

Course Syllabus and Policies

English 1301
Fall 2019
South Plains College

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Catalog Course Description

This course consists of 5 (five) essay-projects – narrative, cause & effect, process, rhetorical analysis, and persuasion.

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 4 or fewer absences and have earned an A or B at the time of the final will be exempt from the final.

I prefer students to submit papers through Blackboard. It speeds up grading.

Writing Assignment Evaluation Standards

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

Percentages

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

Course Schedule / Calendar

For Calendar, see Blackboard

Course Policies and Procedures

Be Here.

Be Professional.

Be Honest.

Be Mentally Present.

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.