

Critical Reading Link

The faculty at The University of Tampa recognize that effective communication requires both delivery and receiving of information. The focus on teaching communication skills is typically on writing and speaking. However, we recognize that students also need guidance and practice in learning how to effectively evaluate the information that they are receiving. To facilitate this, we transformed our traditional first-year composition course into a critical reading course. Students should take what they learn in this course about how to analyze the written word and utilize it throughout their academic and personal lives. Because we want to make sure that all of our students are prepared for success on the academic reading and writing assignments in their courses, we offer a version of the Critical Reading course designed for multilingual students to help them make sense of English academic writing.

AWR 101 Reading Locally and Globally

AWR 101 is a critical reading, writing and information literacy course that introduces students to the ways that the local is linked to a broader network of global concerns and contexts. Students read a number of texts chosen by their instructor, and they analyze, discuss and respond in writing to those texts as a means of understanding elements of form and content. Equally important, they study the relation between texts and contexts that reveals students' place in an increasingly globalized environment. Lastly, students learn to properly find, evaluate and ethically cite research sources through an academic library. (4 credits)

AWR 111 Academic Writing for Multilingual Students II

A course designed to provide writing and language support for multilingual students while they complete their AWR 101 requirement at UT. It takes an intercultural rhetoric approach while fulfilling the AWR 101 assignment sequence, and encourages students to draw on their own linguistic and cultural backgrounds to help make sense of English academic writing conventions. This course may not be taken by students who have already received credit for AWR 101, but may be repeated for credit with permission of the instructor. (5 credits)