Writing: Technology, Cultures and Society  
(WRA 110, section 734)  
(Summer 2009)

Schedule

**WEEK 1**
- Explore Angel course site. (5/18)
- Read/view the following:  
  - Acquaint yourself to the course, course website, ANGEL contents  
  - Watch video Week 1 on ANGEL class videos folder  
  - **Introduction to Project 1/ Digital Technology Reflection**  
  - Blogging manual in Readings folder.  
- Write a short post introducing yourself and post it in the Angel Discussion Forum.  
  Who are you, where are you from, what's your major, what are you doing this summer, etc.? Be sure to identify your geographical LOCATION ... where will you be this summer as you're taking the course?
- Additionally, Write follow-up welcome responses or comments on a few of your classmates' introductions on the Angel site. Join in conversation.
- Take technology surveys (by 5/22)
- **Project 1 Draft Due on 5/20**

**WEEK 2**
- **Project 1 Peer reviews Due on May 27**
- **Project 1 Final Due on May 30**
- Read/view the following:  
  - VIDEO: The Machine is Using Us  
  - My Experience with Facebook  
  - Does Text Messaging Harm Students' Writing Skills?: The Edutopia Poll  
  - St. Martin's Tutorial on Avoiding Plagiarism  
  - About Plagiarism  
  - Reading/ Writing Strategies/ Cultural Analysis  
  - Techniques and terms in rhetorical Analysis  
- Post response in Discussion forum “Rhetorical Strategies” (5/30)

**WEEK 3**
- Read/view the following:  
  - Watch video Week 3 on ANGEL class videos folder  
  - **Introduction to Project 2/ Digital Document Analysis**  
  - A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Websites (Marcus)  
  - Merging of colors and usability  
  - Colors and their meanings in different cultures  
  - Ballenger: The First Week  
  - Handouts: Thesis Statements, Introductions, Paragraph Development, Reorganizing Drafts, Revising Drafts, Conclusions  
- Post Design analysis and genre analysis checklists in Discussion forum  
- **Project 2 Draft Due on 6/5**

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1 (1) Any changes to the schedule will be notified to you through email. (2) Unless mentioned otherwise, all deadlines are at 12 midnight of the due date. (3) Readings will be posted as pdfs or url links on ANGEL.
WEEK 4
- **Project 2 Peer reviews due on 6/8**
- **Project 2 Final due on 6/12**
- Read/view the following:
  - Watch Movie: “Enemy of the State” and “ Minority Report”
  - Read: Brignall, Shapiro
  - **Introduction to Project 3 / Critical essay**
  - VIDEO: Blogs in Plain English
  - Link: What Makes a Good Blog? → read comments, too!
- Create Blog in Blogger.com for this course. Post blog link in the Discussion Forum “ Our Class”. You can put a picture of your self on the blog if you want to. However, remember, blogs are public! You may use a pseudo-name, but name sure to post the name in the Discussion Forum “Blog names”
- Post Links of your blog in Discussion Forum “Blogs” (6/15)
- Post Discussions on the movie in your blog and respond the blog posts of you group members

WEEK 5
- Read/view the following:
  - Wysocki-Lynch
  - Ballenger: The Second Week
- Respond to Writing Prompts on “Argument”
- **Project 3 Draft Due on 6/19**

WEEK 6
- **Project 3 Peer reviews due on 6/22**
- (Project 3 Final due on 6/25)
- **Reflection due on 6/26**
- Respond to Discussion Forum on “Research methods”
- Individual Conferences, Presentation Sign ups
- Read/view the following:
  - Watch Larry Lessig, “Who Owns Culture?” Parts 1 & 2
  - Composing Strategies (Perrin)
  - **Introduction to Project 4 / Research paper**
  - Ballenger: The Fourth Week

WEEK 7
- **Project 4 Proposal due on 6/29**
- **Annotated Bib due on 7/3**
- Read/view the following:
  - Instructions for collaborative Idea brainstorming exercise
  - UNC Handouts: Thesis Statements, Introductions, Paragraph Development, Reorganizing Drafts, Revising Drafts, Conclusions
- Respond to Citation Exercise in Discussion Forum
- Post project proposal in your blog and respond to the blog posts of your group members

WEEK 8
- **Revised Project 4 Proposal due on 7/6**
- Respond to Discussion Forum on “Thesis”
- Read/view the following:
- Composing Strategies (Perrin)
- Ballenger: The Firth Week
- Rhetorical Strategies
- Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing

WEEK 9

- Project 4 Draft due 7/12
- Project 4 Peer Review due 7/15
- Read/view the following:
  - Analysis of video on Evolution of Web technology
  - Fair Use Tale (Youtube Video)
  - Reading/ Writing Strategies (powerpoint)
  - “5 things to avoid in a PowerPoint”
  - Final reflection guidelines
- Respond to “Fair Use and Creative Commons” Discussion forum
- Respond to Mock MLA exercise

WEEK 10

- Project 4 final due 7/19
- Post Powerpoint Presentations on 7/22
- Respond to Course Reflection Discussion forum by 7/22