The focus of the English 2 course is the writing process. Three writing applications guide the curriculum: persuasive, expository, and narrative writing. Each lesson culminates in a written assignment that lets students demonstrate their developing skill in one of these applications.

English 2 follows the model of English 1 by including at least one anchor text per lesson, but the essays, articles, stories, poems, and speeches are often presented as models for students to emulate as they practice their own writing. So that these readings may serve as proper examples for students, a high proportion of texts for this course are original pieces.

English 2 also continues to develop students’ reading, listening, and speaking skills. Readings include poems, stories, speeches, plays, and a graphic novel, as well as a variety of informational texts. The readings represent a wide variety of purposes and cultural perspectives, ranging from the Indian epic The Ramayana to accounts of Hurricane Katrina told through different media. Audio and video presentations enhance students’ awareness and command of rhetorical techniques and increase their understanding of writing for different audiences.

Length: Two Semesters

UNIT 1: THE WRITTEN WORD

LESSON 1: EXPOSITORY PROSE

Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Text Features and Visual Cues
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: From On Writing Well by William Zinsser
Read and demonstrate comprehension of “The Transaction” from On Writing Well by William Zinsser.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Writing Versus Speech
Differentiate written prose from the spoken word examine the strengths of each and explore the challenges that are unique to writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Writing Versus Speech
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Two Readings about Pluto
Listen to "Astrophysicist Chronicles the Battle Over Pluto" by Melissa Block and read preface from The Pluto Files by Neil deGrasse Tyson and recall details from each.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Two Readings about Pluto
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Expository Writing
Define expository writing and distinguish its characteristics from speech in written and spoken works by the same author.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Expository Writing
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
LESSON 2: PERSUASIVE PROSE

Study: Understand the Elements of Rhetoric
Define rhetoric and identify ethos, pathos, and logos in common examples.

Quiz: Understand the Elements of Rhetoric
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Read: From *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare
Read and demonstrate comprehension of Act III scene ii of *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare.

Quiz: From *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the effectiveness of an example of persuasion.

Study: Analyze Using Rhetoric to Sway an Audience
Analyze the different ways that rhetoric can be used to persuade an audience by examining a famous example.

Quiz: Analyze Using Rhetoric to Sway an Audience
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Write: Prepare Persuasive Writing
Explore civil and fair ways to respond to counterclaims, especially in an online environment.

Project: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

LESSON 3: NARRATIVE PROSE

Read: "What's Your Story?"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "What's Your Story?"

Study: Understand Narrative and Plot
Define narrative and identify the basic elements of plot.

Quiz: Understand Narrative and Plot
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Read: The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapter 4 of The Story of My Life by Helen Keller.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze The Story and its Narrator
Recognize the characteristics of a narrative and plot in an example and explore the narrator's role in conveying the narrative and plot.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze The Story and its Narrator
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Personal Narrative
Demonstrate an understanding of how to use transitions to guide the reader through topical temporal spatial and emotional shifts in a narrative at an appropriate pace.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE WRITTEN WORD
Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Wording in Test Questions
Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Written Word
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Written Word
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The Written Word
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

UNIT 2: THE STORY
LESSON 1: PLOT
Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Activating Prior Knowledge
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "I Just Couldn't Put It Down!"
Read and demonstrate understanding of the "I Just Couldn't Put It Down!"
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Conflict and Plot
Define the basic elements of plot and recognize effective versus ineffective use of these elements in a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points
Quiz: Understand Conflict and Plot
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: American Born Chinese, Part 1
Read and recall details from pages 7 through 106 of American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: American Born Chinese, Part 1
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Multiple Plots
Explore the different ways that writers can manipulate the traditional structure of plot to create specific effects.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Multiple Plots
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Review
Explore the distinction between professional and amateur writing in published works, such as a reviews, focusing on clauses, phrases, and parallel structure.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: CHARACTER

Study: Understand Types of Characters
Define different character types and determine their roles in a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Characters
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: American Born Chinese, Part 2
Read and demonstrate comprehension of Pages 109 through 233 of American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: American Born Chinese, Part 2
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the role of a character from a sample story.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze The Character Arc
Examine how internal and external conflict contribute to the development of a character over the course of a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze The Character Arc
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Character Analysis
Explore how to provide comprehensive and well-written replies to short answer and essay questions about literature, making connections between literary elements such as plot, theme, and characterization.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Write an essay that analyzes a complex character's interactions with other characters his or her role in advancing the plot and that character's development over the course of a story.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

**LESSON 3: DESCRIPTION**

**Read: "Watching the World from the Riverbank"**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Watching the World from the Riverbank."

