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Department of Rhetoric,
Writing, and Communications

Student Handbook 2026-27

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GENERAL INFORMATION

FIRST YEAR COURSES

The Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications offers Academic Writing and Introduction to Rhetoric and Communications courses at the first-year level.

Academic Writing

**All students must fulfill the University Writing Requirement by taking Academic Writing, or by exemption, prior to enrolling in their 42nd credit hour.*

**Completion of Academic Writing or exemption from the Writing Requirement is a prerequisite for most 2000 and 3000 level RHET courses.*

Academic Writing courses are designed to develop the writing abilities of students in an academic community. They teach compositional and rhetorical skills essential to effective communication. The particular content and approach of each course will vary to meet the diverse needs and interests of our students. Academic Writing is offered in both 3-credit hour and 6-credit hour versions.

Please read the following general descriptions carefully to determine which category of Academic Writing best suits your needs, and then consult the specific course descriptions in this Handbook. You are welcome to consult the Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications or an Academic Advisor for assistance in choosing a suitable course.

Content of Various Courses

The options available for the 3-credit hour version of Academic Writing fall into three categories:

- 1) Sections designed to prepare students for academic writing in major fields of study (Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, and Business & Administration). These sections are designated in WebAdvisor by the following abbreviations:

RHET-1101 Academic Writing: Humanities

RHET-1102 Academic Writing: Social Sci

RHET-1103 Academic Writing: Sciences

RHET-1104 Academic Writing: Bus Admin

- 2) Sections that take a multidisciplinary rather than a discipline-specific approach. These sections are designated in WebAdvisor by the following abbreviation:

RHET-1105 Academic Writing: Multi

The sections offer students a good general approach to academic writing and research which can then be adapted for use in any discipline.

- 3) Sections linked to introductory courses in a variety of disciplines (Academic Writing: Links with the Disciplines). These sections are designated in WebAdvisor by the following abbreviation:

RHET-1106 Academic Writing: Link . . . **(no sections offered in 2026-27)**

Those who decide that they would benefit from an extended course are welcome to enroll in the 6-credit hour version of Academic Writing. The 6-credit hour sections offer students two terms in which to develop their writing to meet the challenges of university. These sections are designated in WebAdvisor by:

RHET-1110 Academic Writing: Extended

There are also 3- and 6-credit hour sections designated for students whose first language is not English. Students may not register in these sections if their first language is English. These sections are designated in WebAdvisor by the following abbreviation:

RHET-1115(3/6) Academic Writing: EAL

Introduction to Rhetoric and Communications (RHET-1120)

Introduction to Rhetoric and Communications is a required first year course for Majors in Rhetoric and Communications and Joint Communications. It is also required for Minors in Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications. **There can be no exemption from taking RHET-1120 for Majors and Minors.**

This course provides a survey level introduction to the interdisciplinary field of rhetoric and communications, and to the role that persuasion and persuasive discourse plays in contemporary communication, culture, and society. Upon completion of Intro to Rhet & Comm, students gain a firm foundation for entry into 2000-level courses.

MAJORS IN RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications offers a 3-Year, 4-Year and Honours BA degree in Rhetoric and Communications.

3-Year and 4-Year Degree Programs

The 3-Year BA and 4-Year BA emphasize the interpretation, evaluation, production, and precise editing of texts for a range of audiences, media, and purposes. As well as writing in a variety of genres, students in these programs read contemporary non-fiction, analyze visual and verbal arguments, trace the impact of print and electronic media on Western culture, and through the study of theory and close attention to textual practices, examine how ideology imprints itself on discourse.

In addition to core courses offered each year, students may choose from a variety of upper-level courses offered usually every other year. Lending itself well to a Double or Combined Major, a Rhetoric and Communications degree prepares students for a wide range of public and private sector careers that depend on advanced analytical and communicative skills, especially in writing.

Students must submit a Major declaration form to Student Central. Forms can be obtained from the [RHET website](#) or Department office.

Honours Degree Program

The Honours BA offers all the benefits of the 3-Year and 4-Year degrees, as well as the opportunity for intensive study of theories and methods in Rhetoric and Communications. This program is designed to prepare qualified students for graduate studies, and also provide understanding of, and qualification in, the fields of Rhetoric and Communications for employment opportunities. Students with an Honours BA in Rhetoric and Communications can enter graduate studies in such fields as Communications, Composition Studies, Media Studies, and Rhetoric, among others.

In addition to core courses at the 1000-, 2000-, and 3000-level, students must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of 4000-level courses, one of which may include the Honours Thesis in Rhetoric and Communications (RHET-4900). The Honours Thesis is a 3-credit hour elective that is best pursued in the final year as a capstone. As part of this course, a student completes a 30-35 page thesis paper under the mentorship of a supervising faculty member in the Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications. The Honours Thesis is taught on a one-on-one basis.

Students must submit an Honours program application/declaration form to join the Program. Students must submit an Honours thesis application form to register for the Honours Thesis course. Forms can be obtained from the [RHET website](#) or Department office.

MINOR IN RHETORIC, WRITING, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Students must complete a 4-year degree program in order to hold a Minor.

Students must submit a Minor declaration form to Student Central. Forms can be obtained from the [RHET website](#) or Department office.

JOINT DEGREE/DIPLOMA IN COMMUNICATIONS

The Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications also offers a program combining university credit courses with the Red River College Polytechnic (RRC Polytech) two-year Creative Communications Diploma program. Students in this program graduate with a 4-Year BA in Communications from The University of Winnipeg (UW) and a Creative Communications Diploma from RRC Polytech. This degree/diploma program ensures that students receive a well-rounded liberal arts education as well as applied and workplace training, preparing them specifically for careers in Journalism, Public Relations, Advertising, or Broadcast Production.

Students must apply separately to UW and RRC Polytech. We recommend that students complete at least 60 out of the required 72 university credit hours at UW before beginning their program at RRC Polytech, as most Creative Communications diploma graduates find work after completing the diploma. That said, students can choose to finish any remaining UW courses part-time while working. Students generally complete all UW courses and the diploma within about five years.

