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The Writer I Am Becoming

Like many other english courses I have taken in the past, most of them want students to be able to be exceptional writers. English 21007 Writing For Engineers is definitely one of them. This class has helped me a tremendous amount and taught me so much. It pushed me to my limits. The course learning outcomes were an essential part of what this class was going to do and I could see how much I have mastered them throughout the semester. I enjoy that I could see how much of a better writer I have become. The Course Learning Outcomes that were provided allowed and helped me to be a better writer so that no matter what challenges I face in the future, I will overcome..

The first course learning outcome was, "Acknowledge your and others' range of linguistic differences as resources, and draw on those resources to develop rhetorical sensibility." I feel that work with different people has helped my writing a tremendous amount but not only in this class but every other Class I have ever taken. I say this because everyone thinks differently and has different approaches to things so their suggestions can help you better. I have realized getting second opinions from different people is important because they could help you better your writing. Working with the members from my group has helped me because of all of their suggestions. I have tried my best to incorporate what they suggested in my work so that I could get a better outcome than I had originally started with.

The second course learning outcome was, "Enhance strategies for reading, drafting, revising, editing, and self-assessment." This course learning outcome has always been something I would find difficult. I usually have a tendency of just writing my work and not really going over it. And I also write fast so sometimes I have typos and grammatical mistakes. I have Realized especially while doing the resume assignment, that it's always important to go back because your resume is like a living document because it's always changing and constantly needs to be revised and edited. What's helped a lot and something I took for granted before were the peer reviews because it has helped me so much now. and in a way forced me to go back and fix my mistakes. drafting is something I like to do because I feel it just prolongs what I am trying to do. I like to just go into it and now I go back and fix my mistakes so I won't have a problem.

The third course learning outcome was, "Negotiate your own writing goals and audience expectations regarding conventions of genre, medium, and rhetorical situation." I feel like this is a course learning outcome that I constantly worry about. I always try and find ways that are appealing to people so they don't get bored while reading my work. I feel that sometimes it's pretty difficult to do especially when you're just stating facts but it's important to keep in mind that your work is being read by other people so I must make it understandable for other people.

The fourth course learning outcome was, “Develop and engage in the collaborative and social aspects of writing processes.” Throughout this semester, my classmates and I have had the ability to work to get her and give feedback on each other’s work so that we can make sure we answer everything that needs to be answered. This is a great course learning outcome because it gives you the opportunity to put into practice what you learned or try to talk about to your classmates so that you can show your understanding of what’s going on. I feel this course has helped me improve this skill because I have been able to work with my classmates on multiple occasions where we have each other's feedback so we could better our work. I also helped my writing because having all of these comments really put into perspective what I need to do to achieve a better outcome in whatever I did.

The fifth course learning outcome was, “Engage in genre analysis and multimodal composing to explore effective writing across disciplinary contexts and beyond.” I feel that we did and feel that we had many different resources to help us learn in the particular genre we were learning about. Everything we learned had outside information that helped us understand the genre more. This definitely helped my writing because everything I read prepared me so when it was time to do my own work, I would read because I was well taught.

The sixth course learning outcome was, “Formulate and articulate a stance through and in your writing.” I definitely Keep In mind the time of my writing because it’s important that you present your work in a way to be appealing to the person reading it. If the tone is off then the person reading won’t have a connection to you work. Probably they won’t even get anything out of it. Everytime I write I try to present my work in a way that captures the reader's attention so they enjoy what they are reading.

The seventh course learning outcome was, “Practice using various library resources, online databases, and the Internet to locate sources appropriate to your writing projects.” Every assignment that I have don't I have either been presented with or looked for outside information over the given topic being taught. I did so because I could get a better understanding of what I learned. This helps my writing because when you do this before you write you basically are paving your way to success. The more information you know you could include in you papers and the more your writing improves.

The eighth course learning outcome was, “Strengthen your source use practices (including evaluating, integrating, quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing, synthesizing, analyzing, and citing sources).” Every time I used a source I first always made sure that it was an accurate and realizable source and I feel that’s very important so that way you are being mis-informed or even mis-informing the audience you are trying to educate. This site you use just gives your paper some sort of validity because using in-text citation makes your work or whatever you are trying to prove reliable. Sometimes for me it’s not easy because I tend to get scared I’m not using the quote the correct way or feel like it’s just doing it wrong. Overall I feel like it has helped my writing because using these in text citations just helped me better put my information.

Leaving this class I feel like not only am I a better writer but one step closer to being an even better engineer. I have grasped everything that I learned in this class and will practice it so I could always produce my best work. Sometimes it's not easy going back and revising, making edits but it's important because you can see what needs to be fixed and could see what are the things that you mess the most on.

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