



ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

DIVISION: Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social Sciences

COURSE: ENG 2000 Technical and Business Writing

Date: December 2018

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisite(s): Successful completion of ENG 1001.

Delivery Method: **Lecture** **3 Contact Hours** (1 contact = 1 credit hour)
 Seminar **0 Contact Hours** (1 contact = 1 credit hour)
 Lab **0 Contact Hours** (2-3 contact = 1 credit hour)
 Clinical **0 Contact Hours** (3 contact = 1 credit hour)
 Online
 Blended

Offered: **Fall** **Spring** **Summer**

IAI Equivalent –**Only for Transfer Courses**-go to <http://www.itransfer.org>: C1 900

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Designed for the student in baccalaureate technical and business programs, this course focuses on the types of on-the-job writing encountered in technical, professional, and business areas: short and long report writing in the student's major, as well as other standard practical, technical and business written communication (such as formal letters, professional e-mail, resumes/cover letters, proposals, and instructions).

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS ADDRESSED

[See last page for Course Competency/Assessment Methods Matrix.]

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able:

[Choose up to three goals that will be formally assessed in this course.]

- To apply analytical and problem solving skills to personal, social, and professional issues and situations.
- To communicate successfully, both orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences.
- To construct a critical awareness of and appreciate diversity.
- To understand and use technology effectively and to understand its impact on the individual and society.
- To develop interpersonal capacity.
- To recognize what it means to act ethically and responsibly as an individual and as a member of society.
- To recognize what it means to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle in terms of mind, body, and spirit.
- To connect learning to life.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES AND RELATED COMPETENCIES:

[Outcomes related to course specific goals. See last page for more information.]

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Recognize and apply techniques for effective writing
 - 1.1 Research, plan, and organize writing
 - 1.2 Express ideas clearly, honestly, and effectively in writing
 - 1.3 Revise, edit, and proofread writing
2. Recognize and apply techniques for effective presentation of numerical data
 - 2.1 Analyze numerical data
 - 2.2 Organize and express numerical data clearly and effectively in writing
3. Recognize and apply techniques of critical thinking and problem-solving
 - 3.1 Understand importance of critical thinking and problem-solving skills to effective writing
 - 3.2 Apply critical thinking and problem-solving steps to specific writing situations
 - 3.3 Apply critical thinking in reading and understanding written documents
4. Write acceptable routine business/technical documents, including paper memos, professional e-mails, letters, resumes, cover letters, short and long reports, and other standard documents (e.g. abstracts, transmittal documents, tables of contents, proposals, instructions, etc.)
 - 4.1 Identify audience and purpose for business/technical writing
 - 4.2 Apply appropriate writing strategies based on audience, purpose and content
 - 4.3 Employ appropriate format and page design for business/technical documents (e.g. letter format, memo format, report format; effective use of headings, lists, typographical devices, etc.)
 - 4.4 Select, design, and incorporate appropriate visuals for technical/business writing (e.g. tables, graphs, charts, drawings, diagrams, etc.)

- 4.5 Conduct primary and secondary research using library databases and other reliable sources
- 4.6 Include and document correctly source material in writing using standard documentation formats (e.g. MLA, APA)
- 4.7 Use standard English in writing (i.e. correct and effective sentence structure, grammar, and mechanics)
- 4.8 Employ appropriate style for business/technical documents
- 4.9 Utilize effective revision, editing and proof-reading strategies in producing final drafts

- 5. Employ up-to-date communication technology
 - 5.1 Use current word-processing software effectively
 - 5.2 Use relevant presentation software effectively
 - 5.3 Navigate online environments effectively (e.g. websites, discussion boards, etc.)

- 6. Apply techniques of collaborative writing
 - 6.1 Work in a team to analyze and provide suggestions on the format and content of technical and business documents.
 - 6.2 Work in a team to plan, organize, write, and edit business/technical documents.

MAPPING LEARNING OUTCOMES TO GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

[For each of the goals selected above, indicate which outcomes align with the goal.]

