SPRING 2020
English 677: Graduate Writing in the Disciplines
Wednesdays, 4:00-6:45 pm (Belknap Campus)
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Who is the course for?

• Graduate and professional students who are taking courses or writing theses/dissertations
• Confident writers who want to get even better, as well as those who lack confidence and feel their academic writing needs improvement
• International students who speak English as an additional language and domestic students who are native English speakers

Students will:

• Investigate best practices for research, writing, and publishing in their discipline
• Reflect on their literacy and language background, habits, and goals
• Analyze articles in their discipline for particular linguistic and rhetorical patterns
• Apply what they've learned to a literature review project of their design
• Improve their ability to edit for grammar, word choice, and punctuation and to craft more incisive prose
• Participate in a community of peers who share their work

What do former students think?

• “I had never really thought about the decisions I make when writing and how they may affect my reader. This class taught me that every choice changes the way the author and reader interact with each other…”
• “I've learned a lot about my writing style…Although there are some areas I still need to improve upon, I think this course provided a foundation for growth and reflection that will stick with me…”
• “One of the most valuable gifts I have gained…is a sense of confidence.”
• “Provided a TON of new information and resources to improve my writing skills.”
• “LOVED this course- it was a great outlet to investigate my discipline’s writing…The course can truly be tailored to any discipline and any individual.”
• “I have never had such a diverse group of classmates…It was such a fantastic chance to exchange thoughts [with students] from so many different disciplines and to learn about their writing process.”

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