Class: English 102 Fall 2013 and Spring 2014, using the Writing Assessment Rubric NMCCN: ENGL 1113

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1. Students will analyze and evaluate oral and written communication in terms of situation, audience, purpose, aesthetics, and diverse points of view. Students should:	A total of one-hundred eleven (111) students were assessed. This is a compilation of results from two semesters, Fall 2013	A. Situation and Purpose: Follows instructions and assignment criteria; follows the conventions of the genre as assigned by instructor, such as narrative, argument, definition, etc.	
Understand, appreciate, and critically evaluate a variety of written and spoken messages in order to make informed decisions.	and Spring 2014.	98/111 of assessed students achieved good or exemplary (88%).	Met the benchmark.
	BENCHMARK : 75% of students should receive a score of 2.5 or better in each category of the standardized writing rubric.	B. Aesthetics: Uses metaphor and other literary devices to convey or support an idea; demonstrates engagement with ideas and sources; brings a distinctive angle to the writing situation.	
		108/111 of assessed students achieved good or exemplary (97%).	Met the benchmark.
		C. Diverse points of view : Explores alternative insights or considers other points of view, such as by using counterargument or concession.	
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2. Students will express a primary		A. Thesis: Provides a clear, precise,	
purpose in a compelling statement and		argumentative thesis that is sophisticated	
order supporting points logically and		in both statement and insight. The central	
convincingly.		point is stated clearly and is easy to	
Students should:		identify.	
Organize their thinking to express their			Met the benchmark.
viewpoints clearly, concisely, and		104/111 of assessed students achieved good or	
effectively.		exemplary (94%).	
		B. Organization: Paragraphs of support are	
		structured to support the thesis;	
		paragraphs flow (the writer has not	
		switched back and forth between topics);	
		transitions work well to create a steady	
		furthering of ideas and to connect the evidence to the thesis.	Met the benchmark.
		106/111 of assessed students achieved good or	
		exemplary (95%).	
		C. Development : the points are elaborated	
		with details, examples, comparisons, and	Met the benchmark.
		other types of evidence giving depth to the	
		writing.	
		99/111 of assessed students achieved good or	
		exemplary (89%).	

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3. Students will use effective rhetorical		Unity/Development/Coherence: Sentences are	
strategies to persuade, inform, and		unified within paragraphs; paragraphs are fully	
engage.		developed; sentence-level ideas cohere within a	
Students should:		paragraph. Transitional words & phrases help	
Select and use the best means to deliver a		reader move from idea to idea. The solution is	
particular message to a particular		argued convincingly w/ logic & evidence.	
audience. Rhetorical strategies include but			
are not limited to modes (such as		104/111 of assessed students achieved good or	Met the benchmark.
narration, description, and persuasion),		exemplary (94%).	
genres (essays, web pages, reports,			
proposals), media and technology			
(PowerPointTM, electronic writing), and			
graphics (charts, diagrams, formats).		Value and Creativity: Explores angles and everyday	
		objects or ideas in an unusual, surprising, and	
		interesting way. Adds a unique quality to the	
		perspective or to written elocution.	
		108/111 of assessed students achieved good or	Met the benchmark.
		exemplary (97%).	
4. Students will employ writing and/or		Expression (Wording and Phrasing): Maintains a	
speaking processes such as planning,		distinctive and convincing voice appropriate to the	
collaborating, organizing, composing,		rhetorical situation. Includes coherence, diction,	
revising, and editing to create		word usage, syntax. The language is precise, the	
presentations using correct diction,		wording exact and accurate.	
syntax, grammar, and mechanics.			
Students should:		107/111 of assessed students achieved good or	Met the benchmark.
Use standard processes for generating		exemplary (96%).	
documents or oral presentations			

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ndependently and in groups in order to			
earn how to produce (and edit) writing		Grammar/Punctuation/Mechanics/Spelling:	
without errors.		Complete sentences; avoids FRAG, RO, and CS (i.e., sentence boundaries); unity, development, variety,	
		absence of redundancy, etc. S/V agreement,	
		pronoun consistency, tense; commas; apostrophes;	
		placement of quotation marks, question marks, etc.	
		106/111 of assessed students achieved good or	Met the benchmark.
		exemplary (95%).	Met the benchmark.
5. Students will integrate research		Integrating Quotations/Paraphrases: Supporting	
correctly and ethically from credible		evidence is accurate, current, appropriate, &	
sources to support the primary purpose		sufficient; citations and introduction to sources are	
of a communication. Students should:		smoothly and correctly integrated.	
Gather legitimate information to support		98/111 of assessed students achieved good or	Met the benchmark.
ideas without plagiarizing, misinforming or		exemplary (88%).	Met the benchmark.
distorting.			
		In-Text Citations and Integrating Research: Sources	
		are introduced & identified in the text; citations are	
		accurate in terms of MLA or APA format; summaries	
		and paraphrases are soundly integrated into the	
		writing and cited accurately.	
		95/111 of assessed students achieved good or	
		exemplary (88%).	
			Met the benchmark.

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		Works Cited (MLA) entries or References (APA) entries and page are formatted accurately and correctly. 104/111 of assessed students achieved good or exemplary (94%).	Met the benchmark.
6. Students will engage in reasoned civic discourse while recognizing the distinctions among opinions, facts, and inferences.		Analysis and discussion: Demonstrates analysis by making points supported by evidence; includes in the discussion synthesis of sources; includes appropriate primary and/or secondary sources and attends to the quality of evidence presented. 101/111 of assessed students achieved good or exemplary (91%).	Met the benchmark.
		Resourcefulness and Independence: Writer takes risks and actively seeks out untested and unconventional approaches to the assignment or to argumentation. Writer adapts, extends, and	

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		transforms a unique idea, question, format, or	
		product to create something new.	
		108/111 of assessed students achieved good or	
		exemplary (97%).	Met the benchmark.

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