

South Plains College

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English Composition (ENGL 1301)

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Office Hours:

Face to face:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Levelland	Lubbock	Levelland	Lubbock	Lubbock
8:30 – 9:30a 11:00a – 12:00p	8:30 – 9:30a	8:30 – 9:30a 11:00a – 12:00p	8:30 – 9:30a	8:30 – 9:30a

Office hours are subject to change; however, you will be notified if changes occur.

Mrs. Nuffer's Course Offerings for Spring 2024:

ENGL1301.002 meets M/W from 9:30am – 10:45am in the Levelland Campus Library, room 338

ENGL1301+INRW0300.C604 meets T/Th from 9:30am – 12:15pm at the Lubbock Downtown Center, room 2035

ENGL1301+INRW0300.C005 meets T/TH from 1:00pm – 3:45pm at the Lubbock Downtown Center, room 2035

ENGL1302.006 meets M/W from 1:00 – 2:15pm in the Levelland Campus Library, room 338

ENGL 1301: Composition 1 – Course Information

Departments

English and Philosophy

Course Description

This course is an intensive study and practice of the composition process from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. The curriculum includes the teaching of effective rhetorical modes as well as audience, purpose, arrangement, style, and collateral readings. The instructional focus is on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis.

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement: Communications Foundational Component Area (010)

Core Curriculum Objectives Addressed:

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Teamwork**—to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
- **Personal Responsibility**—to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative writing processes.
2. Write essays that exhibit logic, unity, development, and coherence.
3. Develop ideas with appropriate support and attribution.
4. Write in a style appropriate to audience and purpose.
5. Read, reflect, and respond critically to a variety of texts.
6. Use American English, with an emphasis on correct grammar, parallelism, punctuation, spelling, and mechanics in language appropriate for academic essays.
7. Write a minimum of six 500-word essays.

Required Materials

The Power of Determination edited by: John Langan; ISBN 978-1-59194-503-1

Required materials for class:

- Pens/pencils
- Paper/spiral notebook
- Highlighters, colored pens/pencils
- Folder/binder
- Calendar/agenda*

*The last day to buy books and supplies at the bookstore using financial aid is January 26th.

The textbook and materials are due by the end of week 2: January 26, 2024.

Student Assessment

A pre- and post-test in reading and writing will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester.

Course Details

Student writing Portfolio consists of *THREE major essays*. Each major essay will have 5 components: pre-writing, outline, rough draft, revisions, and final copy

Active Reading

Reader response essays

Online Video discussions (Flipgrid)

In-class activities

Daily Grammar lessons/quizzes

Final (essay)

Grades are determined by the following scale:

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

Your grade will be based on the following percentages:

Writing Portfolio (2 600-word essays) -Prewriting, outlines, rough drafts, revisions, and final copies -Each final copy is worth 8% of the Writing Portfolio total (compromising 24%)	50%
Writing Assignments	20%
Active Reading Assignments	20%
Grammar Lessons (Khan Academy and in-class activities)	5%
Final (reflective essay)	5%

**Academic progress is posted in each student's grade book in Blackboard.*

Tutoring with Academic Coach

It is mandatory that students will meet with a tutor if students receive less than a 70 on a major essay

Grading Policy

1. All work is due as stated by the instructor and/or the syllabus
2. All work is due on time. LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
3. Grades are usually updated and entered in Blackboard within a week after the assignment is due. Although, I may need 2 weeks to grade major essays rough drafts and final copies.
****It is the *students' responsibility* to track their grades in Gradebook in Blackboard.

Attendance Policy

In this course (ENGL1301) students are required to attend every class and login to Blackboard weekly. Students are considered absent if they miss 30 minutes of a class or more. Students are considered late if they arrive 6 or more minutes late. For every 2 late classes that a student is late, the student will accrue an absence. Students are allotted 4 absences per semester. I may drop the student from both courses with an "X" if a student has more than four absences.

Academic Coach

This semester, we have the opportunity to utilize an Academic Coach in our English Co-Req classroom! Our Academic Coach is Barbara Waygood. It is Barbara's job to help you in our English Co-Req course in any facet pertaining to the course.

The Academic Coach functions as:

1. A tutor, providing in-time tutoring services in a small group setting or one-on-one tutoring in the classroom or during an authorized tutoring session.
2. A coach will tutor all students who earn less than the grade of C on their first exam/major assignment and help them to develop successful academic habits.
3. A mentor or model who demonstrates effective student behaviors and successful academic habits.

The Academic Coach may engage in the following types of activities:

- Assist the instructor by facilitating small group exercises or discussions.
- Provide students with academic tips and skills for success in the academic setting.
- Provided one-on-one tutoring with students who need extra academic support with class activities.
- Tutor students and answer questions during in-class hands-on assignments and skill development activities
- Lead discussions or short presentations from a personal, student prospective concerning how he/she was successful in the course, with an assignment, or with the development of a skill. This is only allowed when the instructor is present in the classroom.

The Academic Coach may not engage in the following types of activities:

- Teach new concepts the course instructor has not already introduced.
- Present lectures or demonstrations of skill development activities without the instructor present in the classroom.
- Grade assignments.
- Take role or access student grades.
- Assist or tutor students outside of our classroom roster.
- Assist or tutor students in our class for their other classes
- Assist or tutor students outside of his office and classroom hours unless previously agreed upon by the academic coach and the student.

*Students who do not show up to their appointments with Barbara 2 or more times without notice will no longer be allowed meet with Barbara. If you cannot make it to an appointment that you have made with Barbara, then you must email her to let her know you cannot make it. You must give notice of the cancellation at least 4 hours prior to your appointment.

