**WR 115 with Amy Earls  
Class Time:** Tuesdays/Thursdays 10-11:20am  
**Location:** Albany campus, IA 207 **Email:** [earlsa@linnbenton.edu](mailto:earlsa@linnbenton.edu)  
**Office Hours:** Tuesdays/Thursdays 9-9:50am  
**Office Location:** ???

**Required Accounts/Materials**

* LBCC student email account. <http://www.linnbenton.edu/lbcc-email>
* [Moodle account.](https://www.linnbenton.edu/about-lbcc/college-services/safety/covid19/faq-students.php)

**Course Description**  
WR 115 gives you opportunities to practice writing. Learning to write well takes frequent practice, commitment, a positive attitude, and patience! Your writing this term will involve critical thinking as well as thoughtful response and analysis. Stretch the boundaries of what you have thought and learned in the past about writing through reading, responding to, and analyzing a variety of essays throughout the term.

**Course Outcomes**Upon successfully completing WR 115, you will be able to:

* Write thoughtful, clear, and focused paragraphs and essays for a variety of purposes.
* Illustrate critical reading by clearly summarizing, paraphrasing, and directly quoting.
* Distinguish your ideas from others' ideas in your writing.
* Focus a main point and develop this main point clearly and logically using examples and illustrations in a well-organized essay.
* Revise writing using standard college editing and proofreading conventions (grammar, syntax, spelling, punctuation).

**Grade Calculation**Your overall course grade will be based on the following:

* **Participation (30%)**
* **Writing Assignments (40%)**
* **Final Exam (30%)**

| **Letter Grade** | **Percentage** | **Performance** |
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| A | 90-100% | Excellent Work |
| B | 80-89% | Good Work |
| C | 70-79% | Average Work |
| D | 60-69% | Poor Work |
| F | 0-59% | Failing Work |

**Class Schedule**

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| **Week** | **Date** | **In-Class Topic** | **Due** |
| 1 | Tuesday, January 10 | * Introduction * Syllabus * Formatting |  |
| 1 | Thursday, January 12 | * Your voice as a writer. * Prewriting strategies. * APA citation guide |  |
| 2 | Tuesday, January 17 | * Text annotation |  |
| 2 | Thursday, January 19 | * Audience and purpose * Essay 1 pre-writing and drafting |  |
| 3 | Tuesday, January 24 | * Thesis statements * Introductions |  |
| 3 | Thursday, January 26 | * Conclusions * Transitional words and phrases |  |
| 4 | Tuesday, January 31 | * Paraphrasing * Quoting |  |
| 4 | Thursday, February 2 | * Revising * Editing |  |
| 5 | Tuesday, February 7 | * Self-evaluation * Peer review |  |
| 5 | Thursday, February 9 | * Essay 2 | **Due Friday:** Essay 1 |
| 6 | Tuesday, February 14 | * Drafting/editing |  |
| 6 | Thursday, February 16 | * Drafting/editing | **Due Friday:** Revised Essay 1 |
| 7 | Tuesday, February 21 | * Peer review |  |
| 7 | Thursday, February 23 | * Essay 3 | **Due Friday:** Essay 2 |
| 8 | Tuesday, February 28 | * To be determined |  |
| 8 | Thursday, March 2 | * Practice final exam | **Due Friday:** Revised Essay 2 |
| 9 | Tuesday, March 7 | * Final exam prep |  |
| 9 | Thursday, March 9 | * To be determined |  |
| 10 | Tuesday, March 14 | * Final exam reading | **Due Monday:** Essay 3 |
| 10 | Thursday, March 16 | * Pre-writing for final |  |

**LBCC Policies**

**Accommodations**

LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in this class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If you believe you may need accommodations but are not yet registered with CFAR, please visit the [CFAR Website](https://www.linnbenton.edu/cfar) for steps on how to apply for services or call 541-917-4789.

**LBCC Board of Education Statement on Diversity**

We believe that the LBCC community is enriched by diversity. Everyone has the right to think, learn, and work in an environment of respect, tolerance, and goodwill. We actively support this right regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, or any countless ways in which we are diverse.

**LBCC Comprehensive Statement of Nondiscrimination**

LBCC prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, use of native language, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, veteran status, age, or any other status protected under applicable federal, state, or local laws. (For further information, go online to [http://po.linnbenton.edu/BP1015 - Nondiscrimination and Nonharassment Policy.pdf](http://po.linnbenton.edu/BP1015%20-%20Nondiscrimination%20and%20Nonharassment%20Policy.pdf))

**Basic Needs Statement**

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or food, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, is urged to contact a Student Resource Navigator in the Single Stop Office (T-112): Amanda Stanley, [stanlea@linnbenton.edu](mailto:stanlea@linnbenton.edu), 541-917-4877. The navigator can connect students to resources. Furthermore, please talk with your instructor if you are comfortable doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may have.

**Title IX Reporting Policy**

If you or another student are the victim of any form of sexual misconduct (including dating/domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment), or any form of gender discrimination, LBCC can assist you. You can [report](https://www.linnbenton.edu/about-lbcc/departments-and-contacts/report-an-issue/index.php) a violation of our sexual misconduct policy directly to our Title IX Coordinator.  You may also report the issue to a faculty member, who is required to notify the Coordinator, or you may make an appointment to speak confidentially to our Advising and Career Center by calling 541-917-4780.

**Public Safety/**[**Emergency Resources**](http://www.linnbenton.edu/public-safety-emergency-planning)**:**

In an emergency, call 911. Also, call [LBCC Public Safety and Loss Prevention Office](https://www.linnbenton.edu/about-lbcc/college-services/safety/safety-and-well-being.php) at [541-926-6855](about:blank) and [541-917-4440](about:blank).

From any LBCC phone, you may alternatively dial extension 411 or 4440. LBCC has a public safety app available for free. We encourage people to download it to their cell phones. Public Safety also is the home for LBCC's Lost & Found. They provide escorts for safety when needed. Visit them to learn more.

**College Registration Deadlines:**

Last day to drop a class with refund—Monday of Week 2

Last day to withdraw from class—Week 7

**Plagiarism is a serious offense.**

Plagiarism includes using someone else’s words and passing them off as your own; using another person’s artwork, theory, design and not giving them credit; copying someone’s ideas without properly citing the source. Students who submit plagiarized work will, at a minimum, receive a “0” for the assignment, and a formal charge will be filed with the Dean of Student Services; at a maximum, the student will fail the course and may risk expulsion from LBCC.  Turning in a past assignment in place of current work is a form of self-plagiarism called re-submission. It is also not allowed at LBCC. You are expected to do your own work.  If you have questions about proper citations, please ask for help. We will cover the basics in this course.