

ENGL-1302
Composition II (Online)
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Course Description

This course is a continuation of English 1301, which includes an introduction to literature and collateral readings. It also teaches students how to write a college-level research paper.

Scope/Purpose

English 1302 continues the purpose of English 1301: to help students to think well by helping them to write well. Unlike English 1301, English 1302 has a two-fold purpose: it encourages critical thinking by introducing the students to imaginative literature, to the modes of artistic thought, and to critical responses appropriate to these modes of thought.

Instructional Objectives

By the end of the course, students should have written a multiple source paper and at least two analytical papers in MLA style which demonstrate the ability:

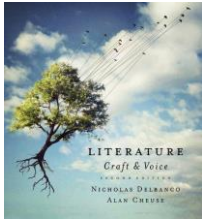
- To practice and refine the skills of expository and argumentative writing already developed in English 1301;
- To understand the major elements of literature as these are highlighted by the instructor;
- To apply critical thinking to the study of literature and to write essays which demonstrate that critical thinking, such as summary, paraphrase, synthesis, and single-source assignments;
- To use a library for research purposes; to research and write an accurately documented paper.

Requirements

1. Students will read numerous short stories and poems, will participate in class discussions of the readings, and will be tested over their understanding of the readings through quizzes, examinations, and/or written assignments.
2. Students will complete one or more written assignments which may include, but not be limited to, one multi-source research paper, two or more shorter papers (summary, synthesis, critique, explication), or a series of research questions or projects.
3. Individual instructors may also require major examinations over the readings or any part of the course content.
4. Individual instructors may occasionally use film, stage productions, or other art forms to support the text, in which case students may also be tested over their understanding of content or of differences between the written text and the alternate presentation of that text.

Textbook and Supplies

The following textbooks are a requirement for this course. You will need to purchase them immediately and consult it frequently as you complete coursework.



Delbanco, Nicholas and Alan Cheuse. *Literature: Craft and Voice*. 2nd ed. McGraw Hill, 2012. ISBN: 978-0-07-338492-4.



Bullock, Richard, Michal Brody, and Francine Weinberg. *The Little Seagull Handbook*. 3rd ed. ISBN: 9780393602647

Software Requirements

You are required to have access to the following technologies:

- High-speed Internet connection
- Web browser
- Blackboard account
- Word processing program (papers will only be accepted in .doc or .docx format and must be formatted per MLA standards)

The following technology is optional, but useful:

- Cell phone with text messaging capability
- Skype

Communication

You can reach me in one of four ways: you can email me using the Blackboard email tool, call my office at 806-716-2252, come by during office hours, or make an appointment to meet either in-person or via video conference using Skype.

I return emails and calls within 24 hours. This is going to require some planning on your part; you won't be able to wait until the last minute to complete assignments.

We will use the Blackboard email tool exclusively for email communication in this course; you may access it via the 'Course Email' link within our Blackboard course. To help me stay organized, I request that you use the Blackboard email tool within our course instead of my South Plains College email address.

I also require that you register to receive text alerts for this course (instructions will be emailed to your Blackboard email account on the first day of class). I will frequently text reminders, and if you're registered for the text alert service you'll have the most current information.

Attendance Policy

Online students are required to log in to Blackboard **frequently**, with no more than 72 hours (3 days) in between log-ins. Students who fail to meet this requirement will be dropped from the course with an X.

There is no on-campus attendance requirement for this course.

Be advised – I do not accept late work for any reason.

Grading Policy

Final grades will be assigned based on the following percentages:

Reading Pre-Tests and other quizzes (average of all)	10%
Discussions (average of all)	20%
Literary Analysis #1	10%
Literary Analysis #2	10%
Research Project – Enumerative Bibliography	5%
Research Project – Annotative Bibliography	5%
Research Project – Thesis Statement and Formal Outline	10%
Research Project – Rough Draft	10%
Research Project – Peer Review	5%
Research Project – Final Paper	15%

It is up to you to monitor your average and course progress. If at any time you feel that you need to discuss your course progress with me, it is your responsibility to make contact. You can find your current average via the 'Gradebook' link in Blackboard.