Students must submit a Major declaration form to Student Central. Forms can be obtained from the [RHET website](#) or Department office.

CERTIFICATE IN WRITING

The Certificate in Writing is a standalone 30 credit hour program that consists of current course offerings in the Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications. The Certificate program allows students the flexibility to create a program of study that focuses on elements of written communication, primarily in terms of genre, audience, and textual processes.

Students completing any degree program, non-degree seeking students, and returning graduates are eligible to complete the Certificate. All courses in the Certificate program are also part of the Rhetoric and Communications degree program, and can be used toward a 3-Year, 4-Year or Honours BA in Rhetoric and Communications. (Note that some courses, particularly some electives in English and Theatre and Film, come with prerequisites that do not count toward the Certificate.)

Students must submit a Certificate in Writing declaration form to the Department. Upon completing all required credits, students must also submit an Application to Receive the Certificate in Writing to the Department. Forms can be obtained from the [RHET website](#) or Department office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS. . .

Please start by reading about program requirements in the [University of Winnipeg Academic Calendar](#), available online.

Please note: this Handbook includes course listings and descriptions for only those RHET courses being

offered in the 2026-27 academic year. For a full list of RHET courses available, please see our [website](#) or the [“Course Descriptions” section of the Academic Calendar](#).

We strongly recommend that all prospective students for the Major, Minor, Certificate or Joint Program make an advising appointment with the Department Chair, a Rhetoric faculty advisor, or an academic advisor before registering for courses. Those interested in pursuing the Honours degree are especially advised to speak with the Honours Advisor before applying to the Honours Program. Please call or email the RHET General Office at (204) 258-3865 or rhetoric@uwinnipeg.ca to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

WRITING CENTRE

The Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications has a Writing Centre that supports undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines in any stage of their writing process, from brainstorming a writing assignment to working with a polished draft. The Writing Centre offers free face-to-face and online peer tutoring, drop-in workshops for students, and classroom presentations about writing. The Centre also contains a writing resource library for students to use. Writing Centre facilities include the Computer Writing Lab (3G10) and Tutoring Centre (3G11). The Computer Writing Lab has 30 computer workstations with internet access for essay writing, research, and other student work. The Writing Centre has space for tutoring appointments, studying, and group work. Lab supervisors are also available to assist students with hardware and software problems.

Visit <http://uwinnipeg.ca/writing-centre/> to keep up to date on the services of the Writing Centre.

FALL, FALL/WINTER & WINTER COURSE SCHEDULES

In case of any discrepancy between the schedule below and WebAdvisor, WebAdvisor takes precedence.

Instruction Codes:

Le = in-person lecture

S = in-person seminar

P = Project/Thesis

ONL-A = Asynchronous online

ONL-H = Hybrid online

ONL-S = Synchronous online

A = Apprenticeship, Internship, Practicum

Please check WebAdvisor for instructor and classroom information.

Fall 2026

Title	Course	Sec	Credits	Instr Method	Day	Start	End	Sec Cap
Academic Writing: Humanities	RHET-1101	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	11:30:	12:45:	28
Academic Writing: Humanities	RHET-1101	002	3.0	LE	TuTh	14:30:	15:45:	28
Academic Writing: Social Sci	RHET-1102	001	3.0	LE	MWF	08:30:	09:20:	28
Academic Writing: Social Sci	RHET-1102	050	3.0	LE	M	18:00:	21:00:	28
Academic Writing: Sciences	RHET-1103	001	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Sciences	RHET-1103	002	3.0	LE	TuTh	08:30:	09:45:	28
Academic Writing: Sciences	RHET-1103	003	3.0	LE	MWF	09:30:	10:20:	28
Academic Writing: Bus Admin	RHET-1104	001	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Bus Admin	RHET-1104	050	3.0	LE	M	18:00:	21:00:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	001	3.0	LE	MWF	08:30:	09:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	002	3.0	LE	TuTh	08:30:	09:45:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	003	3.0	LE	MWF	09:30:	10:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	004	3.0	LE	Sa	09:00:	12:00:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	005	3.0	LE	MWF	09:30:	10:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	006	3.0	LE	MWF	11:30:	12:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	007	3.0	LE	TuTh	10:00:	11:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	008	3.0	LE	MWF	10:30:	11:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	009	3.0	LE	TuTh	14:30:	15:45:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	010	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	011	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	012	3.0	LE	TuTh	13:00:	14:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	013	3.0	LE	MWF	13:30:	14:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	014	3.0	LE	MW	14:30:	15:45:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	015	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	510	3.0	LE	TuTh	10:00:	11:15:	23
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	770	3.0	ONL-S	MW	14:30:	15:45:	28
Academic Writing: EAL	RHET-1115	001	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Intro to Rhet and Comm	RHET-1120	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	10:00:	11:15:	35

Professional Style & Editing	RHET-2131	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	10:00:	11:15:	35
Rhetorical Criticism	RHET-2135	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	08:30:	09:45:	35
Contemp Comm Theory	RHET-2137	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	35
Rhetoric of Animality	RHET-2142	001	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	35
Revol in Communicatn	RHET-2246	001	3.0	LE	MWF	13:30:	14:20:	35
Digital Storytelling	RHET-2350	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	11:30:	12:45:	20
Border Rhetoric	RHET-2360	001	3.0	LE	MWF	11:30:	12:20:	25
Writing Tut	RHET-2500	001	3.0	LE	MW	14:30:	15:45:	20
Narrative Thinking & Writing	RHET-3255	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	14:30:	15:45:	35
Composing Winnipeg	RHET-3321	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	13:00:	14:15:	35
Strategies Tech/Pro Comm	RHET-3340	001	3.0	LE	MW	14:30:	15:45:	35
Crit Stud of Social Media	RHET-3450	001	3.0	LES	TuTh	11:30:	12:45:	25
Games & Rhetoric of Play	RHET-3460	001	3.0	LE	F	14:30:	17:15:	25
Modern Rhet Theory	RHET-4138	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	14:30:	15:45:	20
Crit Theory of Discourse	RHET-4151	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	11:30:	12:45:	20
Rhet of Public Sphere	RHET-4401	001	3.0	S	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	20

