CMPT 376W - D200 Tech. Writing and Group Dynamic

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**Calendar Objective/Description:**
Tech. Writing and Group Dynamic

**Instructor's Objectives:**
This course focuses on technical writing primarily within the field of software engineering documentation. The course also covers academic writing in terms of scientific research. Students are expected to use LaTeX throughout the course. 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
- 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).