

Reading and Writing II

Credit 2

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Course Time: Tue 10:10~12:00

9/10 Introduction

University Writing

Key Points

Writing Essays in English Language and Linguistics by Neil Murray

9/17 Punctuations

**What is Plagiarism**

The Writing Process

9/24 Topic Discussion (Individual proposal of research topics) (5%)

Brainstorming

Information-gathering

**Exercise: Two short summaries of two related articles**

10/1 Working towards annotated Bibliography

**Recording your sources**

**Two short summaries of two related articles DUE (10%)**

10/8 Formulating a Thesis

Subject and Topic

How to define

How to describe

**Exercise: 1. Describe how you going to approach your research topic**

**2. choose four major terms from your topic of research and try to define them**

10/15 How to argue

How to discuss cause and effect

**Previous Exercise DUE (10%)**

10/22 Topic Discussion (Individual report on your progress) (5%)  
Further Brainstorming  
Information Gathering

10/29 Deciding whether information is relevant to your purpose

**First argumentative essay in response to two/three related articles DUE  
(please prepare two copies of your essay) (15%)**

11/5 Peer review (10%)  
How to argue  
How to discuss cause and effect

11/12 False Syllogisms  
Bias Red herrings  
Logical Fallacy Begging the question False analogies  
Over-generalisation and under-generalisation  
Overstating the case  
Hedging  
(How to)Keep focused on the question

**Second argumentative essay in response to two/three (different) related  
articles DUE (15%)**

11/19 Writing an Introduction

11/26 Writing the body of your essay

12/3 **First Draft Research Paper DUE (10%)**  
(please prepare two copies)

12/10 Peer review (10%)

12/17 Peer review

12/24 **Second Draft Research Paper DUE (10%)**

12/31 Stylistic issues

1/7 **Final Draft DUE (10%)**