Fall/Winter 2026-27

Title	Course	Sec	Credits	Instr Method	Day	Start	End	Sec Cap
Academic Writing: Extended	RHET-1110	001	6.0	LE	MWF	09:30:	10:20:	28
Academic Writing: Extended	RHET-1110	130	6.0	LE	Th	09:30:	12:15:	28

Winter 2027

Title	Course	Sec	Credits	Instr Method	Day	Start	End	Sec Cap
Academic Writing: Humanities	RHET-1101	003	3.0	LE	MWF	08:30:	09:20:	28
Academic Writing: Humanities	RHET-1101	004	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Social Sci	RHET-1102	002	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Social Sci	RHET-1102	051	3.0	LE	W	18:00:	21:00:	28
Academic Writing: Sciences	RHET-1103	004	3.0	LE	TuTh	08:30:	09:45:	28
Academic Writing: Sciences	RHET-1103	005	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Bus Admin	RHET-1104	002	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Bus Admin	RHET-1104	051	3.0	LE	M	18:00:	21:00:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	016	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	017	3.0	LE	MWF	08:30:	09:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	018	3.0	LE	TuTh	08:30:	09:45:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	019	3.0	LE	Sa	09:00:	12:00:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	020	3.0	LE	MWF	09:30:	10:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	021	3.0	LE	MWF	10:30:	11:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	022	3.0	LE	TuTh	11:30:	12:45:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	023	3.0	LE	MWF	11:30:	12:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	024	3.0	LE	TuTh	13:00:	14:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	025	3.0	LE	TuTh	13:00:	14:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	026	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	28

Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	027	3.0	LE	MWF	13:30:	14:20:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	028	3.0	LE	MW	14:30:	15:45:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	029	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	28
Academic Writing: Multi	RHET-1105	518	3.0	LE	TuTh	10:00:	11:15:	23
Intro to Rhet and Comm	RHET-1120	002	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	35
Advanced EAL Writing	RHET-2115	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	11:30:	12:45:	25
Professional Style & Editing	RHET-2131	002	3.0	LE	TuTh	08:30:	09:30:	35
Rhetorical Criticism	RHET-2135	002	3.0	LE	MW	14:30:	15:45:	35
Contemp Comm Theory	RHET-2137	002	3.0	LE	TuTh	10:00:	11:15:	35
Oral Communication	RHET-2145	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	13:00:	14:15:	25
Comm & Pop Culture	RHET-2250	001	3.0	LE	MW	16:00:	17:15:	35
Rhetoric Visual Rep	RHET-3139	001	3.0	LE	MWF	13:30:	14:20:	35
Rhetorics of Gender	RHET-3153	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	14:30:	15:45:	35
New Journalism	RHET-3154	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	16:00:	17:15:	35
Environmental Communication	RHET-3155	770	3.0	ONL-S	TuTh	11:30:	12:45:	35
Forms of Inquiry	RHET-3320	001	3.0	LE	TuTh	10:00:	11:15:	30
Investigative Journalism	RHET-3330	050	3.0	LE	Tu	18:00:	21:00:	25
Topics in Rhet Writ & Comm	RHET-3900	001	3.0	LE	F	14:30:	17:15:	35
Rhetoric of Nonfiction	RHET-4150	001	3.0	S	TuTh	13:00:	14:15:	20
Digital Rhetorics	RHET-4152	050	3.0	S	M	18:00:	21:00:	20
Rhetorics of Identity	RHET-4420	001	3.0	S	MW	14:30:	15:45:	20

FALL TERM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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ONL-S = Synchronous online

A = Apprenticeship, Internship, Practicum

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Academic Writing: Humanities

RHET-1101, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 11:30-12:45

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1101 are designed for students likely to major in a discipline in the Humanities, such as English, History, or Philosophy. Assignments may include summaries, reviews, critiques, and research papers. Students are introduced to the styles of documenting sources and to the research databases relevant to the Humanities.

Academic Writing: Humanities

RHET-1101, Section 002, Fall

MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1101-001.

Academic Writing: Social Sciences

RHET-1102, Section 001, Fall

MWF 08:30-09:20

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1102 are designed for students likely to major in a discipline in the Social Sciences, such as Politics, Psychology, or Sociology. Assignments may include annotated bibliographies, literature reviews, and ethnographies. Students are introduced to the styles of documenting sources and to the research databases relevant to the Social Sciences.

Academic Writing: Social Sciences

RHET-1102, Section 050, Fall

M 18:00-21:00

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1102-001.

Academic Writing: Sciences

RHET-1103, Section 001, Fall

MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research:

the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1103 are designed for students likely to major in a discipline in the Sciences, such as Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. Students are introduced to the styles of documenting sources and to the research databases relevant to the Sciences.

Academic Writing: Sciences
RHET-1103, Section 002, Fall
TuTh 08:30-09:45

Instruction Method: Le
See description for RHET-1103-001

Academic Writing: Sciences
RHET-1103, Section 003, Fall
MWF 09:30-10:20

Instruction Method: Le
See description for RHET-1103-001

Academic Writing: Business Admin
RHET-1104, Section 001, Fall
MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le
Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1104, designed for students in Business and Administration, focus on the fundamentals of good writing and critical thinking in academic and institutional settings. Students practise the forms of communication common in business, public administration, and non-profit organizations, such as summaries, reports,

proposals, and correspondence. Students also learn the documentation styles and research databases relevant to Business and administration. The Department website provides detailed information about each section.

Academic Writing: Business Admin
RHET-1104, Section 050, Fall
M 18:00-21:00

Instruction Method: Le
See description for RHET-1104-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 001, Fall
MWF 08:30-09:20

Instruction Method: Le
Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1105, designed for students who have not yet chosen a field of study, take a multidisciplinary rather than discipline-specific perspective. The approach taken in each section (for instance, the assignments, the research methods, and the styles of documentation) varies.

