



Composition II (ENGL 1302)

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Credit:

3 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: A D or better in ENGL 1301 (Composition I)

Course Description

Intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis on effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of verbal, visual, and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions.

Required Textbook and Materials

Literature, Critical Thinking, and Writing - link on Google Classroom/Blackboard

The instructor will provide information for supplemental required reading resources.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative research processes.
2. Develop ideas and synthesize primary and secondary sources within focused academic arguments, including one or more research-based essays.
3. Analyze, interpret, and evaluate a variety of texts for the ethical and logical uses of evidence.
4. Write in a style that clearly communicates meaning, builds credibility, and inspires belief or action.
5. Apply the conventions of style manuals for specific academic disciplines, APA, CMS, MLA, or other style manuals.

Course Outline

1. The Basics of the Literature
2. Critical Approaches to Literature
3. Drama
4. Poetry
5. Fiction

Grade Scale

- 90 – 100 A
- 80 – 89 B
- 70 – 79 C
- 60 – 69 D
- 0 – 59 F

Course Requirements

- Quizzes
- Discussion Boards
- Short Writing Assignments
- One graded midterm exam
- Research Paper—Common Assignment
- One graded final exam

Successful students will take diligent notes, thoroughly read the assigned material, and participate actively in both in-class and on-Blackboard discussions.

Course Evaluation

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| ● Participation | 10% |
| ● Daily Work Assignments | 40% |
| ● Mid-Term Exam | 15% |
| ● Research Paper--Common Assignment | 15% |
| ● Final Exam | 20% |
| ● Total | 100% |

Course Policies

1. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.
2. Computers, phones, headphones, and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in class or used only with permission of the instructor.
3. Do not bring children to class.
4. No late assignments will be accepted.
5. Tests. Students that miss a test are not allowed to make up the test. Students that miss a test will receive a grade of '0'.
6. Attendance Policy. Two absences are allowed. If a student is tardy to class or departs early three (3) times, it will be equal to one (1) absence. Each absence beyond two absences will result in a five-point deduction from your final grade.
7. If you wish to drop a course, the student is responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an 'F' in the course.
8. Additional class policies as defined by the individual course instructor.

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