

Course Syllabus and Policies

English 1302.511

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South Plains College

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Office Hours: I am usually somewhere on campus at 8:30am

Class Meetings: MTWR 10 - 12 PC 116

Optional Materials:

Roberts, Edgar and Zweig, Robert. *Literature: An Introduction to Reading and Writing*. Fifth Compact Edition.

Hacker's *A Writer's Reference*.

Catalog Course Description:

This course includes a literature review and an application of research methods to produce a college level research paper.

Evaluation

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.

Essays and Writing Assignments

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 examination.

Submit essays through Blackboard. It seems to work pretty well.

Writing Assignment Evaluation Standards

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

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

Percentages

Participation 20%

Response Paper 1	12.5%
Response Paper 2	12.5%
Response Paper 3	12.5%
Response Paper 4	12.5%
Research Paper	20%
Final	5%

Course Schedule / Calendar

On Mondays, we will do the literature review

On Wednesdays, we will work on the research paper

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Course Policies and Procedures

Email. I check email quite frequently during the day; however, I do not always respond immediately.

A Note for Mac Users

Windows and Mac's do not get along with each other; therefore, I cannot open a pages file on a Windows computer. If you use a Mac, please either export to pdf or to docx.

Formatting:

Please use Times New Roman 12pt font – the default in Word is Calibri 11pt (I think).

Do not write the whole essay in *italic* or **bold**. Use *italic* or **bold** for emphasis. Please do not use ALL CAPS for emphasis – use **bold** or *italic*.

Essays

If you are familiar with and comfortable with PowerPoint, you may produce your essays in Powerpoint.

If you are familiar with and comfortable with web design, you may put together a web page.

If you are familiar with and comfortable with video, you may put together a video.