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 002, Fall
TuTh 08:30-09:45

Instruction Method: Le
See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 003, Fall

MWF 09:30-10:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 004, Fall

Sa 09:00-12:00

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 005, Fall

MWF 09:30-10:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 006, Fall

MWF 11:30-12:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 007, Fall

TuTh 10:00-11:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 008, Fall

MWF 10:30-11:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 009, Fall

Schedule: TuTh 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 010, Fall

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 011, Fall

MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 012, Fall

TuTh 13:00-14:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 013, Fall

MWF 13:30-14:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 014, Fall

TuTh 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 015, Fall

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 510, Fall

TuTh 10:00-11:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary

RHET-1105, Section 770, Fall

MW 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: ONL-S

See description for RHET-1105-001

Academic Writing: English as an Additional Language (EAL)

RHET-1115(3), Section 001, Fall

May not be taken by students whose first language is English.

MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research. This course is designed to give students whose first language is not English extensive opportunities to further develop their writing abilities, research skills, and public speaking skills. During the course, students learn to generate, evaluate, and develop ideas logically, support arguments with evidence, gather and document information from a variety of sources, use language clearly and correctly. Particularly, students have extensive opportunities to practice writing different genres of texts, and to develop public speaking skills, through a debate and a research presentation.

Intro to Rhetoric and Communications

RHET- 1120, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 10:00-11:15

Instruction Method: Le

This course provides an introduction to the study of Rhetoric and Communications, and the role that persuasion and persuasive discourse plays in contemporary communication, culture, and society. Topics include the role of persuasion in everyday communication, the relationship between rhetoric and structures of language, and foundations in rhetorical scholarship, writing studies, and the study of communications. Other topics may include the study of rhetoric in political communication, literacy pedagogy and textuality, religion, the law, public relations, and visual rhetoric in art, film, popular culture, and advertising.

Professional Style and Editing

RHET-2131, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 10:00-11:15

Instruction Method: Le

This course teaches students to think as writers, revising prose with reader needs and engagement in mind. It also teaches writers to clarify and expand ideas by finding more precise words and choosing sentence structures and patterns that build sought-after connections and coherence. Students will learn how to write in several prose styles and to edit each other's work in terms of stylistic (as well as grammatical) criteria. The course will include short exercises and quizzes, as well as longer essays, offering opportunities to practice revision and editing skills. It will be of value to students concerned with writing polished term papers or theses, not to other forms of written communication.

Rhetorical Criticism

RHET-2135, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 08:30-09:45

Instruction Method: Le

This course undertakes the study of how persuasion works in speech as well as in other forms of communication and representation. We will explore the rhetorical tradition and several contemporary critical methods, including but not limited to Neo-Aristotelianism, New Criticism, formalism, hermeneutics, structuralism, Marxism, feminism, and narrative criticism. Artifacts we will read, listen to, and view in our critical practice include speeches, written texts, advertisements, works of art, websites, statues, monuments, and other types of cultural object. We will study these artifacts in light of their origins and surroundings, so each artifact is situated in a specific contextual framework..

Contemporary Communication Theory

RHET-2137, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

The aim of this course is to provide students with a critical and philosophical understanding of media and communication that they can use to help better understand their role in shaping their own lives and the world they live in. This course introduces students to some of the central theories in contemporary communication studies. It covers a broad range of topics, including Canadian communications scholarship; the relationship between media and ideology; the 'culture industry', advertising, and public relations; the relationship between democracy, journalism, media and the public

sphere; concerns about media ownership, power and propaganda; new media, platform communication and digital surveillance; and the relation of media and communications to contemporary Globalisation.

Rhetoric of Animality

RHET-2142, Section 001, Fall

MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

This course examines what has come to be known in the humanities as "the question of the animal". It considers how moral discourse in the West has failed to grapple with the physical and metaphysical presence of non-human animals. Students examine how the moral status of animals has been theorized in Western thought. Students interrogate the different tropes used to uphold the human-animal distinction, including the idea that speech, communication, and reason confer a special status upon humanity. Students engage a wide range of writings addressing "the question of the animal".

Revolutions in Communication

RHET-2246, Section 001, Fall

MWF 13:30-14:20

Instruction Method: Le

This course provides students with an historical overview of communication, focusing particularly on those periods in which human relations were dramatically influenced by a shift from one communicative medium to another. After considering the early use of pictorial symbols, the emergence of language, and the development of writing, the course examines some of the profound social changes

effected in the western world by the fifteenth century invention of the printing press. This course will also focus on the revolutionary impact of industrial era communicative technologies such as radio, television, film, and the telephone, before finishing in the digital age with the rise of the computer, the smartphone, the Internet, Artificial Intelligence, and other emerging technologies and platforms.

Digital Storytelling

RHET-2350, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 11:30-12:45

Instruction Method: Le

This course is designed as an introduction to reading and writing digital texts. Just as electronic devices have become the tools of choice for composition, so networks have become a medium of choice for publication. Students learn the effects of the following contexts on writing: real-time, synchronous communication; anytime asynchronous communication; and emerging online genres (such as social media and blogs). Emphasis is on reader awareness in evaluating the credibility of material in the online environment, developing and evaluating an online ethos, and webpage production that balances audience awareness, online conventions, and visual design.

Border Rhetoric

RHET-2360, Section 001, Fall

MWF 11:30-12:20

Instruction Method: Le

A border/land is a physically and symbolically fascinating space. It can be one's home,

commute, conflict, lifeline, opportunity, or identity. This course introduces students to the concept of border/lands and examines how language, culture, and identity within borderlands shape interactions and power dynamics. It also examines the rhetoric regarding geopolitical conflicts and global migration, which provides students with an opportunity to discuss current global conflicts and the underlying factors. By exploring case studies and analyzing discourse surrounding borders, students gain insights into the multifaceted dimensions of border dynamics, geopolitical tensions, and globally displaced populations.

