



Women's and Gender Studies(WAGS)

Writing Tips

AUDIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WaGS 001: Well-informed peers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can expect basic knowledge of terms and ideas being used in class without needing to explain ● Otherwise, depends on type of paper/class→be sure to look at the prompt!
PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Depends on paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WaGS 001 assigns a research paper with a purpose to inform people about a gender issue present in literature, media, and/or society ○ Other papers in the class might be more self-reflective and are meant to get students critically thinking of gender issues in their own lives ● To explore issues or theories regarding women and gender in history, society, and media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be critical and analyze the issues and how they affect own life, as well as lives of other
TONE/ VOICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Depends on type of paper: WaGS 001 assigns 3 papers: one self-reflective, one creative, one objective/scholarly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reflective should be personal and can be more casual--should still use proper English ○ Creative is still slightly casual, but should incorporate serious tone and thought into trying to solve a political gender issue ○ Scholarly essay should be formal, scholarly, and well researched. It is like a research paper you are presenting to educated colleagues
STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WaGS 001 follows standard English class type essays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Start with intro and thesis, move to body paragraphs that incorporate research or textual evidence, and end with a conclusion ● Other courses/papers depend on the cross-listed subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If writing for a class cross listed with History, utilize a History-type structure.
RESEARCH/ SOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WaGS 001 focuses on using popular, scholarly, and organizational sources for their research paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students work closely with librarian Sharon Walters and use library database to find research on their subjects ● Depends on class and type of paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ research paper will expect scholarly journals and peer reviewed articles ○ WaGS 001 The reflective paper uses just their in-class readings
SOURCE INTEGRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WaGS 001 Expects use of direct quotes ● Other courses/papers depend on the cross-listed subject
CITATION/ STYL E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WaGS 001 uses MLA for all of its paper ● MLA, APA, ASA, Chicago, or Harvard Style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Citation style depends on style of paper or type of research used ● Uses of footnotes, endnotes, or in-text citations should reflect the style used ● Professors may specify citation style, or cross-listed classes may have preference