

List of Graded Assignments

Your ENGL 102 grade will be determined by the following assignments:

***Please carefully read the Modules each week for more specific details and instructions for each assignment.**

Formal Essays

The essays are worth a significant portion of your grade. Notice that together, they make up 60% (over half) of your overall grade, so you need to take the assignments very seriously, following the prompts and rubrics in the learning module for each essay (minimum page count and APA format, for example, are important to your overall essay grade, so you need to make sure you're following formatting guidelines).

Essay 1: Analyzing an Argument (2 pages) **15%**

Essay 2: Constructing Your Own Argument (5-7 pages) **20%**

Essay 3: Research Paper (8-10 pages) **25 %**

Discussions Posted to the Discussion Board

All discussions include responding thoughtfully and critically in full sentences and paragraphs to the prompt questions as well as responding with intelligent, meaningful contributions to your classmates' posts. Original posts due Sundays. Responses to at least two classmates due Tuesdays (except for peer reviews, which you have one full week to respond to).

Discussions worth 20% of your grade, so please take them seriously and stay on top of them.

Your **ORIGINAL** posts will always be due on **SUNDAYS**, and your **RESPONSES** to your classmates will always be due on **Tuesdays** (except for peer reviews, which are due the following Sunday).

Please see the Calendar in Canvas at the bottom of the Syllabus page for specific due dates. You can also check Modules and Assignments for due dates.

I strongly suggest you read each discussion prompt at the beginning of each Module, before you complete the assigned readings, so that you know what material to focus on for the discussions.

Quizzes

All quizzes will be timed (180 minutes) and found in Quizzes in Canvas, as well as in Modules. You may not make up late or missed quizzes, so make sure you plan accordingly. Worth 10-25 points each.

Quiz 1: Introduction to Canvas and our online course

Quiz 2: Chapter 8 “Argument”

Quiz 3: Chapter 8 “Argument” in more extensive detail, including “Appeals to ethos, pathos, and logos”

Quiz 4: APA research and citation

Quiz 5: Fallacies

Quiz 6: Chapter 9 “Constructing Arguments”

Quiz 7: APA research and citation in more extensive detail

Quizzes = 20% of your grade

Semester Portfolio

Will comprise one letter of your final grade.

You will submit a portfolio of a sample of your semester’s work, and it will be run automatically through turnitin.com. The portfolio is worth **ONE LETTER GRADE** for all students (not a percentage, but a full letter grade, so that if you have an A but do not pass the portfolio, you will earn a B in the class).

Each student’s portfolio must include at least the following documents:

- **Introductory Self-Reflective Letter** (most important aspect of portfolio).
- **At least 2 formal, graded essays (a total of 10-12 pages of graded work)** from **this course**. These essays may not be revised for the portfolio. Students must submit the documents that received the **final grade from the instructor**.

Individual Student Portfolio Grading Process. See attached rubric for portfolio grading guidelines.

1. **For students going into the portfolio with a course grade of A (90-100%), B (80-89%), or F grade (59-0%):** The student’s instructor will grade these portfolios.
2. **For students earning a C (70-79%) or D (60-69%) at the time the portfolio is submitted:** Composition faculty will blindly grade the portfolio and determine whether the student passes the course. A failing score on the portfolio will result in course failure.

Students will receive detailed instruction on creating and submitting the portfolio later in the semester.