Tutoring Writing

RHET-2500, Section 001, Fall

MW 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: Le

This course provides the theoretical foundations and practical training required to work as a writing tutor in the Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications. Through readings in composition theory, writing centre studies, and peer tutoring pedagogy, students will explore topics such as the composing process, methods of writing assessment, rhetorical expectations in academic writing, tutoring multilingual writers, facilitating writing workshops, the ethical responsibilities within peer-tutoring relationships, and the role of technology including GenAI in writing. Students who successfully complete the course will be expected to be a part of the University of Winnipeg's community of tutors by taking part in peer-tutoring and other writing centre

business.

Narrative Thinking & Writing

RHET- 3255, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: Le

Students in this course consider narrative as a way of thinking or mode of knowing, rather than as a method of transcription. They focus on the narrative methodologies of autobiographical criticism and ethnography by examining texts that represent early and recent examples of each. Working with autobiographical criticism, students consider how feminist theory has been instrumental in the development of criticism that foregrounds the connection between self and text. Turning to ethnography, students examine changes in the relationship between observer and field. In addition to considering these issues as readers of narrative, students are asked to write narratives that engage issues requiring analysis and to reflect on how narration both enables and inhibits the development of ideas.

Composing Our Winnipeg: Rhetoric Of/And the City

RHET-3321, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 13:00-14:15

Instruction Method: Le

How does Winnipeg as place and social hub influence our sense of identity and our writing? How do we understand our city through a filter of language and images? How is Winnipeg like and unlike other cities and how is our local culture connected to global and planetary life? To respond to questions like these, we will consider how paying attention to place—

walking, listening, looking, mapping—can reveal a level of detail we may have overlooked. We will consider how [well] we live together in the city and what discourse practices promote a sense of shared community. Research methods in this course are both traditional and non-traditional. We will conduct some archival research and discourse analysis, as well as ethnographic observations. We will also adapt the concept of researcher as «flâneur», one who observes by being in place—walking, drawing maps, recording sounds, all to create an up-close version/vision of place.

Technical & Professional Communication

RHET-3340, Section 001, Fall

MW 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: Le

Professional and technical communication skills are central to success in the workplace. Strong reading and writing skills—as well as strengths in presenting, listening, problem-solving, and collaborating—are essential qualities for productivity. Designed as an introduction to organizational communication, this course will provide you with experience in different forms of the art, enhancing your ability to read critically, write persuasively, and above all communicate ideas clearly and effectively. This course provides an overview of the field of organizational communication and an introduction to a variety of rhetorical theories, explaining the strategic choices available to professional and technical communicators. Students analyze various artifacts of organizational communication, as well as plan, draft, edit, and design a range of professional and technical documents, such as business

correspondence, proposals, and reports. The assignments stress the importance of a critical analysis of purpose, context, and readership for making effective, appropriate, and ethical choices. Uses and designs of electronic correspondence and on-line information are also discussed.

Critical Studies of Social Media

RHET-3450, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 11:30-12:45

Instruction Method: Le

Social media and social networking websites structure many of our experiences of the world, ourselves, and the culture that surrounds us. This course takes a critical, cultural, and rhetorical approach to the study of social media. Topics include the rhetoric of the public profile and persuasive constructions of social media selfhood and identity curation; the language and meaning of social media "friendship" and "publicity;" questions about the rhetoric of privacy under conditions of constant surveillance; the relationship between discourse, algorithms, and platform logics; and the role of social media in framing the world of meaning and public discourse.

Games and the Rhetoric of Play

RHET-3460, Section 050, Fall

F 14:30-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

Our media landscape has never been more playful! While sports and games are among the most ancient of human art and communication forms, the explosion of video game media—and the subsequent transformation of analog games and “gamification” of traditionally non-playful spaces—have centered games at the epicentre of

our ongoing cultural and technological transformations. This course introduces students to humanities-based game studies, focusing on rhetorical studies of game design, game writing, and play as a medium of communication. Topics may include the debate between ludological (rule-based) and narratological (story-based) approaches, procedural studies, platform and software studies, gamification, games and adaptation studies, and games as rhetorical objects. This course examines games as a discipline in its own right. While it is not a course in game design or programming, students will have the opportunity to create their own games and reflect upon them from the perspectives of rhetorical criticism, design, and play.

Modern Rhetorical Theory

RHET-4138, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: S

This course provides an overview of modern rhetorical theory. It covers several major figures and schools of thought from the twentieth century to the present. Contemporary themes addressed include power, politics, democracy, science, religion, art, media, and popular culture. Students learn how to apply the theories learned in class to everyday life. The aim of the course is to help students become more critically aware of the complexities of our social and symbolic universe.

Critical Theories of Discourse & Ideology

RHET-4151, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 11:30-12:45

Instruction Method: S

Critical theories of discourse and ideology enable us to identify the ways that language and media impacts our worldviews, political and economic

institutions, and everyday lives. This course engages students in an intensive study of theories of discourse and ideology, and various historical approaches to writing and thinking about ideological texts and communicative practices. Using examples from contemporary media and a broad selection of theoretical approaches, it explores different theories of rhetoric, discourse, and ideology that explore how modern mass media and culturally influential belief systems can serve to both reproduce and challenge forms of social power, including relations of class, gender, and race in contemporary society.

Rhetoric of Public Sphere

RHET-4401, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: S

This course adopts a rhetoric and

communications framework for the purpose of conducting an intensive study of the concept of the public sphere, everyday processes of communal discourse and negotiation. It examines written, spoken, visual, gestural, and other texts that mediate relations among people in civic spaces. It may include such topics as the definition of the term "public sphere," the history of public discourse, the relationship between state and civil society, the ethics of public texts and power, the impact of the media in narrating public events, and the textual "handling" of social tensions.

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Please check WebAdvisor for instructor and classroom information.

