



**ENG 1301: College Reading and Writing
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2013**

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PLEASE NOTE: This is a common syllabus used by graduate assistants teaching sections of this course.

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:

Textbook(s) Required:

Problem Posing: Readings for Democratic Learning. Eds. Mary Couzelis, J.D. Isip, and Tabetha Adkins. Fountainhead Press, 2013.

ENG 1301 Course Pack- available online:

<http://web.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiesSocialSciencesArts/departments/literatureLanguages/firstYearWriting/informationForStudents.aspx>

Course Description:

English 1301 - (formerly ENG 101) - Introduces students to writing as an extended, complex, recursive process and prepares students for English 1302, which more rigorously examines the forms and structures of argument and means to approaching multiple audiences. In 1301 students will write weekly, and will work on essay organization and development. The course will emphasize close reading, summarizing, and analysis of expository texts, including student writing.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to use rhetorical terminology to describe writing.

Students will be able to identify instances of plagiarism and explain why it is a serious offense in academic writing.

Students will be able to interpret texts written for academic audiences.

Students will be able to use academic writing conventions in their own writing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

Major Writing Assignments (WAs): 25%

Reading Responses: 25%

Daily Quiz: 10%

Minor Assignments: 15%

Final Project-- Showcase Showdown: 25%

Grading

Here's a breakdown of how your grade will be calculated:

Grading Scale:

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|---------------------|----------|
| 90-100 | A |
| 89-80 | B |
| 79-70 | C |
| 69-60 | D |
| 59 and below | F |

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

You will need:

- **Means (dropbox.com account, for example) of storing digital versions of the essays and other written material you generate (always, always keep a backup of everything you turn in!)**
- **A valid, working email address that you check often (everyday)**
- **Regular internet access (additional readings available online)**
- **Access to a computer with a word processing program and a printer (assignments MUST be typed and printed)**
- **Ability to print 30-50 pages throughout the semester (funds, ink, paper, etc.)**
- **Many teachers require students to access an eCollege course shell for supplemental course information**

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

Some texts for this course exist exclusively online, so you must have Internet access to read and/or view these texts.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor Statement:

Please contact your instructor with any questions you may have. Your instructor's communication preference is e-mail, and her address is: tonia.taherzadeh@leomail.tamuc.edu. Also, each instructor in the department of literature and languages is required to keep at least three office hours per course per week.

Grievance Procedure:

Students who have concerns about their writing course or instructors should speak *first* to the instructor about those concerns. If the student is unsatisfied with the outcome of that conversation, the next person in the chain of command is the Director of the First-Year Writing Program, Dr. Tabetha Adkins. Students should contact her via e-mail at Tabetha.Adkins@tamuc.edu

See this website for details about these policies:

<http://web.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiesSocialSciencesArts/departments/literatureLanguages/firstYearWriting/informationForStudents.aspx>

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures:

Attendance Policy

For classes that meet three times/ week, students may miss up to six times without penalty.

After the seventh absence, the student's final grade will drop by one letter.

After the ninth absence, the student cannot pass the course.

There is no such thing as "partial attendance"—students are either present for the entire course or they are absent.

Excessive tardiness (3 times) will be penalized as an absence.

The university has no policy for "excused absences" except for university sanctioned events, so please save your absences for illness, court appearances, child care arrangements, and other situations when you must miss class.

Academic Honesty

The official departmental policy: "Instructors in the Department of Literature and Languages do not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonestly. Instructors uphold and support the highest academic standards, and students are expected to do likewise. Penalties for students guilty of academic dishonesty include disciplinary probation, suspension, and expulsion. (Texas A&M University-Commerce Code of Student Conduct 5.b [1,2,3])

If you ever have any questions about a particular use of a source, always ask your instructor. They want you to avoid plagiarism, too, so they will help you do so whenever and wherever they can. Do what you can to take advantage of this support—to look innocent in addition to being innocent when it comes to charges of plagiarism.

Students guilty of academic dishonesty of plagiarism can expect to fail the assignment in question or the entire course depending on the nature of the incident. See your *Writing at Texas A&M University-Commerce* Guide (a required text for this course) for more information.)

In other words: don't do it. If you find yourself plagiarizing, stop it.

On University-Sanctioned Activities

To accommodate students who participate in university-sanctioned activities, the First-Year Composition Program offers sections of this course at various times of the day and week. If you think that this course may conflict with a university-sanctioned activity in which you are involved--athletics, etc.--please see your instructor after class on the first day.

University Specific Procedures:

Statement on behalf of students with disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu
[Student Disability Resources & Services](#)

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*).

Course Outline & Schedule

MLA GUIDE: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

This calendar changes!

Week 1

Monday 26 August: Syllabus Day

Wednesday 28 August: Intro to Comp & Rhetoric, Foreign Language Lab --
“Scavengers!”

Friday 30 August: **READING RESPONSE (RR) 1 DUE --**

Week 2

Monday 2 September: NO CLASS-- HOLIDAY

Wednesday 4 September

Friday 6 September

Week 3

Monday 9 September

Wednesday 11 September

Friday 13 September

Week 4

Monday 16 September

Wednesday 18 September

Friday 20 September: WA1 DUE

Week 5

Monday 23 September

Wednesday 25 September

Friday 27 September

Week 6

Monday 30 September

Wednesday 2 October

Friday 4 October:

Week 7

Monday 7 October:

Wednesday 9 October:

Friday 11 October: WA 2 DUE

Week 8

Monday 14 October: **STUDENT CONFERENCES**

Wednesday 16 October: **STUDENT CONFERENCES**

Friday 18 October: **STUDENT CONFERENCES**

Week 9

Monday 21 October: *(midterm grades due)*

Wednesday 23 October:

Friday 25 October:

Week 10

Monday 28 October:

Wednesday 30 October:

Friday 1 November

Week 11

Monday 4 November: **WA 3 DUE**

Wednesday 6 November:

Friday 8 November:

Week 12

Monday 11 November:

Wednesday 13 November:

Friday 15 November:

Week 13

Monday 18 November:

Wednesday 20 November:

Friday 22 November: **FINAL FOLDER DUE (with ToC)**

Week 14

Monday 25 November: **IN CLASS WORKSHOP**

Wednesday 27 November: Holiday -- NO CLASS

Friday 29 November: Holiday -- NO CLASS

Week 15

Monday 2 December: Showcase Presentations

Wednesday 4 December: Showcase Presentations

Friday 6 December:

**Celebration of Student Writing, meet in Gym (across from library)
Final Paper DUE (printed) at Celebration**

16 Monday 9 December No formal final exam, Last Class Day for English 1301