

**Writing 199: Spring 2013  
Economics**

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**Class: Mondays, 9:50 – 11:00, Clapp library ground floor, Project Room 114**

**Course Description and Objectives:**

Writing 199 builds on the skills taught in a First Year Writing course and equips students with an improved writing ability portable to other Wellesley courses and the outside world. The course will be centered on three assignments designed to increase self-confidence and good writing habits over the semester. The first two papers will be 3-5 pages in length and the third will be longer, 7-8 pages. During class, we will do pre-writing activities, thoroughly edit drafts, and complete short in-class writing assignments to work on specific skills.

**Readings:**

Readings will come from online news sources and economic journals including:

The *Wall Street Journal* (<http://online.wsj.com/home-page> )

The *New York Times* (<http://www.nytimes.com/> )

The *Economist* (<http://www.economist.com/> )

*Bloomberg* (<http://www.bloomberg.com/> )

*European Parliament News* (<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en>)

*The Economist's Voice* [available through the library]

Shorter assignments will analyze the news and the three papers will tackle larger issues, such as the state of the Chinese economy and the Eurozone crisis.

<b><u>Tentative Schedule</u></b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Homework</b>
<b>January 28<sup>th</sup>:</b> Introductions, narrow topic and choose readings.	Due Sunday, Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm: 2 page writing history/self-assessment
<b>February 4<sup>th</sup>:</b> writing exercises: Summarizing articles, comparing the treatment of the same subject by two authors	Due Saturday, Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: Choose an economics article that makes an argument with which you disagree or can expand upon. Do so in a formal paragraph using evidence.
<b>February 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> writing exercises: captioning diagrams	Due Friday, Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: Gather 3-5 articles about an aspect of the boom in the Chinese national economy in the past five years. Write an informal, 2-page thought letter to begin developing

	the argument of your first paper.
<b>No class on Monday: Thursday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:50</b> Review thought letter, develop outline for paper on the Chinese economy	Due Wednesday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm: introduction and thesis for Paper 1 I will provide feedback by Thursday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm. Due Saturday, Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm: First draft of Paper 1
<b>February 25<sup>th</sup>:</b> Review first draft	Due Saturday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm: Intermediate draft of Paper 1
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup>:</b> Review Intermediate draft	Due Saturday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: Final draft of Paper 1
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> Review final draft	Due Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: Gather 3-5 articles about the Eurozone sovereign debt crisis for Paper #2. Write an informal, 2-page thought letter to begin developing the argument of your paper.
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>: Spring break!</b>	
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup>:</b> Develop outline for second paper	Due Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> : Introduction and thesis statement I will provide feedback by Thursday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> . Due Saturday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: First draft of Paper 2
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Review first draft of Paper 2	Due Saturday, April 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: Final draft of Paper 2
<b>April 8<sup>th</sup>:</b> Review final draft of Paper 2	Due Saturday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: Bibliography for Research Paper
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Due Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup> : Summarize articles, compare and contrast, make an outline
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Due Wednesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> : Introduction and Thesis Statement Due Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> : First draft of Paper 3
<b>April 29<sup>th</sup>:</b> Review first draft of Paper 3	Due Saturday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> : Final draft of Paper 3
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup>:</b> Review final draft of Paper 3	<b>Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: Writing Portfolio due by 4:00pm</b>

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