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Required Text  
MLA or APA Handbook  
Writing book of your choice

Course Description  
Graduate work requires a significant amount of what is commonly described as academic writing. This class is designed to instruct students about just what that means, and how to adapt their own writing to the requirements of PSU in general, and the expectations of the academic world in general. To that end, we will use the papers you write in your other classes, in this class. There is no extra writing required for the class, however you MUST bring at least two copies of one page of writing to each class to receive full credit.

Course Goals  
• To improve students' ability to write persuasive, clear, and reasoned prose.  
• To enlarge students' repertoire of pre-writing and writing strategies.  
• To increase students' ability to revise, edit, and proofread for errors in grammar, punctuation, and syntax.  
• To enhance students' ability to communicate effectively with their writing.  
• To increase students' awareness of audience and rhetorical strategies for reaching that audience.  
• To instruct students in the use of MLA and APA modes of in-text citing, and referencing.

Please note: This is primarily a student-driven class so each class will prioritize student needs.

Timeliness and attendance  
Because there is no outside work assigned for this class, students must attend every class in order to receive a good grade. If you come to nine or more classes, and participate (which includes bringing writing to each class), you will receive an A. If you miss more than two classes, but still do the above, you will receive a B, etc.

Evaluation  
Grades are based entirely on your participation in class.

Please notify instructor if you need special accommodation