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Mood**
Examine how the diction used to create imagery in a work of fiction affects the story's mood.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Mood**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Analyze Pacing and Dialogue**
Examine the effects of pacing and dialogue on the apparent speed at which story events occur.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Pacing and Dialogue**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Write: Prepare a Scene**
Define the most common points of view used in narratives and identify the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE STORY**

**Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Multiple-Choice Question Strategies**
Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Review: The Story**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): The Story**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points
UNIT 3: LITERARY CRITICISM

LESSON 1: THEME

Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Monitoring and Applying Fix-Up Strategies
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Five Stars for Literary Critics"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Five Stars for Literary Critics."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand The Meaning of Theme
Define theme and identify the kinds of themes that are often examined in literary criticism.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand The Meaning of Theme
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "To Build a Fire" by Jack London
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "To Build a Fire" by Jack London.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "To Build a Fire" by Jack London
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Interpretation
Infer and interpret the theme of a text to understand its development over the course of a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Interpretation
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Summary and an Analysis
Differentiate a subjective understanding of a text from an objective understanding and identify the writing style that fits both.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Study: Understand Types of Figurative Language
Define common types of figurative language and identify their purpose in works of literature.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Figurative Language
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Various Poems
Read and demonstrate comprehension of Various Poems.
Quiz: Various Poems
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the centrality of figurative language in poetry.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze The Meanings of Words
Examine the effect of connotation on the tone of a work of literature
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze The Meanings of Words
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Poetry Annotations
Explore ways of using annotations and introductory text to help readers understand poetic language.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: CONTEXT

Read: "Quick Guide to the Ramayana"
Watch and demonstrate comprehension of "Quick Guide to the Ramayana" from the British Library.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Culture and Literature
Explore how an author's or reader's culture affects the meaning of a work of literature.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Culture and Literature
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: The Ramayana and an Illustration
Read and recall details from chapters 12 through 16 of the Kishkindha Kanda of the Ramayana by Valmiki and view "Illustration of Sugriva Challenging Vali."
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Ramayana and an Illustration
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Literary Tradition and Medium
Examine how the meaning of a traditional story changes when an artist reinterprets it in a different medium.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Literary Tradition and Medium
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare an Analysis Essay
Review strategies for organizing an analytical essay.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points
Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: LITERARY CRITICISM

Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Short-Answer and Essay Questions
Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Literary Criticism
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Literary Criticism
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Literary Criticism
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

UNIT 4: THE RESEARCH PAPER

LESSON 1: FINDING SUPPORT

Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Drawing Inferences
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: Introduction to Fast Food Nation
Read and demonstrate comprehension of the introduction to Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand The Research Question
Define research and identify the characteristics of a quality research question.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand The Research Question
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Fast Food Nation, Part 1
Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapters 1 through 3 of Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Fast Food Nation, Part 1
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Evaluating Credibility
Identify the most common types of sources cited in research papers and evaluate their credibility.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Evaluating Credibility
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part 1
Recognize correct MLA citation standards for researched sources.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points
**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Plan an expository research essay by gathering information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources and following MLA format for citation.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

**LESSON 2: USING SOURCES**

**Study: Understand The Role of the Researcher**
Define *synthesis* and *plagiarism* and differentiate the two by gaining an understanding of the writer-researcher's role in creating a research paper.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand The Role of the Researcher**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: Fast Food Nation, Part 2**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapters 4 through 7 of *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Fast Food Nation, Part 2**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out**
Discuss the effectiveness of Schlosser's use of sources to support his ideas.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Analyze Incorporating Source Material**
Identify the ways an author uses sources to support claims and apply these techniques.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Incorporating Source Material**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part II**
Examine the role of organization in presenting researched information to a reader in an essay.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**LESSON 3: REVISION**

**Read: "A Culinary Wasteland" by Cynthia Crossen**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "A Culinary Wasteland" by Cynthia Crossen.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Review and Revision**
Determine the criteria by which a reviewer evaluates a written work and apply those criteria in revising one's own work.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Review and Revision**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: Fast Food Nation, Part 3**
Read and recall details from chapters 8 through 10 and the epilogue of *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points
Quiz: *Fast Food Nation, Part 3*
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Analyze Revising by Criteria**
Evaluate one's writing based on standards found in a professionally written work.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Revising by Criteria**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part III**
Apply revision strategies to identify weaknesses in a written work.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