Goals	Outcomes
First Goal	
To communicate successfully, both orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and apply techniques for effective writing • Recognize and apply techniques for effective presentation of numerical data • Apply techniques of critical thinking and problem-solving • Write acceptable routine business/technical documents, including paper memos, professional e-mails, letters, resumes, cover letters, short and long reports, and other standard documents (e.g. abstracts, transmittal documents, tables of contents, proposals, instructions, etc.) • Employ up-to-date communication technology • Apply techniques of collaborative writing
Second Goal	
To recognize what it means to act ethically and responsibly as an individual and as a member of society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express ideas clearly, honestly, and effectively in writing • Recognize and apply techniques for effective presentation of numerical data • Select, design, and incorporate appropriate visuals for technical/business writing (e.g. tables, graphs, charts, drawings, diagrams, etc.)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct primary and secondary research using library databases and other reliable sources • Include and document correctly source material in writing using standard documentation formats (e.g. MLA, APA)
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COURSE TOPICS AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. The communication process
2. The writing situation (topic, audience, purpose, tone)
3. Content and organization of standard business/technical documents
4. Formats and design for standard business/technical documents
5. Routine memos, e-mail, and letters (e.g order, collection, claim, inquiry, sales, adjustment, acknowledgment, etc.)
6. Short and long reports (e.g. travel, progress, incident, recommendation, analytical, proposals, etc.)
7. Resumes and cover letters
8. Other standard business/technical documents (e.g abstracts, transmittal documents, tables of contents, proposals, instructions, etc.)
9. Presentations and presentation software
10. Research skills and documentation of source material
11. Word-processing
12. Visual literacy
13. Sentence structure, style, grammar, and mechanics
14. Presenting numerical data
15. Revision, editing, and proofreading
16. Critical thinking and problem-solving
17. Collaboration and team-building
18. International communication
19. Legal and ethical issues

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

1. Lectures
2. Small and large group discussions
3. Audio-visual presentations
4. Small/large group activities (e.g. role-playing, problem-solving, collaborative writing, etc.)
5. Writing assignments and exercises (both in-class and out-of-class)
6. Quizzes

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Text
2. Audio-visual materials (e.g. web page, PowerPoint presentations, Blackboard, etc.)
3. Electronic and/or paper handouts and sample documents
4. Instructional technologies (e.g. computers, LCD projector, document camera, white-board, etc.)

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AND METHODS OF EVALUATION:

1. Read text and other course materials
2. Attend class

3. Complete written assignments, exercises, and quizzes
4. Read and respond to one another's writing
5. Contribute to class and group discussions
6. Collaborate with other students
7. Be on time and prepared for class
8. Exhibit professional behavior

Student work will be evaluated at the discretion of the instructor based upon current standards of practice in business/technical writing, with a focus on the effectiveness of the written documents.

Student work will be graded and course grades assigned based on the following scale:

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 70-79

D= 60-69

F= 0-59

OTHER REFERENCES

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Course Competency/Assessment Methods Matrix

ENG 2000—Technical and Business Writing	Assessment Options																															
For each competency/outcome place an “X” below the method of assessment to be used.	Assessment of Student Learning	Article Review	Case Studies	Group Projects	Lab Work	Oral Presentations	Pre-Post Tests	Quizzes	Written Exams	Artifact Self Reflection of Growth	Capstone Projects	Comprehensive Written Exit Exam	Course Embedded Questions	Multi-Media Projects	Observation	Writing Samples	Portfolio Evaluation	Real World Projects	Reflective Journals	Applied Application (skills) Test	Oral Exit Interviews	Accreditation Reviews/Reports	Advisory Council Feedback	Employer Surveys	Graduate Surveys	Internship/Practicum /Site Supervisor Evaluation	Licensing Exam	In Class Feedback	Simulation	Interview	Written Report	Assignment
	Direct/ Indirect	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	I	I	I	I	D	D							
Assessment Measures – Are direct or indirect as indicated. List competencies/outcomes below.																																
1. Recognize and apply techniques for effective writing																																
1.1 Research, plan, and organize writing		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X	X	X	X	
1.2 Express ideas clearly, honestly, and effectively in writing		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X		
1.3 Revise, edit, and proofread writing		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X			
2. Recognize and apply techniques for effective presentation of numerical data																																
2.1 Analyze numerical data		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X			
2.2 Organize and express numerical data clearly and effectively in writing		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X			
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3.1 Understand importance of critical thinking and problem-solving skills to effective writing		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X			
3.2 Apply critical thinking and problem-solving steps to specific writing situations		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X			

3.3 Apply critical thinking in reading and understanding written documents		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4. Write acceptable routine business/technical documents, including paper memos, professional e-mails, letters, resumes, cover letters, short and long reports, and other standard documents (e.g. abstracts, transmittal documents, tables of contents, proposals, instructions, etc.)																										
4.1 Identify audience and purpose for business/technical writing		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.2 Apply appropriate writing strategies based on audience, purpose and content		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.3 Employ appropriate format and page design for business/technical documents (e.g. letter format, memo format, report format; effective use of headings, lists, typographical devices, etc)		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.4 Select, design, and incorporate appropriate visuals for technical/business writing (e.g. tables, graphs, charts, drawings, diagrams, etc.)		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.5 Conduct primary and secondary research using library databases and other reliable sources		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.6. Include and document correctly source material in writing using standard documentation formats (e.g. MLA, APA)		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.7 Use standard English in writing (i.e. correct and effective sentence structure, grammar, and mechanics)		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.8 Employ appropriate style for business/technical documents		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X
4.9 Utilize effective revision, editing and proof-reading strategies in producing final drafts		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X		X	X

