



**ENG 100: Introduction to College Reading and Writing
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2014**

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:

Textbook(s) Required:

1. Ede, Lisa. *The Academic Writer: A Brief Guide* 978-0-312-45192-9
2. King, Stephen. *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* 0-671-02425-6
3. Your ENG 1301 books
4. A notebook or folder for Daily Writings

Course Description:

This course is designed to support you in successfully completing your ENG 1301 class. You'll work with your small groups and ENG 100 instructor to strengthen your drafts for ENG 1301, better understand your writing process, and work individually on the challenges you may face when writing academic texts. You will also work on your reading skills in this class.

Student Learning Outcomes- From THECB:

Students will be able to:

1. Locate explicit textual information, draw complex inferences, and analyze and evaluate the information within and across multiple texts of varying lengths.
2. Comprehend and use vocabulary effectively in speaking, reading, and writing.
3. Identify and analyze the audience, purpose, and message across a variety of texts.
4. Describe and apply insights gained from reading and writing a variety of texts.
5. Compose a variety of texts that demonstrate reading comprehension, clear focus, logical development of ideas, and use of appropriate language that advance the writer's purpose.
6. Determine and use effective approaches and rhetorical strategies for given reading and writing

situations.

7. Generate ideas and gather information relevant to the topic and purpose, incorporating the ideas and words of other writers in student writing using established strategies.
8. Evaluate relevance and quality of ideas and information in recognizing, formulating, and developing a claim.
9. Develop and use effective reading and revision strategies to strengthen the writer's ability to compose college-level writing assignments.
10. Recognize and apply the conventions of standard English in reading and writing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

Feedback Sessions:

Be prepared to talk about your own writing and the writing of others in the group as we workshop papers. You will share drafts of your writing with other readers, they will respond. We will frequently workshop your papers and you should always be prepared to participate by contributing enthusiastically, knowledgeably, and productively to all discussions. The purpose for the workshop sessions is to help you develop habits of reflection and effective ways to “see” others’ work in order to help them revise it, even as you learn to revise your own work with the same strategies. You will respond regularly, respectfully, and diplomatically, to the work of other members of your group through work-shopping papers. These workshops will be displayed on ELMO.

Journals:

Journals will be completed in-class.

Conferences:

These conferences are one-on-one conferences scheduled between the instructor and student. ENG 100 instructors are required to hold conferences at least three times during the semester: once early in the semester (by the end of week 3), around midterm, and near the end of the semester.

Writing Memoir:

In this class, you read Stephen King’s memoir of his writing. For the final project of this class, you will write your own writing memoir. Obviously you will be very creative in this document while also utilizing strategies you have learned in this class and ENG 1301, but there are also some required elements of this text. You must include a section that talks about your writing process this semester and what steps you took to improve your papers for ENG 1301. You

should use a lot of detail (like King does) and describe your process as thoroughly as possible. Quote the feedback you received for your ENG 1301 and 100 teachers, feedback from peers, feedback from the Writing Center, and other resources you employed to become a better writer this semester. This paper challenges you to examine your improvement as a writer this semester, but also to look back at past experiences with writing to see how those experiences shaped who you are as a writer today. Be sure to critically examine the way you are describing yourself in this memoir—Bronwyn Williams’ article will help you critically analyze the metaphors you create in this text.

Note: Please do not feel overwhelmed by this project. We will work on it throughout the semester to make it manageable.

Homework: Will be assigned as necessary.

Grade Calculation:

Your lab grade will be calculated using the following criteria:

Attendance	10%
Three Paragraphs	30%*
*Intro	10%
*Body	10%
*Conclusion	10%
MLA Citation	10%
Zine	20%
Writing Reflection	20%
Final Exam	10%

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

You will need:

- 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, and you will print approximately 100 pages for this class.)
- some instructors of ENG 100 may chose to utilize a Learning Studio (formerly eCollege) course shell.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

Some texts for this course may 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: vscholz1@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:

If you have concerns about the class or about me as an instructor, please speak to me about those concerns. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of our conversation, the next person in the chain of command is the Director of the Writing Program, Dr. Tabetha Adkins. Her e-mail address is Tabetha.Adkins@tamuc.edu (Tabetha dot Adkins at tamuc dot edu).

Please see this site for more information on the grievance procedures:

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

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures:

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance will be taken via quizzes or daily writings at the beginning of class. These quizzes/writings cannot be made up and will be given within the first ten minutes of class. If you show up more than ten minutes after the start of class, you will miss the quiz and therefore be counted as absent. You will not be allowed extra time to complete the assignment.

You are allowed to miss up to four classes without penalty. Beginning with the fifth absence, your final grade will drop by one letter per absence. After seven absences, you will not be able to pass the course.

There is no such thing as "partial attendance"--you are either present for the entire class or you are absent.

There are also no "excused" absences, except for university sanctioned events, and those require a schedule/roster from your organization sponsor. If you must miss for any other reason, it will count towards the allotted absences.

Academic Honesty

The official departmental policy: "Instructors in the Department of Literature and Languages do not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. 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.

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:

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*).

Tentative Weekly Schedule:

This schedule is tentative and may change throughout the semester based on class needs, unexpected weather, etc. All students will be informed in-class of any changes made to the schedule ahead of time.

- Week 1:** Class Introductions; Syllabus Explanation; King (vi-22) and Ede (Ch 1-2)
- Week 2:** King (22-55) and Ede (Ch 3-4); Conference sign-ups
- Week 3:** Conferences; Intro Paragraph due
- Week 4:** King (55-87) and Ede (348-380); MLA Citation Assignment
- Week 5:** King (87-107) and Ede (Ch 5-6); Zine Publication Day
- Week 6:** King (111-137) and Ede (Ch 7); Peer Review Day
- Week 7:** King (141-157) and Ede (Ch 8-9); Conference sign-ups
- Week 8:** Conferences; Body Paragraph due
- Week 9:** King (157-180) and Ede (Ch 10 and 12)
- Week 10:** King (180-200) and Peer Review Day
- Week 11:** King (200-219) and Hand-out (TBA)
- Week 12:** King (220-249); Peer Review/Draft of Memoir Due; Conference sign-ups
- Week 13:** Conferences; Conclusion Paragraph due
- Week 14:** King (253-270) Final Draft of Memoir Due; No Class on Thursday, 11/27
- Week 15:** King (271-291); Final Exam Review; Mock Exam
- Week 16:** Finals Week