

English 111

Final Paper – Group Project

In this paper, you will need to craft an argument that considers *both* of the following questions:

1. What must one know to write in – or about – a certain discipline?
2. What are features of “good” writing that exist *across* disciplines?

One of these questions should be your “lead” question and should appear in your group’s first paragraph. At the end of the first paragraph, you will *make a claim*, that is, pose an argument about the “features of ‘good’ writing” or the knowledge required to “write in a discipline.” To come up with your argument, have a discussion with your group-mates. Consider what you’ve learned during this project about writing – from each other, from your reading, and from your interview with an “expert.”

Your essay must:

1. Begin with an “overview” introductory paragraph, which is both thorough enough to introduce the topic of “writing across disciplines” and concise enough to focus on your particular areas of interest and that of your expert. End this paragraph with an *argument*. You can name your expert and yourselves in this paragraph if you wish. You *must* name your expert somewhere in the essay.
2. Consist of at least six paragraphs (if you are a group of three; you will need seven paragraphs if you are a group of four). You minimally will need these paragraphs:
 - First: Introduction
 - Second: Overview of students’ general interests – or join to:
 - Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth: Discussions of students’ interest with details concerning writing
 - Fifth or Sixth: Discussion of “expert’s” area, in regard to the role of writing
 - Sixth: Conclusions drawn from the above analyses of “writing across various disciplines.” Reassertion, reinforcement, of thesis argument.
3. Include quotes from *all* student interviews with each other and from the group’s interview with the expert. All quotes from interviews must begin with attributive tags.
4. Include quotes – with attributive tags and citations – from *each of the five* articles the group chose to summarize.
5. Be thoroughly proofread for grammar and format *by all members of the group*. All group members must sign the final page of the essay, indicating that each member has proofread the essay.