

PIR II Writing Advising Handout

Power, Identity, Resistance II

SOSC 11500 (Winter 2020)

MW, 1:30PM-2:50PM (Section 22, SS 106)

MW, 3:00PM-4:20PM (Section 26, SS 106)

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Writing is an immensely difficult endeavor, whether you are fresh out of high school or have been doing it professionally for decades. As your writing advisor for this section of *PIR II*, it is my job to help develop your tools for engaging in *advanced written argumentation*. (Note: My role is to develop your writing, not to ensure a higher grade on written assignments or to copy-edit or proofread your papers.) For this term, we will focus primarily on developing an academic argument and structuring your essays in ways that support your claims, while moving beyond familiar models like the “five paragraph essay”. In addition to leading two writing workshops in weeks 2 and 4, I will also hold office hours around the time your papers are assigned to discuss your essay drafts (see schedule below). Some potential topics we could address during these times include [1] the relationship between summary, analysis, and claim-making, [2] discourse analysis (i.e. structuring paragraphs and sentences), and, in exceptional cases, [3] the articulation of conceptual or pragmatic consequences for one’s audience. I may also offer mini-workshops on writing topics (e.g. writing introductions). You can sign up for workshops via [redacted].

Week 3: PIR Workshop 1 – How to use evidence (sign up for one session out of the five below)

- 9:30am-11am: 1/21 (Tuesday) or 1/23 (Thursday); [location redacted]
- 12:00-1:30pm: 1/24 (Friday); [location redacted]
- 4:30pm-6:00pm: 1/22 (Wednesday) or 1/24 (Friday); [location redacted]

Week 5: PIR Workshop 2 – The work of a paragraph (sign up for one session out of the five below)

- 9:30am-11am: 2/4 (Tuesday) or 2/6 (Thursday); [location redacted]
- 4:30pm-6:00pm: 2/3 (Monday), 2/5 (Wednesday), or 2/7 (Friday); [location redacted]

Week 3: Office Hours for Paper 1 (Paper Due 1/31 [F] by 4:30pm)*

- 1/28 (Tuesday); [location redacted], 1-7pm
- 1/29 (Wednesday); [location redacted], 1-7pm

Week 7: Office Hours for Paper 2 (Paper Due 2/28 [F] by 4:30pm)*

- 2/25 (Tuesday); [location redacted], 1-7pm
- 2/26 (Wednesday); [location redacted], 1-7pm

To sign up for general Writing Adviser Officer hours for PIR, go to [link redacted].

Week 3: Optional Workshop: Constructing a Problem in Writing

- 1/29 (Wednesday); [location redacted], 11am-12pm

*Each student may only sign up for one 20-minute slot via [redacted] per week of office hours to ensure all students can see me at least once. Two students may sign up for the same slot, if they so choose. I will do my best to accommodate students who are unable to secure a spot during these times.