

South Plains College
Course Syllabus: ENGL 1301: Composition I
Online
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Course Section	Time	Location
ENGL 1302	Online	Online

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.

Prerequisite: Students must be TSI-complete or waived in both writing and reading.

Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

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, including revisions of your own work.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: A writing assignment graded by a rubric will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester.

Textbook:

Langan, John. *College Writing Skills with Readings*. 11th ed., McGraw-Hill. Ebook

- ISBN: 9781266135910 (this course is in the TexBook program. The book is included in the cost of the course.)

TexBook Program: This course is in the SPC TexBook program, so you do not need to purchase a textbook or access code for this course.

- This course is part of your TexBook program, which means you don't need to purchase a textbook or access code for this course. TexBook is the required content (either an eBook or online Courseware) for your course, and is provided for you via the Bibliu platform from Day 1 of class.
- Cost of TexBook: this required content is provided as part of a Program called 'Inclusive Access', which means that content is provided for you at the lowest price available from the publisher. The cost for this is included in your tuition.
- How to access your digital content via Bibliu: you can access your material via the Bibliu link inside your Blackboard Course, or directly via the Bibliu app. If you have

issues with this, please contact your professor, the Bookstore Manager or Bibliu Support (see below).

- The Bibliu platform: you can use the Bibliu platform to enhance your learning experience, with features including: highlighting, notes and reading text aloud. For more details and support on how to use Bibliu, please visit the Bibliu support pages, or contact Bibliu support via the email: support@bibliu.com
- Opting out: you can Opt-Out of the TexBook Program, up until the Opt-Out deadline, via the banner displayed when you open the Bibliu platform. Remember that Opt-Out deadlines vary by term, and if you choose to Opt-Out you will lose access to this low price option, and will need to purchase the content through a different method. If you opt-Out, the fee will be refunded to your account.
- **Help with Bibliu issues and support:**
- Trish Wells - patricia.wells@bibliu.com
- : Bibliu support via the email: support@bibliu.com (available 24/7 via chat, email, phone, and text)

Supplies:

- Three-ring binder to keep class notes, PowerPoint printouts, and essay materials.

Technology Requirements:

1. **SPC username and password:** email helpdesk@southplainscollege.edu or call the SPC Help Desk at 806-716-2600 for help with your username/password
2. **SPC student email access:**
 - **SPC Student Email Account:** If you haven't already, you must activate your SPC student email account. Not only will you need access to your SPC email account to receive announcements for our class, but you must use it to communicate with me. I will use it to communicate with you as well. Please check your SPC email often.
 - Your SPC Email address is:
yourSPCusername@southplainscollege.edu (ex. jsmith1234@southplainscollege.edu).
 - Your student email password is the same as your Blackboard password. If you need help, call the SPC Help Desk at 806-716-2600.
 - To access your SPC email account, log in to [MySPC here](#)

- You can also set up access to your SPC email account through mobile phone mail apps, such as default smartphone Mail app or the Outlook app.
 - Check with the SPC Help Desk for assistance: **806-716-2600**.
3. **Regular access to a computer and reliable internet service:**
- Open computer labs are available free to students with an SPC I.D. on all SPC campuses (Levelland, Reese, Lubbock, Plainview).
 - **If you work from a Mac, you may encounter problems accessing your SPC One Drive, and/or submitting documents to Turnitin. The SPC technology team can assist you, but you must be proactive.**
 - Computer or internet connection problems may occur for you at some point this semester. **Understand that it is your responsibility to find alternate computers you may use to submit your work on time.** Find your alternate resources **now**; do not wait until you suddenly need them! Line up three friends TODAY who would be willing to loan you a laptop if yours suddenly crashes.
 - Free WiFi is available in all SPC campus buildings, some SPC parking lots, most coffee shops, etc.
4. **Blackboard:** grades, assignments, quizzes, videos, and many other resources for this class are accessed through the Blackboard learning management system. Use your SPC credentials to log in here: <https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com>
5. **Office 365: Word and PowerPoint:** You are required to use Microsoft Word to create papers for this course. As a member of the SPC community, you have free access to Office 365. Office 365 provides free online access to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, and 1TB of free online storage with Microsoft OneDrive. You can use Office 365 online or download for free and install to your PC, Mac, or mobile device.
- To access Office 365 for free as an SPC student, go to <https://www.office.com> and sign in with the following credentials: SPCusername@southplainscollege.edu and your SPC password.
 - You can then click the link for the individual application you want to use online, or click the install office link towards the top right to install the application to your computer.

6. **Adobe Reader:** Available to download free from this website:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/reader.html>

Computer Help: need help with your computer, laptop, email address, username/password?

- helpdesk@southplainscollege.edu
- 806-716-2600

Blackboard Help:

1. **Get Help by Email:** blackboard@southplainscollege.edu
 - Be sure to include your full name, your instructor's name, the course and section you are enrolled in, and a detailed description of the problem.
 - The blackboard@southplainscollege.edu account is monitored from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Monday – Sunday.
 - You can expect a response within 24 hours by email; however, the average response time is less than one hour.
2. **Get Help by Phone:** 806-716-2962 (available between 8 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday, except on holidays)

FREE TUTORING:

- Tutoring is FREE for all currently enrolled students. Make an appointment or drop-in for help at any SPC location or online! Visit the link below to learn more about how to book an appointment, view the tutoring schedule, get to know the tutors, and view tutoring locations.

