CMPT 376W - D100 Tech.Writing and Group Dynamic

**Instructor(s):** Steve Pearce

**Calendar Objective/Description:**
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**Instructor's Objectives:**
This course will introduce students to a range of writing processes and styles. It will emphasize writing to understand disorganized ideas more clearly, writing to persuade others, and writing to draw conclusions. The course will include both informal and formal writing approaches. Assignments will generally have an initial draft, then a finished draft. Students will use LaTeX for all documentation. This is a W course.

**Prerequisites:**
see go.sfu.ca

**Topics:**
- Informal writing to generate material
- Drafting and revising
- Types of technical documents (genres): Explanations, recommendations, emails, and others
- Clarity of sentence structure
- Style and voice
- Arguing from performance data
- Rhetorical situation: Audience, message, author, and context

**Grading:**
To be discussed the first week of classes
Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams in the course in order to obtain a clear pass (C- or better).

**Academic Honesty Statement:**
Academic honesty plays a key role in our efforts to maintain a high standard of academic excellence and integrity. Students are advised that ALL acts of intellectual dishonesty will be handled in accordance with the SFU Academic Honesty and Student Conduct Policies (http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student.html).