**Writing in the Field Persuasive Letter**

You are well past the halfway point in English 2201. Now you’re wondering if the assignments, exercises, and handouts are preparing you for the writing you’ll do in your major and in your career. Here is your chance to better understand your future writing tasks and to make the foundations writing program more effective.

Purpose

To persuade your reader to make English 2201 more useful to students—to better prepare students for the writing they will be doing in their career or in their discipline

Reader

Someone who is in a position to make English 2201 more useful to students. I’ll give you names and contact information for a few of these people.

Genre or form

A brief formal letter, around 700 words

Content

Information gained in your interview and other research

Possible interview questions

* What are the most common and most important kinds of writing completed by professionals in your intended career/profession or by students in your discipline? Why are these common and important?
* For what purposes and in what contexts will you most often used in your discipline or potential career?
* What kinds of topics and issues will you most often be dealing with in your writing?
* What audiences will you be expected to address most often in your writing?
* What are the textual characteristics (length, style, tone, format, medium, etc.) of the most common kinds of writing that you will need to complete?
* What processes are involved in the most common and most important writing that you will need to do?
* What characterizes effective writing in your discipline/field?