Academic Writing: Extended

RHET-1110, Section 001, Fall/Winter

MWF 09:30-10:20

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. This course is designed to give students extensive opportunities to further develop their writing abilities, such as generating, evaluating, and developing ideas logically, supporting arguments with evidence, gathering and documenting information from a variety of sources, and using language clearly and correctly.

WINTER TERM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Instruction Codes:

Le = in-person lecture

S = in-person seminar

P = Project/Thesis

ONL-A = Asynchronous online

ONL-H = Hybrid online

ONL-S = Synchronous online

A = Apprenticeship, Internship, Practicum

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Academic Writing: Humanities
RHET-1101, Section 003, Winter
MWF 08:30-09:20

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1101 are designed for students likely to major in a discipline in the Humanities, such as English, History, or Philosophy. Assignments may include summaries, reviews, critiques, and research papers. Students are introduced to the styles of documenting sources and to the research databases relevant to the Humanities.

Academic Writing: Humanities
RHET-1101, Section 004, Winter
MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1101-004

Academic Writing: Social Sciences
RHET-1102, Section 002, Winter
TuTh 16:00-17:15
Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1102 are designed for students likely to major in a discipline in the Social Sciences, such as Politics, Psychology, or Sociology. Assignments may include annotated bibliographies, literature reviews, and ethnographies. Students are introduced to the styles of documenting sources and to the research databases relevant to the Social Sciences.

Academic Writing: Social Sciences
RHET-1102, Section 051, Winter
W 18:00-21:00

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1102-002

Academic Writing: Sciences
RHET-1103, Section 004, Winter
TuTh 08:30- 09:45

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research:

the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1103 are designed for students likely to major in a discipline in the Sciences, such as Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. Students are introduced to the styles of documenting sources and to the research databases relevant to the Sciences.

Academic Writing: Sciences
RHET-1103, Section 005, Winter
TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1103-004.

Academic Writing: Business Admin
RHET-1104, Section 002, Winter
MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1104, designed for students in Business and Administration, focus on the fundamentals of good writing and critical thinking in academic and institutional settings. Students practise the forms of communication common in business, public administration, and non-profit organizations, such as summaries, reports, proposals, and correspondence. Students also learn the documentation styles and research databases relevant to Business and Administration. The Department website

provides detailed information about each section.

Academic Writing: Business Admin
RHET-1104, Section 051, Winter
M 18:00-21:00

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1104-002

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 016, Winter
MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

Academic Writing teaches the essential strategies for university writing and research: the discovery of topics, the arrangement of ideas, the assessment of audience and purpose, and the practice of effective editing. Sections of RHET-1105, designed for students who have not yet chosen a field of study, take a multidisciplinary rather than discipline-specific perspective. The approach taken in each section (for instance, the assignments, the research methods, and the styles of documentation) varies.

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 017, Winter
MWF 08:30-09:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 018, Winter
TuTh 08:30-09:45

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 019, Winter
Sa 09:00-12:00

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 020, Winter
MWF 09:30-10:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 021, Winter
MWF 10:30-11:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 022, Winter
TuTh 11:30-12:45

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 023, Winter
MWF 11:30-12:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 024, Winter
TuTh 13:00-14:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 025, Winter

TuTh 13:00-14:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 026, Winter

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 027, Winter

MWF 13:30-14:20

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 028, Winter

MW 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 029, Winter

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary
RHET-1105, Section 518, Winter

Cross-listed with section RHET-1105-517.

TuTh 10:00-11:15

Instruction Method: Le

See description for RHET-1105-016

Intro to Rhetoric and Communications
RHET-1120, Section 002, Winter

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

This course provides an introduction to the study of Rhetoric and Communications, and the role that persuasion and persuasive discourse plays in contemporary communication, culture, and society. Students examine topics such as the role of persuasion in everyday communication, the relationship between rhetoric and structures of language, and foundations in rhetorical scholarship, writing studies, and communications. Other topics may include the study of rhetoric in political communication, literacy pedagogy and textuality, religion, the law, and visual rhetoric in art, film, popular culture, advertising, and public relations.

**Advanced EAL Writing:
Negotiating Conventions
RHET-2115, Section 001, Winter
TuTh 11:30-12:45****Instruction Method: Le**

This course builds upon the aspects learned in Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary (RHET 1105) and/or other introductory academic writing courses to further develop students' knowledge and experience of the textual as well as multimodal features that characterize discipline-specific as well as research-based academic writing. The emphasis in this course is on developing a more advanced academic literacies in students' own academic discipline; and developing capacities for carrying out a micro-research project or conducting an extended writing project of their choice. This involves study design, critical reading of the relevant literature, data analysis, research-based academic writing, and academic

presentation. In addition to guidance on reading and responding to relevant academic literature, students receive individualized feedback as they draft sections of the research paper of their academic major, including the introduction (I), methods (M), results (R) and discussion (D) sections. This well-known IMRD structure offers students an excellent basis for understanding and practicing variation in representing academic content and in positioning writers and readers. Students will come out of this course better prepared to create small-scale empirical research and/or conceptual discussion and to communicate about their academic project in a written research report and oral presentation.

**Professional Style and Editing
RHET-2131, Section 002, Winter
TuTh 08:30-09:30****Instruction Method: Le**

This course teaches students to revise their prose, not for new ideas but for better phrasing of the ones they already have. Students will learn how to write in several prose styles and to edit each other's work professionally in terms of stylistic (rather than only grammatical) criteria. The course will include a number of short style exercises as well as longer essays, and a great deal of practice in editing. It will be a great help for anyone intending to write polished term papers or theses, not to mention business memos.

**Rhetorical Criticism
RHET-2135, Section 002, Winter
MW 14:30-15:45
Instruction Method: Le**

This course will challenge misconceptions of the art of persuasion, by demonstrating rhetoric's long-term validity as a tool not only of convincing audiences but also deconstructing existing media exposures. The use of rhetoric as a theoretical and critical tool will be considered, with a particular discussion on methods such as Neo-Aristotelian, genre, cluster, discourse analysis, fantasy-theme, visual, ideological, feminist, and metaphorical criticism. Media examples to be critiqued will include samples from prominent popular media including television, radio, advertising, art, political speeches, essays, comics, articles, and more. For the rhetorical critic, such uses of language are considered worthy of close analysis not only because they have lasting aesthetic value, but because they reveal cultural values and social trends, influence the development of meaning, and motivate audiences.

