QEP Common Writing Assessment Rubric – The Write Course (WC 201)

GRADE	RHETORICAL KNOWLEDGE	CRITICAL RESPONSE	WRITING AS A PROCESS	KNOWLEDGE OF CONVENTIONS	COMPOSING IN ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENTS
A (18-20)	 Presents strong focus on purpose Creates clear/complete thesis Responds appropriately using various rhetorical patterns: illustration/description, process analysis, extended definition, and argument/research 	 Strongly supports thesis with logic and evidence Strongly integrates writer's ideas with appropriate primary and secondary sources 	 Drafts shows clear evidence of revision, editing, and proofreading with respect to content, development, organization, voice, and mechanics Accompanied by two or more drafts 	 Minor errors in standard grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling may be present. Uses appropriate diction and syntax. Documented appropriately 	 Final copy and all drafts are typed. Sources strongly reflect location, evaluation, organization, and use of a variety of scholarly and informal electronic and Internet sources.
В (16-17.9)	 Focus may shift somewhat Creates somewhat clear/complete thesis Responds using various rhetorical patterns: illustration/description, process analysis, extended definition, and argument/research 	 While essay supports <i>thesis</i> with logic and evidence, some inconsistencies may occur. While writer does integrate ideas with appropriate <i>primary</i> and <i>secondary sources</i>, some inconsistencies may occur. 	 Drafts show some evidence of revision, editing, and proofreading with respect to content, development, organization, voice, and mechanics Accompanied by two or more drafts 	 More errors in standard grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling may be present; however, errors do not interfere with writer's meaning. Uses somewhat appropriate diction and syntax. Minor documentation errors 	 Final copy and all/most drafts are typed. Sources reflect location, evaluation, organization, and use of a variety of scholarly and informal electronic and Internet sources.
C (14-15.9)	 Vague focus on purpose Creates vague thesis Responds somewhat using various rhetorical patterns: illustration/description, process analysis, extended definition, and argument/research 	 While essay supports <i>thesis</i> with logic and evidence, a pattern of inconsistencies may occur. While writer does integrate ideas with appropriate <i>primary</i> and <i>secondary sources</i>, a pattern of inconsistencies may occur. 	 Draft shows marginal evidence of revision, editing, and proofreading Accompanied by one or more drafts 	 A pattern of errors in standard grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling may be present; errors interfere somewhat with writer's meaning. Uses vague diction and syntax. Pattern of documentation errors 	 Final copy is typed. Draft(s) is/are not typed. Sources marginally reflect location, evaluation, organization, and use of a variety of scholarly and informal electronic and Internet sources.
D (12-13.9)	 Unclear focus on purpose Creates unclear thesis Unclear response using various rhetorical patterns: illustration/description, process analysis, extended definition, and argument/research 	 While there is an attempt to support <i>thesis</i> with logic and evidence, frequent and disruptive inconsistencies that weaken argument occur. While writer does attempt to integrate ideas with appropriate primary and secondary sources, frequent and disruptive inconsistencies may occur. 	 Draft shows little evidence of revision, editing, and proofreading Accompanied by one or more drafts 	 Frequent errors in standard grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling may be present; these errors interfere with writer's meaning. Uses unclear diction and syntax. Frequent documentation errors 	 Final copy is not typed. Draft(s) (if provided) is/are not typed. Little evidence that sources reflect location, evaluation, organization, and use of a variety of scholarly and informal electronic and Internet sources.
F (0-11.9)	 No focus on purpose No thesis No response using various rhetorical patterns: illustration/description, process analysis, extended definition, and argument/research 	 No support of thesis with logic and evidence. No integration of ideas with appropriate primary and secondary sources No critical analysis beyond mere opinion 	 No evidence of revision, editing, or proofreading Accompanied by no draft(s) 	 Frequent and serious errors in standard grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling may be present; these errors severely inhibit writer's meaning. No evidence of focus on diction and syntax. Serious documentation errors 	 <i>Final copy</i> is not typed. No draft(s) provided No evidence of attention to source collection

Bolded terminology represents assessment; italicized terms represent a) familiar terms students should know from high school and b) terms common to all sections of The Write Course (WC 201). 11/13