Reading Assignments and Video Lectures

Mandatory, assigned reading is required for this course; you may also be required to watch recorded video lectures. Reading and video lecture assignments can be found in the course modules in Blackboard.

Reading Quizzes

It will be particularly important for you to read the fiction assignments at the beginning of each module so that you may participate in class discussion. To ensure that you're doing this, you will be required to take a reading quiz at the beginning of each module. The quizzes will be computer-based. Be sure – before you start the quiz – to read the stories/selections very carefully. You will not have time, once the quiz begins, to look up answers. I do not accept late work for any reason.

Additionally, I do not reset quizzes because of technical difficulty. Be sure you have a stable, high-speed Internet connection before beginning the quizzes.

Literary Analysis Papers

You will be required to write two three-page literary analysis papers for this course. Instructions for these assignments can be found in Blackboard. I do not accept late work for any reason.

Discussions

Collaboration and communication is essential to success in both the academic and professional setting. To practice these skills and further our knowledge of the subjects we cover in this course, each student will be required to participate in weekly discussions.

There are two parts to each module discussion assignment. The first is an **initial post**. The second part includes **responses** to your peers, which will be due in the second half of each module. A 5-point deduction will be applied to initial posts not posted by the first deadline, and no response posts will be counted for credit after the second deadline.

Research Project

You will be required to complete a multi-part research project over the course of the semester. Details for these assignments can be found in Blackboard. Late work will not be accepted for any reason.

Due Dates

Due dates are posted on the course calendar, and are firm. I do not grant extensions or allow late work for any reason. Work submitted after the due date will not be evaluated and will receive a grade of 0.

As an online student, you assume the responsibility for your technology. I suggest three things:

1. Have a backup plan in place from day one, just in case your technology fails.
2. After submitting an assignment, return to the assignment submission before the due date and make sure it's been submitted properly. If it's not submitted properly by the due date, you will not receive credit for it, regardless of whether or not you thought the paper had submitted.
3. Don't wait until the last minute to submit assignments. If you have trouble, but no one is available to help you, you will still not be able to submit the assignment late.

You are responsible for making sure your work has been submitted properly.

Assignment Submission

I cannot accept any assignment via email, for any reason. All files must be submitted via the assignment tool in the Blackboard modules. It is your responsibility to make sure the assignment submitted properly *before* the due date. No documents will be accepted after the submission deadline has passed, for any reason.

Additionally, all files must be submitted as .docx documents (Microsoft Word). I cannot accept .gdoc, .pages, .odt, .rtf, or .txt files. If you submit anything other than a .docx file, you will be given a 0 for that assignment and will not be allowed to make it up.

Style Guide

We will use the APA style guide for formatting and documentation in this course. Specific rules regarding this particular style guide can be found in *The Little Seagull Handbook* that you purchased for this course. All documents you submit should be formatted using APA standards, and all citations you write, whether in-text or on a References page, should follow APA guidelines for citation.

Academic Integrity

It is the aim of the faculty at South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences and possible suspension. Please refer to the SPC General Catalog regarding consequences for cheating and plagiarism.

****Do not, under any circumstances, turn in another student's work as your own. Do not, under any circumstances, give your work to anyone else to turn in as their own. Do not copy and paste from the Internet. All of these situations are representative of academic dishonesty and will be treated as such.****

I have zero tolerance for cheaters. If I suspect you of cheating, I will drop you without discussion. Please trust me when I say I have ways of determining whether or not you've cheated that you can't get around, as smart as you are. ;-)

Disclaimer

Because we will use Blackboard to conduct a portion of this class, please note that the materials you may be accessing in chat rooms, bulletin boards or unofficial web pages are not officially sponsored by South Plains College. The United States Constitution rights of free speech apply to all members of our community regardless of the medium used. We disclaim all liability for data, information or opinions expressed in these forums.

Diversity Statement

In this course, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences 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 be and can be.

Special Services

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Special 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 Special Services Coordinator. For more information, call or visit the Special Services Office in the Student Services Building, 806-894-9611, extension 2529.

Student Code of Conduct

Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. **Student conduct which disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.**