WHAT THE CLASS IS ABOUT
HU 3120: Introduction to Scientific and Technical Communication is a study of written and oral communication in technical and scientific environments. It emphasizes audience, writing processes, genres of technical discourse, visual communication, collaboration, professional responsibility, and clear expression. In more informal terms, this course will prepare you for the demands of writing in the workplace. This course will introduce you to the primary types of documents used to convey and exchange information in the workplace. This course will prepare you to convey complex information rhetorically, in ways that make sense and are useful for multiple audiences.

WHY YOU’RE TAKING THIS CLASS
In this particular section of HU 3120, you are a member of a technical communication consulting firm. Your task, throughout the semester is to synthesize the course material and increase your fluency in technical communication by successfully completing projects for clients who have specific technical communication needs. By the end of the semester, you will have a broader understanding of technical communication, how rhetoric is used in technical communication, and the ethical considerations that must be undertaken in technical communication.

SUCCEEDING IN THIS CLASS
To successfully complete this course you should:
• Read assigned material prior to class;
• Complete individual and group assignments and submit them on time; and
• Participate in class discussions, engaging in respectful communication, providing constructive feedback to your classmates.

ABOUT YOUR TEACHER
My name is Roxane Gay. Should you need additional assistance outside of class, I am available Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm and other times by appointment. There is also a class e-mail list to which you are subscribed. The address is 3120rgay@mtu.edu and will be used to keep you up to date on assignments and other information relevant to the course.