**Lesson 4: Wrap up: The Research Paper**

**Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Study Habits**
Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Review: The Research Paper**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): The Research Paper**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): The Research Paper**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

**Unit 5: Wrap Up**

**Lesson 1: Wrap Up**

**Review: Wrap Up**
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Exam: Wrap Up**
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 50 points

**Final Exam: Wrap Up**
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

**Unit 6: Practical Documents**

**Lesson 1: Organization**

**Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Making Mental Images**
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Read: "Charting the Path"**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Charting the Path."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Organizing Information**
Identify the most common organizational schemes found in practical documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Organizing Information**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: Three Uniquely Organized Documents**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of three practical documents with unique organizational schemes.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Three Uniquely Organized Documents**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Analyze Organizing Paragraphs**
Recognize the use of specific organizational schemes in sample texts at both the document and paragraph level.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Organizing Paragraphs**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Write: Prepare an Outline**
Examine how topics and subtopics are organized in a document at the paragraph and section level.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

**LESSON 2: CLARITY**

**Read: On Writing Well by William Zinsser**
Recognize the characteristics of clearly-presented documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Clarity**
Recognize the characteristics of clearly presented documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Clarity**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery"**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery."
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery"**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Analyze Page Layout**
Evaluate the layout of a technical document for clarity using common guidelines for incorporating visual elements.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points
Lesson 3: Formal Letters

Study: Understand Audience Sensitivity
Examine audience as an essential consideration in written communication.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Audience Sensitivity
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Two Sample Cover Letters
Read and demonstrate comprehension of two sample cover letters.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Two Sample Cover Letters
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the potential for dishonesty in writing persuasive letters.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze Strengths and Weaknesses of Cover Letters
Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses in the content of sample cover letters based on audience expectations.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Strengths and Weaknesses of Cover Letters
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Cover Letter
Explore ways of communicating with, and appealing to, potential employers by using effective language, including vocabulary that is specific to the job one is applying for.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Lesson 4: Wrap Up: Practical Documents

Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Being Emotionally and Physically Prepared
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Practical Documents
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 0 points
UNIT 7: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

LESSON 1: TONE

Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Summarizing
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Vertically Challenged Sanitation Engineer Wanted"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Vertically Challenged Sanitation Engineer Wanted."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand How to Persuade with Tone and Diction
Explore how the connotations of an author's words can persuade readers in subtle ways.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand How to Persuade with Tone and Diction
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "On Indian Removal" and "Samuel's Memory"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "President Andrew Jackson's Message to Congress 'On Indian Removal (1830)'" and "Samuel's Memory" by Michael Rutledge.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "On Indian Removal" and "Samuel's Memory"
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Contrasting Tones
Explore how two different authors use language to establish the contrasting tones of their works.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Contrasting Tones
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Compare-and-Contrast Essay
Identify strategies for writing a compare-and-contrast essay.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 2: THE MEDIUM

Read: "Words Triumph Over Images" by Curtis Wilkie
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Words Triumph Over Images" by Curtis Wilkie.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Journalism as Persuasion
Examine the effects that different journalistic media have on an audience.
Quiz: Understand Journalism as Persuasion
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Three Stories about Hurricane Katrina
Read and demonstrate comprehension of three stories about Hurricane Katrina told through different media.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Three Stories about Hurricane Katrina
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Bias in Media
Analyze the bias in different news accounts of an event reported in different media.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Bias in Media
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Letter to the Editor
Explore the qualities of concise writing in a traditional letter to the editor.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: PURPOSE

Study: Understand Stories with Purpose
Identify different genres of narratives that have a persuasive purpose and examine what these stories have in common.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Stories with Purpose
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "Top of the Food Chain" by T. C. Boyle
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Top of the Food Chain" by T. C. Boyle.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "Top of the Food Chain" by T. C. Boyle
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the success of an author's attempts to persuade a reader.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Rhetoric in Narratives
Recognize an author's use of rhetoric in a narrative.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Rhetoric in Narratives
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Story Annotations
Explore the use of reference materials, such as dictionaries and thesauruses, to understand specialized vocabulary.

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

**LESSON 4: WRAP UP: PERSUASIVE TEXTS**

**Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Passage-Based Questions**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

**Review: Persuasive Texts**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

**Test (CS): Persuasive Texts**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

**Test (TS): Persuasive Texts**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

**UNIT 8: THE SPEECH**

**LESSON 1: SPEECH ANALYSIS**

**Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Asking Questions**
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

**Read: "Remembering Rosa Parks" by Jennifer Granholm**
Watch and recall details from "Remembering Rosa Parks" by Jennifer Granholm.

