**WR 121**

**Text: Readings on Moodle**

**Credits: 3**

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### Course Expectations

**Prerequisits:** 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:** 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
* [Click here for the official course outcomes](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/arts-and-communication-division/english/writing/course-outcome-guides/wr121-course-outcome-guide)

**Course Work:**

* Assigned reading
* Three essays
* Final woth 30% of course grade
* In-class quizzes
* Participation in Turnitin

**Grade Distribution -- Please see Moodle grade book.**

**Required texts and materials:**

* Printed copy of Moodle pages (less than $10)
* 3-ring Binder ($3 - 7 dollars)
* Divider tabs ($1)
* Four blue books (less than $2)

### To Access Readings

To start work, please do the following:

1. Go to the following website:<http://elearning.linnbenton.edu/>
2. Log on. Your username is your X number (supplied by LBCC). If you are new to Moodle, the password is your birthday in three digit format.
3. After logging in please update your password.
4. Add a photo to your profile if you'd like. To proceed in the class, just follow the instructions listed for each week. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 541-917-4556.

[Click here for a brief tutorial on taking my class.](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P7IT2wtNyg) Note this tutorial was designed for online classes, so a few details may not apply to you.

### Having trouble logging into Moodle? Call the Student Help Desk at 541-917-4630.

### My Expectations for You

**Do:**

* Do complete all reading and assignments.
* Do come to class.
* Do talk me if you are having difficulties.
* Do be kind and respectful toward everyone in the class (even if you don't like them).
* Do ask questions and share your ideas.
* Do turn off your phone while in class. If you are waiting for an emergency call/text, please take that call/text outside.
* Leave smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes at home (or at least in your bag) during class.

**Don't**

* Don't cheat or plagiarize. Violations in academic honesty will result in failure of an assignment or failure of the course.  [Click here for more information on plagiarism.](http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/plagiarism.html)
* Don't text in class. (Step outside the room if you need to text.)
* Don't talk while others are talking.
* Don't be mean.

**Late Work Policy**

* All assignments (except quizzes) may be turned in up to one week late with no penalty.
* Work that is later than one week (or after the last day of class) will receive a zero.
* Assignments that come in late may not be revised.
* Quizzes must be completed on time to receive credit.

**Rewrites**

* [Almost] every paper that arrives on time may be rewritten once for a higher grade. (Work that contains really obvious plagiarism may not be rewritten and will receive a final score of zero.)
* Revisions must be accompanied by the original essay and my comments.
* All changes you made to the essay must be highlighted in **bold**.
* All rewrites are due within one week of the day I hand back papers. This deadline is the same whether you were in class to receive your paper or not.

### Your Expectations for Me

**When and How to Reach Me**

* I am happy to talk to you about this class. Call, email, or come by my office.
* If you cannot attend my office hours, I will schedule an alternative time to meet.
* I will check and respond to emails once a day, Monday through Friday. I will not respond to emails after business hours, on weekends, or on holidays.

**Accessing Grades**

* I will grade and return your work within one week of the original due date. (I hope that you will allow me one or two late “assignments,” but I will try not to use them.)
* I will talk to you about your grade if you have questions.
* I will post grades on Moodle.
* I will save unclaimed work for three months after the course ends and then recycle it.

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

The LBCC Writing Center can help you take your writing to the next level. Drop in during regular hours or make an appointment. In addition to your draft, please bring your assignment. You may also submit your writing online at lbcc.writingcenteronline.net where you will receive a response within 1-2 business days. For more information, visit the Writing Center online at<http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/learning-center/writing-help>

### School Policies

**Incompletes**

If you have completed 80 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.

**Disability Services**

If you have a documented disability, I will help you in any way I can. Talk to me during the first week of class. If you think you might have a disability, but you are not sure, contact Disability Services, 917-4789.  [Here is a lot more useful information about Disability Services and LBCC's disability policies.](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/disability-services)

**LBCC Non-Discrimination Policy**

Everyone is welcome at LBCC, regardless of whether they are black, white, Latino, native, gay, straight, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, male, female, transgendered, married, disabled, a veteran, a non-English speaker, an immigrant, or any number of other catagories not listed here.  [For the official nondiscrimination policy click here.](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/about-lbcc/policies/equal-opportunity) What is more, LBCC sees our differences as a source of strength and an important part of education. [Click here to see what the LBCC board has to say about diversity.](http://po.linnbenton.edu/BPsandARs/1015%20-%20Nondiscrimination%20Policy.pdf)

### Additional information on major assignments is posted in Moodle.