# **WR 121 - Fall 2021**

Text: Readings on Moodle

Instructor: Dio Morales

E-Mail: [moraled@linnbenton.edu](mailto:moraled@linnbenton.edu)

Zoom address (T/H 9:00-10:50 AM class): <https://linnbenton.zoom.us/j/98411990384> Password: apple

Zoom address (T/H 1:00-2:50 PM class): <https://linnbenton.zoom.us/j/91914622131>

Password: pear

## **Visit me!**

Official office hours are Wednesday and Friday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at this address: <https://linnbenton.zoom.us/j/985381783>

If my office hours don’t work for your schedule, let me know, and we will find a time that does.

# **Course Expectations**

## **Prerequisites:**

WR 115 with a C or higher or a placement score that places the student in WR 121.

# 

## **Welcome to Writing 121: English Composition**

As a study of academic writing, this course is designed to make you a better reader, writer, and thinker. We are going to explore a variety of viewpoints within complex issues, through critical reading, thoughtful discussions, and the completion of several well-reasoned essays.

## **Course objectives and outcomes in plain language** After taking Writing 121, successful students will have learned to:

* write at the college level
* read at a college level
* perform research
* use research in writing

## For the official course outcomes [click here](http://linnbenton.smartcatalogiq.com/current/Catalog/Courses/WR-Writing/100/WR-121).

## 

## **Course Work & Grade Distribution:**

* Annotations -- 10%
* Attendance and participation -- 10%
* Three essays -- 45% (Turn essays in via Moodle)
* Practice final -- 5%
* Final -- 30%

**Major assignment due dates**Essay 1: See Me for Who I am - Due Sunday, January 23 by 11:59 PM

Essay 2: Learning Something New - Due Sunday, February 13 by 11:59 PM

WR 121 Practice Exam - Due Tuesday, March 1 by 11:59 PM

Essay 3: Hello, New Friend - Due Sunday, March 6 by 11:59 PM

## **Required texts and materials**

* Access to a computer, internet (available on campus)
* Camera and microphone for Zoom classes. (Contact me if you don’t have these.)

## On-campus Zoom Rooms: You can use an on-campus Zoom room. [Here is more information.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GXsQdABlzsavqXzDE6W8ZNSkXmxCm8bQ0FHA2HNiHrc/edit?usp=sharing)

## Camera Policy

So that your classmates and I get to know you as a real person, and not just a name on the screen, your camera must be on during class when you are in breakout rooms and when we are having whole-class discussions. If this poses a problem for you--you don't have a camera, you're at work and it's not appropriate to share your surroundings, etc.--let me know and we will work something out.

## 

## **Grading Procedure**

My goal is to return every assignment to you within one week of the due date.

I will comment on every essay. My comments will focus on one or two things you did particularly well and one or two areas where you could improve your writing. If you’d like more feedback, contact me.

## Class Drop Policy

Students who do not attend Week 1 and complete the first-week assignments will be dropped from the class unless they contact me.

# 

# 

# **My expectations for you**

# Show up. Do your best. Ask questions. Ask for help. Don’t be rude to your classmates.

# **Kindness Policy** Treat everyone in the class as a friend. Accept different opinions. Share your thoughts respectfully. Do not scapegoat or make fun of any group of people.

Use a neutral background (or do not turn on your camera) if showing your room/space would show something pornographic, threatening, or prejudiced.

# 

# **Attendance and Attention Policy**

# Please be in class. You won’t get much out of the class if you’re not, and you won’t get much out of the class sessions if you are multitasking while in class. The class will not be recorded.

# **My promise to you:**

# I’m here to help you in any way I can. That includes writing stuff and life stuff. If I can’t help, I’ll find someone who can. I check email once a day, Monday through Friday, and I try to respond within 24 hours. My responses may be slower over the weekend and on holidays. I answer student emails first, so put WR 121 in the subject line.

## **Late Work Policy**

* Essays 1 & 2 and the practice final can come in up to one week late (no grade penalty, but they cannot be revised). After the one-week grace period, assignments receive a zero.
* Essay 3 cannot come in late or be revised.
* In-class work cannot be made up, but there will be extra credit opportunities.
* Talk to me if you have an emergency.
* Please turn your work in on Moodle.

## **Revisions**

* You may revise the first and second essays for a higher grade.
* To revise, you must visit the Writing Center and have them send me proof of your visit. (They’re used to doing this.)
* Include the first draft with your revision.
* Changes you made to the revised essay must be highlighted in **bold** or noted in some other way.
* Revisions of the first paper must come in before you hand in the second paper. Revisions of the second paper must come in before your turn in the third.

## **For Extra Writing Help Visit the LBCC Writing Center**

From initial ideas to final drafts, the LBCC Writing Center can help you take your writing to the next level. Please feel free to drop in during regular hours to work one-on-one with one of the supportive Writing Assistants. In addition to your draft, please bring your assignment and any questions you have. You may also submit your writing online at lbcc.writingcenteronline.net where you will receive a personalized response within 1-2 business days.

For more information, [visit the Writing Center online](https://www.linnbenton.edu/student-services/library-tutoring-testing/learning-center/writing-support/index.php).

### **School Policies**

## **Incompletes**

If you have completed 70 percent of the course work by the end of the term but are unable, for reasons that are generally not your fault, to complete the rest, I will grant you an incomplete.

## **Center for Accessibility Resources**

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 the 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.

## **Academic Honesty**

Plagiarism is a type of academic dishonesty that involves the theft of another person’s idea, words, images, music/sounds, or creative works and/or deceit in the representation of who created the work by not properly crediting sources. Plagiarism, one form of cheating or dishonesty, is not just the failure to give credit for an exact quotation. Plagiarism includes both intentional and unintentional acts, such as:

* ­Obtaining a paper on the Internet and turning it in as the student’s own work; this is obviously intentional.
* Handing in a paper you have submitted for another class; this is self-plagiarism.
* Copying sections of another’s original document, photographs, artwork, songs/sounds, film, video images, lab project, or electronic files and putting the source material or text into one’s own work without documentation, as if it were one’s own original work;
* Copying a sentence, or an important exact phrase of two words or more, or a coined word (which may or may not have copyright protection) without the use of quotation marks and credit;
* Copying the structure of another’s argument or premise, thesis, theory, design, or composition and merely translating key parts;
* Using another’s results in one’s own words without giving him or her credit, failing to document any borrowing when quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing or importing and placing a graphic, sound bite, or another medium.

## LBCC Non-Discrimination Policy

All genders, races, sexual orientations, countries of origin, religions, abilities, languages, citizen statuses, welcome. The [official policy is here.](https://www.linnbenton.edu/about-lbcc/administration/policies/equal-opportunity.php)

## Mask Policy

This class does not contain an on-campus component, but if you are on campus, please note the mask policy:

Wear a mask or face covering indoors at all times. Your mask or face covering must be properly worn (fully covering nose and mouth and tight-fitting). Mesh masks, face shields, or face covering that incorporates a valve designed to facilitate easy exhalation are not acceptable. If you have a medical condition or a disability that prevents you from wearing a mask or cloth face covering, you must obtain an accommodation from CFAR (Center for Accessibility Resources) to be exempt from this requirement. State guidelines do not limit class size. Physical distancing accommodations can be made upon request and cleaning supplies are also available for personal use.