Students in this course will examine a variety of media in order to develop their own perspective of rhetorical criticism, which views language acts as responses to historical circumstances, addressed to particular audiences and motivated by particular goals. Contemporary, written texts will comprise the bulk of the reading in the course, but speeches, pre-modern texts, and non-written texts may also be considered. In addition, students will be encouraged to suggest other readings (including online, magazine, and newspaper articles, etc.) that are suitable for rhetorical analysis and critique.

Contemporary Communication Theory
RHET-2137, Section 002, Winter

TuTh 10:00-11:15

Instruction Method: Le

This course introduces students to some of the central theories in contemporary communication studies. Through the reading of primary source texts, the course provides students with an historical, critical, conceptual, and philosophical understanding of communication and media. Through assigned readings, written assignments, and class discussions students learn about foundational scholars who have contributed to contemporary communication theories. In the first half of the course, students learn about the role that media form plays in the production of persuasive rhetoric. Students will learn about the mathematical model of communication, cybernetics, and medium theory. They will also learn about the Canadian tradition of communication studies, with a focus on figures such as Harold A. Innis and Marshall McLuhan.

The second half of the course focuses on representational theories or models of communication, which look at the production and exchange of meanings and ideology. Students will learn about Marxian and psychoanalytic theories of representation, structuralism and semiotics, cultural studies approaches, media democracy and the public sphere, and postmodern perspectives on digital media, surveillance, and control. Through our examination of representational theories of communication, students will learn how to question and think critically about the practices of disinformation, indoctrination, manipulation, and propaganda in contemporary media and communications. They will also learn that persuasive communication requires forms of

representation and articulation that correspond to the forms of particular media. By the end of the course, students will be able to produce media and ideology criticism and will attain skills that may be used for the production of persuasive communication in contemporary multimedia environments in the public sphere.

Oral Communication

RHET-2145, Section 001, Winter

TuTh 13:00-14:15

Instruction Method: Le

The journey of human communication arguably started with the voice, and the power of speech retains its significance today even amidst our digital mediascape. Covering traditional forms of oral culture and communication, as well as more recent developments in oral media, this course will allow students the opportunity to both analyze and critique spoken works as well as practice their own. The goals of this course are threefold: to improve students' presentation skills in both design and delivery, to develop their critical analysis of presentations, and to extend their scholarly understanding of rhetoric and oratory.

This course covers such topics as presentation structure, paralinguistic communication, the use of technology, charisma, gender and delivery, and rhetorical strategies of identification. Students develop their speaking skills (and rhetorical acumen) in very practical ways by addressing different audiences through different communicative forms, including conversation and class discussion, as well as group and individual presentations. These activities are informed,

always, by rhetorical history and theory and by close consideration of why and how one might speak in the first place—and when, why, and how one might listen as well. Course work is evenly distributed between praxis-centred performance and scholarly reading and analysis, with assignments including both spoken presentations and theory-based research work.

Communication & Popular Culture

RHET-2250, Section 002, Winter

MW 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

This course examines the relationship between the rise of new media and 'popular culture'. The course looks at changing rhetorics of taste, from the nineteenth to the twentieth century, as new media and social developments made art and culture more accessible to the public. The course also examines how new processes of mediated distribution of art changed the discursive strategies for writing about popular culture and its connections to relations of social power, political and economic institutions, and everyday life.

Course topics include: the rise of photography and the technological reproducibility of images; mass media and the culture industry; technology and globalization; and the rise of digital pop culture. The goal of this course is to provide students with a sense of the historical, social-political, and cultural contexts in which contemporary communications take place, and to better understand the ways pop culture in its various forms impact our broader society and day-to-day lives.

Rhetoric of Visual Representation

RHET-3139, Section 001, Fall

MWF 13:30-14:20

Instruction Method: Le

This course equips students with the tools to critically analyze and creatively engage with multimodal texts, focusing on the interplay between visual, linguistic, and other semiotic resources. Students will investigate how images, symbols, and multimodal designs communicate meaning across different cultural and social contexts. The course emphasizes the interconnectedness of various semiotic modes and resources—such as text, image, color, and layout—and how they work together to construct and convey messages.

Drawing on theories of multimodality and social semiotics, students will critically analyze multimodal texts from advertising, film, digital media, and popular culture. They will explore the power dynamics, cultural codes, and ideologies embedded in multimodal representations, examining how these elements shape perception and influence audiences. Through a combination of theoretical and practical applications, students will develop lens to deconstruct and create persuasive multimodal texts. They will also engage in projects that challenge them to think creatively about the role of multimodality in contemporary society, enhancing their ability to interpret and produce complex multimodal compositions..

Rhetorics of Gender

RHET-3153, Section 001, Winter

TuTh 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: Le

This course examines how gender is constructed, negotiated, and contested through language and discourse, exploring everyday interaction, institutional communication, media texts, and evolving gendered norms. Students investigate how linguistic practices shape and reflect identities, power relations, and social inequalities, drawing on contemporary research in language, gender, sexuality as well as key feminist and queer perspectives. While the course is grounded in sociolinguistic and discourse-analytic approaches, it also invites other approaches to examine how gendered meanings, ideas, and discourses circulate across cultural, political, and multimodal contexts. Through weekly readings, class discussions, and analytical assignments, students develop a deeper understanding of how language, discourse, and gender intertwine in shaping social life and how critical analysis can illuminate and challenge dominant ideologies.

