

Course Syllabus and Policies

English 1301
Summer 1 2019
South Plains College

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Office Hours: I am usually in the classroom at 8:30
Class Meetings:
1301.501: Monday-Thursday 10-12pm PC 116

Materials:

Kirszer, Laurie and Stephen R. Mandell, ed. *Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide*. 14th ed. Boston and New York: Bedford / St. Martins, 2012. Print.

Course Description:

This course is a study of the principles of organized and effective writing.

Essays

Students will write 5 (five), 2- page essays / writing projects that reflect and demonstrate their ability and skill in composition.

Grades

I grade in ranges. For example, a B- ranges from 80-83; B 84-86; B+ 87-89. The percentage grade is assigned for convenience in only averaging grades.

Students who have **2 or fewer** absences and have earned an **A or B** at the time of the final will be exempt from the final.

I prefer for students to submit essays as docx files or pdf files through Blackboard. That way, I can grade much faster. If you have issues with Blackboard, please get with me.

Writing Assignment Evaluation Standards

- Superior Essay (A)
- Good Essay (B)
- Average Essay (C)
- No essay (F)

If I return an essay / writing project with no grade on it, that means you rewrite it – as soon as possible.

Percentages

Participation	20%
Essay #1	15%
Essay #2	15%
Essay #3	15%
Essay #4	15%
Essay #5	15%
Final	5%

Course Calendar

On Blackboard

Mac Users?

Ideas / Freewriting

If you had the ability / power / resources (money, time, etc.), how would you improve ...

My favorite dream

PowerPoint

Digital presentations

Multimedia presentation

Games

Describe the ugliest garage door

Awkward family photos / awkward photos