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/artsandsciences/teacheredtutoring.php>

Brainfuse.com

- You also have 180 FREE minutes of tutoring with brainfuse.com each week, and your hours reset every Monday morning. To access brainfuse.com, log into Blackboard. You will find the link on the course homepage.

Tutoring Questions:

- Email: tutoring@southplainscollege.edu
- Phone: 806-716-2538

Course Syllabus and Organization:

- This syllabus is available on the **Syllabus and Schedule** page in our Blackboard course.

- The course calendar is available on the **Syllabus and Schedule** tab.
- The course is organized into sixteen weeks. Each week has its own module in the **Course Content** tab in our Blackboard course.
- A weekly planner and assignment checklist is provided for each week.
- Weekly content will open at the beginning of each week. Modules will not open early.

Assignment Deadlines:

- The weekly assignment/quiz deadline is **Sunday at 11:59 p.m.**
- NO LATE WORK IS ACCEPTED
- **EXCEPTION:** I will accept *final draft* essays for 24 hours after the due date. A late essay will receive a 20-point deduction.

OVERALL GRADE CALCULATION:

Quizzes (3 lowest dropped)	15%
Attendance (2 dropped)	10%
Midterm Exam	5%
Final Exam	8%
Essay Outlines	5%
Essay Initial Drafts	10%
Process Essay Final Draft	7%
Causes or Effects Essay Final Draft	11%
Argument Essay Final Draft	18%
Reflection Essays (3)	7%
Journals	4%
Total	100%

Essay Assessment Guidelines:

Essays may earn grades ranging from A to F based on the instructor's grading scale. Depending on the assignment, certain criteria may be weighted more than others, and the instructor's assignment may establish additional, more specific criteria. The quality of each of the criteria determines the letter grade. Not every essay will fit a single grade's

description completely. Instructors may also include process assignments and drafts in their assessment of the final grade.

Essays are graded using the South Plains College English Department Rubric. The rubric may be found in the Course Resources tab.

Student Responsibilities: Students are expected to:

1. Be actively involved in Blackboard: be proficient in Blackboard (The SPC learning platform) watch all videos, be aware of deadlines,
2. Be responsible for the learning process, including preparation for class, such as reading and homework
3. Be responsible for having an appropriate attitude and using appropriate language in academic environments; do not use condescending, inflammatory, threatening, or profane rhetoric, whether verbally or in written form, in academic environments
4. Have respectful behavior toward instructor and classmates in order to contribute to the atmosphere necessary for learning
5. Be responsible for knowing and understanding your grades
6. Submit all assignments in accordance with due dates, formats, and requirements, i.e., **PDFs are not allowed**, all essays must utilize proper MLA format.
7. Avoid all forms of cheating and plagiarism on all assignments, including improper collaboration
8. Ask questions when something is unclear. (email, phone or visit my office)

Dropping our class: Before you withdraw from this class, please contact me or talk to your advisor. There may be a way for you to get back on track.

- Check the SPC Academic Calendar here to find out the last day to drop a course for this semester: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/academiccalendar/index.php>
- To drop this class, fill out and submit this form online: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZrGRbWrP6UWElqAmJdCCqVjMnZs6h15Nrs0pqCo_sEIUODEXTUFXS0JOODhJOTIYM0NEV1kzRk9GMSQIQCN0PWcu
- You are not required to obtain an instructor signature to drop. There will be no charge for drops for the fall or spring semesters.

- I will not drop you from this course. You will be responsible for your own withdrawal. If you are enrolled in class on the final day, you will receive the grade you earned.
- For additional information regarding schedule changes, drops and withdrawals, [click here](#).
- **Withdrawing from all SPC classes:** If you wish to withdraw from all courses, initiate that process with the Advising Office. Schedule an appointment with an advisor by visiting <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/advising/spcadvisors.php> or by calling 806-716-2366.

DO NOT RECYCLE PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN PAPERS FOR THIS CLASS: You may not submit the same or a revised version of a paper you wrote previously for this or another class. In other words, you will be expected to write new, original papers for each written assignment you complete this semester.

TURNITIN will generate a similarity report for each of your papers and can reveal if parts have been plagiarized.

English Department Plagiarism and Cheating Policy:

There is zero tolerance for academic dishonesty in this course. Do not under any circumstances use words you did not write in an essay or assignment without proper documentation. If you are not sure about proper documentation, you must reach out via email or office hours to ensure academic integrity. Plagiarism will automatically result in an F for the assignment and can result in getting dropped from the course with an F. In addition, an Academic Dishonesty Report may be filed with the Dean of Students.

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

1. Using Artificial Intelligence websites or apps to generate, revise, or translate all or part of a paper or other assignment;
2. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another writer or from an online site;
3. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
4. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; **(research is not allowed in this course)**

5. Submitting an assignment for this course that you also submitted to another course without my express approval;

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, texting, internet, Quizlet, etc.) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Reviews so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE POLICIES AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CAN BE FOUND USING THE PROVIDED LINK:

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>

- Intellectual Exchange Statement
- Disabilities Statement
- Non-Discrimination Statement
- Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement
- CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team
- Campus Concealed Carry Statement
- COVID-19 Statement
- Artificial Intelligence Statement