**Fall 2020 -- WR 95: College Writing Fundamentals**

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**Required Texts/Packets**

● *English Essentials* by John Langan and Beth Johnson (Does not qualify for book buy-back.)

● *WR 95 Course Packet* (Sold only in the LBCC Bookstore)

**Required Materials and Accounts**

● Notebook

● LBCC Student Email Account (<http://www.linnbenton.edu/lbcc-email>)

**Course Description**

College Writing Fundamentals reviews the writing process, components of good academic writing, conventions of Standard English, and college success strategies. You will acquire pre-writing strategies, practice the drafting process, develop grammar skills, learn the elements of essays, write short essays, and develop your ability to be a successful college student.

**Course Outcomes:**

Upon successfully completing WR95, you will be able to:

* Use the writing process to effectively plan, draft, revise, edit, and proofread essays.
* Use specific, sufficient, relevant support as evidence to develop ideas.
* Use appropriate writer's resources effectively.
* Organize a piece of writing so that the reader is effectively guided through the text.
* Edit and proofread papers for Standard English, correct punctuation, and MLA formatting.
* Demonstrate a personal understanding of college culture and student success behaviors

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

**(15%) Class Participation and Attendance**

**(25%) Homework and In-Class Assignments**

**(15%) Quizzes**

**(25%) Formal Essays** (3 in total)

**(20%) Final Exam** (2 parts: grammar and written)

100%-90%= A 89%-80%=B 79%-70%=C 69%-60%=D 59%-0=F

**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 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.

**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, 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.

**College Registration Deadlines:**

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

Last day to withdraw from class— Week 7

**Course Policies**

**Participation**: For your success, regular engagement and participation is required. Each week, you will be expected to complete assignments and engage with myself as well as your peers to process the course material for the week. Learning takes time, and learning requires multiple opportunities to process, rehash, and engage with the material. The participation opportunities will allow us to do just that. Any course discussions or office hours that are listed for the week are mandatory and add up to 15% of your overall grade for the course. Please engage in these conversations deeply.

**Late Policy:** All assignments are due Sunday by midnight of the week they were assigned unless stated otherwise on the assignment sheet (for example, essays will be introduced weeks before the final draft is due). **Discussion board assignments** can not be made up, as the opportunity to engage with your peers will have passed. **Late unit essays will receive a 10% deduction every day they are late.** All other assignments will receive a 20% deduction if late.

**Extenuating Circumstances/Extensions:** Please talk to me if you are having difficulties keeping up with the course work, or if there are extenuating circumstances that are preventing you from accomplishing your coursework on time. Please email me as soon as you know there will be an issue. When you contact me,

1. Explain what is going on
2. Tell me which assignments will be affected
3. Propose an alternative due date for these assignments.

Extensions WILL NOT be granted if you contact me the day an assignment is due. Please contact me at least 24 hours before the assignment due date for an extension.

**Course Discussion Boards are** a learning environment where the instructor and students respect all ideas and opinions and encourage one another to take risks as learners. I will keep the learning environment safe for learning and focused on the task at hand; you will be aware of your responsibilities as a student, which includes not disrupting the learning environment (See “Student Conduct” section of Student Handbook).

**Accountabilities:** You will be held accountable to the policies as outlined in the LBCC *Student Rights and Responsibilities*. You may get a copy at the Student Life and Leadership office or on the web at<http://www.linnbenton.edu/studentrights>.

**Plagiarism is a serious offense.** 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. You are expected to do your own work.