

SC 761: Second Year Graduate Writing Seminar (Fall/Spring: 3)

This seminar is intended for second year MA and Ph.D. students working on their MA theses/papers and second-year papers, but is also suitable for other students working on research projects intended to be presented at professional conferences. It employs a supportive structure and a collaborative learning environment to help students to carry out their own independent projects.

Some logistical issues:

1. This course does not meet every week, and will meet somewhat more frequently in the Spring than in the Fall.
2. Although the course lasts for two semesters, students should register for the seminar in the Spring term only. The entire two-semester course is worth 3 credits. To be allowed to register for the Spring term, students **must** hand in a draft of the introduction to their paper in December.
3. Students will be graded on the drafts of their research papers submitted at the end of the Spring term. All completed drafts will receive a grade of “A,” with the following exception: students are allowed to miss **one class session per year** with no grade penalty. After that, students will be penalized a half-grade per class missed (i.e., if you miss 2 class sessions, you get an A-minus, a B-plus for 3 class sessions missed, and so on).
4. The class schedule and class activities are works in progress; students are encouraged to offer amendments and proposals of their own. It’s your class!

Tentative Schedule, Fall 2007

Sept 10: Introductions.

Sept 17: individual meetings.

Sept 24: Article introduction homework; student research proposals I.

Oct 1: Student research proposals II.

Oct 22: In-class progress reports.

Nov 5: Individual meetings.

Dec 10: In-class student presentations.

Draft of article introduction due

Tentative Schedule, Spring 2008: To Be Announced.