

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 you should answer it 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.” We have discussed the kinds of thesis arguments you might construct – based on your experiences in this project – in class. Recall these examples.

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 drafted this paragraph in class a few weeks ago.

(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 at least 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.