week past the due date. However, you will lose 10% from your score for each

day that an assignment is late (including weekend days). That means if you miss class on a Monday because you were sick and turn in your paper on the Wednesday we next meet, the highest grade you can expect to receive for that paper is an 80%.

Making Up Missed Work: Some of the writing we do for this class is completed during class. If you can document a compelling reason for missing class, I am willing to arrange for a make-up. However, you cannot make-up workshops or receive credit for attending them if you do not come to class.

Our Class Atmosphere

Our classroom is a learning environment where everyone's right to explore ideas needs to be respected. There is nothing wrong with disagreement and debate. In fact, saying that you disagree with someone and why you do is crucial for really doing the work of critically thinking. What *is* wrong is being disrespectful to anyone in our class or actively suppressing a colleague's ability to think, collaborate, and write. We will be practicing how to engage with each other with mutual respect.

Using your cell phone or other technology in our classroom can be, be is not always, extremely disrespectful. Everyone here is an adult and so it would be wrong of me to dictate that you cannot check the time on your cell phone or use it to look up a word or concept that you don't know. However, we live in a culture where texting or staring at your phone while we are trying to learn something is intrusive and rude. Please respect me, your colleagues, and the learning environment we all want to create by using technology respectfully in our classroom.

How to Prepare for Class

You should come to every class meeting ready to write—that is, to *explore* ideas, *share* research and reading, *analyze* source materials, and *engage* with your colleagues. All classes will involve in-class activities intended to further your progress on the current essay assignment or project. You will want to save this class work in your notebook so that you have it available to you when you sit down to write outside of class.

Like all faculty at SJSU, I have designed this course to help you achieve the learning goals and earn a degree. In a 3-unit course like this one, faculty expect that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week). This time includes preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on.

While all students will complete these same assignments, the course design cannot account for your individual needs. There may be added work you need to do. You may need extra hours for tutoring; you may take longer to read texts so that you can look up words you find unfamiliar; you may need more time for editing. Your goal in this class is to learn what you need as a writer in order to develop your skills as a writer—and to get what you need. That will take a commitment to the work of this class and a commitment to seek out the support and resources you need.

Work Schedule

THE PROFILE

- W 1/24** In Class: Welcome Back!
Outside of Class: **Canvas Exercise 1- Assess your Email**
Canvas Exercise 2- Revise your Email
Send your email to request an interview
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- M 1/29** In Class: What makes an interview question effective?
Outside of Class: **Canvas Exercise 3- Practice Writing an Effective Question**
Canvas Exercise 4- Examine a Model of the Genre
- W 1/31** In Class: Analyzing a Model of the Profile
Outside of Class: **Canvas Exercise 5- Find an Example of the Genre**
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- M 2/5** In Class: **Bring** an example of the genre to class (in hard copy)
Outside of Class: **Canvas Exercise 6- Identifying Genre Conventions**
- W 2/7** In Class: Drafting Activities
Outside of Class: **Compose** a complete first draft
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- M 2/12** In Class: **WRITING WORKSHOP Bring** two copies of a complete draft
- W 2/14** In Class: Revising Your Draft
- F 2/16** **DUE TO CANVAS:** Interview Transcript
DUE TO CANVAS: Profile Final Draft
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ETHNOGRAPHY MULTI-MODAL PRESENTATION PROJECT

M 2/19 Complete work schedule TBA

W 2/21

M 2/26

W 2/28

M 3/5

W 3/7

M 3/12 In Class: **Deliver Presentations**
Assess your colleagues' presentations and give feedback

W 3/14 In Class: **Deliver Presentations**
Assess your colleagues' presentations and give feedback

CRITICAL ESSAY

M 3/19 Complete work schedule TBA

W 3/21

M 3/26- F 3/30 **SPRING BREAK**

M 4/2

W 4/4 In Class: **Draft Critical Reading & Reflection 3 and submit to Canvas**

M 4/9

W 4/11

M 4/16 In Class: **WRITING WORKSHOP Bring** two copies of a complete draft

W 4/18

M 4/23 In Class: **Bring revised draft of Critical Essay to class for exercises**

W 4/25

F 4/27 **DUE TO CANVAS:** Critical Essay Final Draft

SELF-REFLECTION ESSAY AND FINAL PORTFOLIO

M 4/30 Complete work schedule TBA

W 5/2

M 5/7

W 5/9

M 5/14 In Class: **Compose and submit** reflection essay and Canvas e-portfolio
LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION at SJSU