**Study: Understand Rhetoric in Speeches**
Examine how a speaker's use of rhetoric affects the persuasiveness of a speech.

**Quiz: Understand Rhetoric in Speeches**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

**Read: Speeches by Two Presidents**
Watch and recall details from President Kennedy's address at Rice University on the nation's space effort and President Obama's Back to School Speech.

**Quiz: Speeches by Two Presidents**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

**Study: Analyze Evidence, Reasoning, and Point of View in Speeches**
Analyze samples speeches for their use of rhetoric and evidence and their weaknesses such as logical fallacies.

**Quiz: Analyze Evidence, Reasoning, and Point of View in Speeches**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
**Write: Prepare Short Analysis Answers**
Explore strategies for analyzing a speaker's point of view, purpose, and use of rhetoric.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

**LESSON 2: SPEECHWRITING**

**Read: A Speech by Justice Sonia Sotomayor**
Watch and recall details from Justice Sonia Sotomayor's New York University 2012 Commencement Address.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand The Role of the Speaker**
Examine how a speaker's delivery and use of themes affect a speech's effectiveness.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand the Role of the Speaker**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: FDR's Four Freedoms Speech**
Read and recall details from the Four Freedoms Speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: FDR's Four Freedoms Speech**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Analyze Themes and Their Uses**
Analyze a speech to determine its themes and the connections between themes.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Themes and Their Uses**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Write: Prepare a Speech**
Identify different techniques for preparing a speech.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

**Project: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**LESSON 3: MOVING AN AUDIENCE**

**Study: Understand Professionalism in Speeches**
Recognize the qualities of a professional speech including the speaker's use of media and formal language.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Professionalism in Speeches**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: Speeches by Al Gore and Dan Pink**
Read and recall details from the Nobel Lecture by Al Gore and "Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us" by Dan Pink.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points
Quizzes: Speeches by Al Gore and Dan Pink
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss what the use of media adds or takes away from a speech.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Adapting to Audience and Context
Explore how audience and context affect the style of a speech and the speaker's use of media.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quizzes: Analyze Adapting to Audience and Context
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Speech Revision
Identify opportunities to formalize a presentation and integrate media into it.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Project: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

Lesson 4: Wrap Up: The Speech

Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Time Management
Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Speech
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Speech
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The Speech
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

Unit 9: Researched Argumentation

Lesson 1: Claims, Reasons, and Evidence

Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Predicting
Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Stake Your Claim"
Read and recall details from "Stake Your Claim."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Types of Claims
Differentiate types of claims and explore which are most appropriate for an argumentative research paper.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Claims
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points
Read: "Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come"
Read and recall details from "Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come" by Tor Hunter.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come"
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Formulating an Argument
Examine a sample essay to determine how to turn an opinion into a solid claim with supporting reasons.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Formulating an Argument
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part I
Demonstrate an understanding of how to locate and evaluate sources, and how to link them to specific points in the outline of an argumentative research paper.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: COUNTERCLAIMS

Study: Understand Anticipating Counterclaims
Recognize and apply strategies for anticipating and responding to counterclaims in an argumentative research paper.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Anticipating Counterclaims
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "A Defense of Veganism"
Read and recall details from "Veganism."
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "A Defense of Veganism"
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the civility with which an author addresses counterclaims.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Writing with Civility
Recognize the characteristics of a formal and civil tone in an essay that addresses opposing views.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Writing with Civility
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part II
Identify strategies for developing an essay draft from an outline and implementing counterclaims.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.  
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 3: REVISION, PROOFREADING, AND PEER EVALUATION

Read: "Peer Evaluation"
Read and recall details from "Peer Evaluation."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand How to Provide Peer Review
Recognize and apply best practices in peer review.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand How to Provide Peer Review
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Evaluate and discuss a peer's rough draft based on its content and writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Revision Strategies
Demonstrate an understanding of how to evaluate one's own writing to improve clarity and quality.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Revision Strategies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part III
Support individual points in an essay by implementing and documenting sources according to MLA standards.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part III
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: RESEARCHED ARGUMENTATION

Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Review Strategies
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Researched Argumentation
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Researched Argumentation
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Researched Argumentation
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

UNIT 10: WRAP UP

LESSON 1: WRAP UP
Review: Wrap Up
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Wrap Up
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 50 points

Final Exam: Wrap Up
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points