Writing Portfolio Essays

There will be FOUR major essays in this course.

Students are required to complete a writing portfolio for each major essay.

The writing portfolio will include each of the following parts for the THREE major essays students will write this semester:

- Pre-writing
- Outline
- 500-word essay drafts
- Teacher, academic coach (or tutoring), and peer reviews
- Final Copy (revised and polished copy)

Personal Narrative (major essay)

A personal narrative essay is an autobiographical writing focusing on important and pivotal moments from the author's life. Students will describe their life in first-person point of view.

Definition and Example (major essay)

A Student Case Study Analysis is an essay that examines a student case study and looks for background information, issues or problems that hinder the student's growth, and provides a several options for future growth. English Co-Req students will use inference and analytical skills to evaluate a student case study.

Compare and Contrast (major essay)

A compare and contrast essay will list and explain all important similarities and differences of two distinct entities in a four-paragraph format.

Reflective Essay (course final)

A reflective essay is a reflection on a specific subject or idea. For this course, your final will be a reflective essay of your semester in our ENGL1301 course.

Reader Response / Double Entry Journal

A reader response or double entry journal is a two-paragraph essay gives a brief summary of the reading/text in the first paragraph, and the student's impressions, thoughts, analysis and personal ideas about the reading/text in the second paragraph. Students will write several reader responses in the course of this semester.

Helpful Websites

- Grammarly.com (use the free version to upload essays for spelling, grammar, and punctuation mistakes).
- Tutor.com (use the link in our Blackboard classroom in the navigational bar)
- SPC English Website:
<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/artsandsciences/english/writingcenter.php>

Institutional and Academic Policies

Plagiarism and Cheating

Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and may result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations; or
5. Turning in a paper that was written for another class without further work (eg; added research, extensive text, or a reformatted essay); or
6. Using AI technology to complete your work in any form or fashion; or
7. Using a translator (online or otherwise) to translate from the student's native language to English. The use of translators are not allowed in any writing assignment for these courses

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
7. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
8. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Diversity Statement

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disability Statement

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Non-Discrimination Statement

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Health and Wellness Center. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's

responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or email dburleson@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

Technical Course Information/Requirements

Technical Help

Technical help with email, internet access, MySPC, or any other SPC tech support issues please-

Email: helpdesk@southplainscollege.edu OR Call: 806-716-2600

Blackboard

Blackboard serves as our course website and will include real-time access to your grades, as well as, weekly modules with PowerPoint and class notes, assignments due, handouts, and your chapter quizzes. To access Blackboard, please go to MySPC and click on Blackboard, then click the course link for this class.

Student Email

Your student email account can be accessed through MySPC. Please note: you will need your login information (username and password) to log into Blackboard. We will use the computer labs throughout the semester where you will need this information to log on to lab computers.

Once logged in to MySPC you will click on Student Email and your username & password is the same as your MySPC username & password.

MYSPC Technical Assistance

For technical assistance, please email askspc@southplainscollege.edu or 806-894-9611 ext. 3300.

*****Please note: I reserve the right to change this tentative schedule. I may add, delete, edit, or revise material to help students accomplish the learning outcomes of the course. If a change is made, it will be announced in class, and updated schedules will be made available on Blackboard.*

Tentative Course Schedule – ENGL1301, SPRING 2024

Week	Topic
1 – January 15 – 19 MLK Day: Monday	Syllabus Quiz and Week 1 Meeting Writing pre-test
2 – January 22 – 26	The Power of Determination (TPoD) Introduction / Peer Interviews <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Nouns</i>
3 – Jan 29 – Feb 2	Scholarship essay questions rough draft / TPoD: Maria <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Verbs</i>
4 – February 5 - 9	Scholarship essay questions final copy / TPoD: Paul <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Pronouns</i>
5 – February 12 – 16	Student Case Study / Personal Narrative Pre-Writing and Outline / TPoD: Tay Thi <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Modifiers</i>
6 – February 19 – 23	Personal Narrative Essay Draft Due / TPoD (group work): Erika, Jeroboam, Indonesia and Ericka <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Prepositions and Conjunctions</i>
7 – Feb 26 – Mar 1	Personal Narrative Essay Peer Reviews / TPoD: Peter <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Commas and Apostrophes</i>
8 – March 4 – 8	Personal Narrative Essay Final Copy Due / TPoD: Melissa <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Colons and Semi-Colons</i>
* – March 11 – 15	Spring Break
9 – March 18 – 22	Definition and Example Essay Prewriting / TPoD: Suashunn <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Sentences and Clauses</i>
10 – March 25 – 29 Easter Break: Friday	Definition and Essay Draft Due / TPoD (group work): Tricia, Richard, Juan <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Conventions of Standard English</i>
11 – April 1 – 5	Definition and Example Essay Peer Reviews / TPoD: Crystal <i>Grammar: Kahn Academy- Usage and Style</i>
12 – April 8 – 12	Definition and Example Final Copy Due / TPoD: Amanda <i>Grammar: Sentence structure and maintenance</i>
13 – April 15 – 19	Compare and Contrast Essay Prewriting <i>Grammar: Sentence structure and maintenance</i>
14 – April 22 – 26	Compare and Contrast Essay Draft Due <i>Grammar: Sentence structure and maintenance</i>
15 – April 29 – May 3	Compare and Contrast Essay Peer Reviews / Course Final - Reflection essay <i>Grammar: Sentence structure and maintenance</i>
16 – May 6 – 10	Compare and Contrast Essay Final Copy Due FINALS WEEK: Reflection Essay