

English 1302 Syllabus Spring 2024

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Catalog Description

ENGL 1302 builds on ENGL 1301 with an intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing researched-based expository and persuasive texts along with an introduction to advanced literature. The course emphasizes effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of a sampling of literary, verbal, visual, and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions (South Plains College Academic Catalog).

Course Purpose

English 1302 has a two-fold purpose: it encourages critical writing by introducing the students to research and writing from sources, and it introduces the students to the study of literature, including poetry, short stories, and drama.

Required Texts

The required text books are included in the students' Blackboard course:

Bullock, R. H., Brody, M., & Weinberg, F. (2021). *The little seagull handbook* (4th ed.). W. W. Norton & Company.

Mays, K. J. (2018). *The Norton introduction to literature*. W. W. Norton & Company.

Objectives and Outcomes

Upon successful completion of ENGL 1302, students will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative **research** processes,
- Develop ideas and **synthesize** primary and secondary sources within focused academic arguments, including research-based papers,
- Analyze, interpret, and evaluate a **variety of** texts for the ethical and logical uses of evidence,
- Apply critical thinking to the study of literature and **write essays** which demonstrate that critical thinking,
- Use academic American English to write in a style that **clearly communicates** meaning, builds credibility, and inspires belief or action,
- Apply the conventions of style manuals for specific academic disciplines (e.g., APA, MLA, etc.), and
- **Read and view works of literature**; analyze the use of literary devices (plot, point of view, theme, characterization, setting, symbolism, tone, etc.); participate in class discussions of the readings; and be tested over their understanding of the readings and lectures through quizzes, examinations, and/or written projects.

Essays and Papers

Students will write several essays and papers. The essays and papers written in this course will start with brainstorming, outline and draft forms. The brainstorming, outlines and rough draft of an essay or paper will only be graded for completion which will give students the chance to practice the writing process and to improve on the essay through workshoping with peers, suggestions from the instructor, and self-analysis. The final draft will be graded.

Grade Availability and Timeline

Grades will post within two business days of their due date. All grades will be posted in Friona High Schools' grade book with the majority of graded submissions turned in, commented on, and graded via Blackboard. As not all classwork will be submitted through Blackboard, FHS's student portal will reflect the most accurate and current cumulative grade. Please check grades weekly to address concerns.

Submitting Assignments

- All assignments submitted via Blackboard must be saved as Microsoft Word documents.
- If I cannot open a file, it will receive a zero.
- All research written work must be formatted according to APA 7 guidelines
- All literature written work must be formatted according to MLA 8 guidelines
- Once papers have been graded, students will be able to access the professor's feedback

Late Work Policy

In order to treat all students fairly, no late work will be accepted. All major assignment due dates are on the Assignment Calendar (below).

Methods of Evaluation

1. Use of conventions of academic American English and grammar,
2. Use of appropriate method of development for the assignment,
3. Use of principles of unity and coherence,
4. Use of logical, factual arguments to advance the thesis of the assignment

Academic Integrity

The guidelines set forth in the South Plains College catalog will be followed. Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers. Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism. All of the writing and the ideas in students' writing (e.g., journals)

must be their own. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a '0' (no credit) for the assignment and can result in an "F" for the course if circumstances warrant.

SPC English and Philosophy Department Syllabus Policy:

Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy may result in an F for the assignment and/or an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

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

1. Using Artificial Intelligence websites or apps to generate 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; or
5. Missing in-text citations.

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 Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Blackboard, Internet Access and Computers

Blackboard is the website host for our class, where students are able to view and access homework, view and print out class PowerPoint lessons, check your grades, view the syllabus, and utilize additional links. Students will need internet access and computer to complete homework assignments. Access our Blackboard course from the SPC homepage:

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/>

or at:

<https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com>

Frequently, students will need to view PowerPoint presentations and Microsoft Word files, as found under the Course Content tab. In order to fully participate in the course, students will need access to Microsoft Office. SPC provides Office 365 for free for all students. Students can download the programs here: <https://office.com>

Reading Assignments

Assigned reading is a requirement for this course. Any information discussed in the assigned reading may be included in exams, even if it was not explicitly mentioned in the lecture or PowerPoints.

Online and In-Class Etiquette

College students are expected to conduct themselves professionally, be respectful, be courteous and professional in all written communication. Any student who displays rude or confrontational behavior will be permanently removed from the course.

Please address questions in class, and/or visit with me after school, and/or email me. **I am here to help!** However, try to contact in a timely fashion. **Do not email me the night an assignment is due.**

Diversity Statement

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

Disabilities Statement

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability 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 Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Non-Discrimination Statement

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Health and Wellness Center. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or email dburleson@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus, policies, due dates, and content during the semester. Students will be notified of any changes in a timely manner.

Assignment Calendar and Immutable **Due Dates**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January W1		3	4 APA Research Topic	5 MyBib and start annotated bib
8 Topic Proposal + annotated bib W2	9	10 Proposal with 10 sources DUE	11	12 Annotated Bib DUE
15 Literature Review W3	16	17	18 Poetry Project	19
22 W4	23 Poetry Project DUE	24 Lit Review DUE Research Questions (RQ)	25 20 RQ Due	26 RQ in Outline
29 RQ Outline DUE Read 2 answer RQ W5	30	31	1 February Short Story Project	2
5 W6	6 Short Story Project DUE	7 Gaps in research	8 Design experiment	9 Research Proposal RQ and process
12 W7	13 Adding sources and questions	14 Research Proposal DUE	15	16 ER
19 Design experiment W8	20 Design and write technical proposal for experiment	21	22	23 PTC Experiment proposal DUE
26 Design interview W9	27	28 Design survey	29	March 1 ER Interview & survey questions DUE
4 Research W10	5	6	7	8
11 Spring Break	12	13	14	15
18 Transcript DUE Write results of experiment W11	19 Technical Report DUE	20 Drama	21	22
25 W12	26 Drama Performances	27	28	29

April 1 Research W13	2 Revisit Research outline	3	4 Progress Check Due	5
8 Novel W14	9	10	11	12
15 Novel W15	16	17 Progress Checks DUE	18	19
22 Write novel review W16	23	24	25 Write novel review	26
29 Book Talk Novel Review DUE W17	30 Publish novel review DUE	1 May	2 Literature Final: Create a play using our collection	3 Research Papers DUE
6 Research Final: Presentations W18	7	8 Literature Final: Perform Play	9	10 My Grades IN
13 NEHS Essay Contest	14	15	16	17
20	21	22 ER	23 ER	24