The New Journalism

RHET-3154, Section 001, Fall

TuTh 16:00-17:15

Instruction Method: Le

"New Journalism" arose in the 1960s when Truman Capote, Tom Wolf, Joan Didion, Hunter S. Thompson, and others began to infuse their reporting with rhetorical and literary technique, creating a hybrid genre of reportage that was both factual and artistic. They dethroned the novel as the most prestigious outlet for imaginative literary talent in their generation and instigated the first powerful renewal of North American letters in fifty years. The

course includes works of both early and later periods of this movement and considers a number of critical and theoretical statements about its practice.

Environmental Communication

RHET-3155, Section 770, Winter

TuTh 11:30-12:45

Instruction Method: ONL-S

This course examines the role of media, communication, culture, and rhetoric in the public sphere in raising awareness about environmental issues like climate change. This course explores how different actors (e.g., corporations, governments, environmental groups) talk about the 'environment' to further their interests and values. It also engages with how different forms of journalism and media impact our ability to address environmental problems, as well as the role communication and rhetoric play in contemporary environmental advocacy. These issues are explored using the climate crisis as a focal lens to better engage with the growing field of environmental communication and its relation to ecological sustainability.

Forms of Inquiry in Written Communication

RHET-3320, Section 001, Winter

TuTh 10:00-11:15

Instruction Method: Le

This course encourages an ethnographic approach to studying how groups communicate, formulate expressive culture, and use technologies. The major assignment for the course is a staged research project, for which students conduct initial exploratory research on a group of their choice, followed by

a project proposal and human ethics research training. After the proposals are approved, students then undertake fieldwork through observation, participation, interviews, and/or the collection of artifacts (physical and/or textual). The final stage of the project includes writing out the data collected during research and writing up a final ethnographic study of the group.

Investigative Journalism

RHET-3330, Section 050, Winter

Tu 18:00-21:00

Instruction Method: Le

This course provides an overview of the history, theory and practice of investigative journalism in Canada. It will place this form of journalism into its historical context and survey its major practitioners, including both print and broadcast journalists. The theoretical framework of investigative journalism will be analyzed, and parallels will be drawn to the other social sciences. You will also learn some of the practical tools of the investigative journalist, including search strategies, chronologies, computer-assisted reporting, online research methods, study and analysis of public records, and access-to-information methods. The ethics and legalities of investigative journalism will be surveyed, along with analysis of case studies. As well, you will learn practical lessons about structuring and writing projects for both print and broadcast.

Seminar discussions will be as interactive as possible. Examples of investigative print projects, as well as videos will be used. Required texts will prepare you for many of the course's components.

Assignments and tests will gauge your understanding of both the theoretical concepts involved, and the practical tools of the investigative journalist.

Topics in Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications

**RHET-3900, Section 001, Winter
F 14:30-17:15**

Instruction Method: Le

This course offers a study of an area of rhetoric, writing, or communications not covered by the general courses in the department. Depending on the particular expertise or research interests of a given instructor, it may, for instance, centre on the rhetorics of a particular genre, a particular political focus, or a given thematic. The course also allows students to explore a given theoretical approach at a more advanced level than they might in other offerings. This course may be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

Rhetoric of Nonfiction

**RHET-4150, Section 001, Winter
TuTh 13:00-14:15**

Instruction Method: S

This course examines nonfiction writing as a creative and critical genre. Creative nonfiction is experience- and fact-based while at the same time drawing on a wide range of literary and rhetorical resources to entertain, inform, and persuade readers. Nonfiction encompasses a variety of genres, and we will examine a range of examples – personal essays, travel and nature writing, memoir and biography, to name a few. The course considers ethical issues that attend this form of writing: the power the

writer assumes by taking on the role of telling the story and questions of language and truth. We will apply Walter Fisher's standards for judging narratives, to understand why a reader finds some stories more compelling than others. The course offers opportunities for students to read and to practice various forms of nonfiction writing.

Digital Rhetorics

**RHET-4152, Section 001, Winter
M 18:00-21:00**

Instruction Method: S

This course examines digital rhetorics through the lens of critical theory, with particular attention to the relationship between media, ideology, subjectivity, and contemporary capitalism. Organized in two parts – Digital Capitalism, Ideology, and Control and Media, Democracy, and Digital Subjectivity – the course situates contemporary digital rhetorics within the frameworks of medium theory, Marxism, post-structuralism, and psychoanalysis.

In the first half of the course, students explore the ideological and infrastructural dimensions of digital capitalism through foundational concepts such as surveillance, interpellation, and the Symbolic order in order to analyze data extraction, platform governance, and algorithmic control. Thinkers including Zuboff, Marx, Foucault, Althusser, Lacan, Baudrillard, Jameson, Mouffe, and Žižek, are used to interrogate whether contemporary digital systems represent a transformation of capitalism or an intensification of its underlying logic.

The second half turns to the issue of digital subjectivity, and questions whether digital media enhances or deters the democratic environment. Drawing on Harari, McLuhan, Debord, Deleuze and Guattari, Chun, Han, and Marcuse, the course examines how digital rhetorics shape perception, habit, and political life. Topics include networked control, repetition and habituation, ideological narrative, and the shift from biopolitics to “infopolitics.” Students will critically assess whether digital media foreclose political alternatives or open new possibilities for antagonism, democratic struggle, and emancipatory praxis. Students will learn to situate contemporary technologies – such as artificial intelligence, platform economies, and algorithmic governance – within broader theoretical debates about ideology and human subjectivity. The course ultimately asks: how should we understand power, subjectivity, and independent thought in an era of pervasive digital mediation?

Rhetorics of Identity

RHET-4420, Section 001, Winter

MW 14:30-15:45

Instruction Method: S

This course undertakes an intensive study into the symbolic mediation of identity. It examines how symbolic systems reflect, produce, and challenge such concepts as gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, class, (dis)ability, age, nationality, and humanness. Drawing connections between discourses and privilege, the course explores identity politics, constitutive rhetoric, civic identity, and the performance and circulation of digitally mediated identities. The course will also provide students with an opportunity to analyze their own identities and social discourse in relation to their identity markers and consider how power, privilege, and social location influence communications. By developing this awareness, students will gain insight into rhetorics of people from diverse backgrounds.