

### **Core Curriculum Rubrics** [revised Core goals, Spring 2017]



#### **Cognitive Skills and Processes -**

**WCR, WCD: Writing and Communication (9 credits) -** *Students must take three courses, and meet both WCR and WCD, as follows:* 

- All students must take 01:355:101 Expository Writing or its equivalent.
- Students must take one additional course (3 or more credits) focused on revision to meet WCR (goal s):
  - **s.** Communicate complex ideas effectively, in standard written English, to a general audience, and respond effectively to editorial feedback from peers, instructors, &/or supervisors through successive drafts & revision.
- Students must take one additional course (3 or more credits) focused on writing in a specific discipline to meet WCD
  (goal t):
  - Communicate effectively in modes appropriate to a discipline or area of inquiry; evaluate and critically assess sources and use the conventions of attribution and citation correctly; and analyze and synthesize information and ideas from multiple sources to generate new insights.

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#### **WCR**

OUTSTANDING	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
Presents complex ideas as a <b>clear</b>	Makes a <b>clear argument</b> , based on	Presents a satisfactory argument	Fails to make a cogent argument o
and compelling argument.	plausible reasoning. Sustains an	and analysis following the strictures	to offer sound analysis of any but
nsightful, well-reasoned, and	argument throughout the analysis.	of the course.	the simplest ideas.
original analysis.	Clear organization.	Satisfactory organization that	Poorly organized and difficult to
Clear, easy to follow organization with intro, body, and conclusion.	Well-written with only incidental	allows the reader to follow the	follow, impeding meaning.
	word choice, grammar, or spelling	argument.	Multiple composition errors that
E <b>loquently-written.</b> Appropriate	errors.	Writing is satisfactory.	interfere substantially with
word choices. Free of grammar and	Demonstrates effective	Satisfactorily responds to	comprehension.
spelling mistakes.	incorporation of constructive	constructive criticism from peers	Does not incorporate feedback, or
Demonstrates <b>effective</b>	criticism from peers and instructors	and instructors in successive drafts.	does not submit revised work.
ncorporation of constructive	in successive drafts.	Improvement evident in successive	Final work is unsatisfactory.
criticism in successive drafts and	Improvement evident in successive	drafts resulting in a <b>satisfactory</b>	•
evidences self-editing and revision	drafts resulting in a <b>good final work</b> .	final work.	
without prompting.			
Improvement evident in successive			
drafts resulting in an <b>outstanding</b>			
final work.			

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sources and use the conventions of attribution and citation correctly*; and analyze and synthesize information and ideas from multiple sources to generate new insights.					
Addresses topic at an advanced,	Addresses topic soundly and	Addresses topic and	Does not address topic, or		
professional level; communication is well-	effectively; communication is well-	satisfactorily adheres to the	does so in a way that is		
argued, effectively presented, and	argued and appropriate to the	format prescribed by the course.	uninformative, inaccurate,		
appropriate to the intended audience.	intended audience.	Communication presents a	and/or misleading.		

GOAL t - Student is able to... Communicate effectively in modes appropriate to a discipline or area of inquiry; evaluate and critically assess

Accurately and effectively employs relevant discipline-specific format and terminology, and is free of word-choice, grammar, spelling or organizational errors.

Cites a **comprehensive range** of relevant sources, and **accurately applies appropriate conventions** for attribution and citation.\*

Provides sophisticated evaluation and critical assessment of evidence, arguments, and counter-arguments drawn from multiple sources. Artfully uses this analysis in advancing thesis or placing hypothesis testing in appropriate context.

Insightfully explores larger implications and connections; demonstrates original thinking; explicates limits of findings.

Employs relevant discipline-specific format and terminology, largely free from word-choice, grammar, spelling or organizational errors.

Cites clearly relevant sources. Applies appropriate conventions for attribution and citation.\*

Provides strong evaluation and critical assessment of evidence, arguments, and counter-arguments drawn from multiple sources. Successfully uses this analysis in advancing thesis or placing hypothesis testing in context.

**Explores larger implications and connections**; demonstrates critical thinking; identifies limits of findings.

Communication presents a coherent narrative, exposition, or argument, and an awareness of the intended audience.

Satisfactorily cites sources using appropriate conventions for attribution and citation.\*

Provides satisfactory evaluation and assessment of evidence, arguments, and counterarguments drawn from multiple sources. Satisfactorily incorporates this material.

**Notes** implications, connections, and limits of findings.

Communication is confusing and contains numerous **errors**.

**Fails to** cite sources and apply appropriate conventions for citation and attribution.\*

**Fails to** provide evaluation and assessment of evidence, arguments, and counterarguments drawn from sources.

Little or no attention to implications, connections, or limits of findings.