

Course Syllabus and Policies

English 1301.501
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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 124

Required Materials:

Kirszer, Laurie and Stephen R. Mandell, ed. *Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide*. 13th ed. Boston and New York: Bedford / St. Martins, 2012. Print.

Catalog Course Description:

This course includes a grammar review and a study of the principles of organized and effective writing, methods of paragraph development.

Course Goals and Objectives

Students who successfully complete this course will have written a minimum of 5 (five), 2- page essays / writing projects that reflect and demonstrate their ability and skill in composition.

Evaluation

All assignments must be completed and turned in. 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.

Quizzes and Examinations

I do not give quizzes. The essays / writing projects are the examinations.

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.

Turn in your essays / writing projects. Some students prefer to email essays / writing projects to me while others prefer to turn in a hard copy. Others prefer to submit through Blackboard, which may actually be the more effective internet-based method.

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.

Graded Requirements

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

Course Schedule / Calendar

1st Day – June 4

Course Introduction - Syllabus / Writing Process / Essay Writing
Patterns Assignments: Invention (Pre-writing) pp. 27-45

2nd Day – June 5

Patterns Assignments: Invention – continued, Arrangement pp. 49-58
Revising Your Essay p. 65
Grammar Review

3rd Day – June 6

Narrative p. 95-107
Example essay “My Mother Never Worked” p. 121
Grammar Review

4th Day – June 7

Narrative Essay Peer Editing
Grammar Review

5th Day – June 11

Narrative Essay Due
Description Essay p.149
Grammar Review

6th Day – June 12

Description Essay Peer Editing
Grammar Review

7th Day – June 13

Description Essay Due
Process Essay p. 259
“How to Build a Monster from Spare Parts” p. 287
Grammar Review

8th Day – June 14

Process essay peer editing

9th Day – June 18

Process essay due

Classification p.433

Example essay The Dog Ate My Tablet, and Other Tales of Woe p. 452

Grammar Review

10th Day – June 19

Classification Essay peer editing

Grammar Review

11th Day – June 20

Classification Essay due

Persuasion Essay p. 517

The Declaration of Independence p. 544

Grammar Review

12th Day – June 21

Research

Grammar Review

13th Day – June 25

Research

Grammar Review

14th Day – June 26

Persuasion Essay peer editing

Grammar Review

15th Day – June 27

Persuasion Essay due

16th Day – July 2

Catch up

17th Day – July 3

Catch up

18th Day – July 5

Catch up

19th Day – July 9

Last Day – July 10

Return essays

Course Policies and Procedures

Be Here. Please. I take attendance. If you know you will be absent from class, please notify me, best if by email. You do not need a doctor's note about an absence because an absence is an absence. (Question: what am I going to do with a doctor's note?)

Be Professional. If you must answer a phone call, please answer it somewhere else.

Be Honest.

Be Mentally Present. Got it?

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

Mac Users?

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

My favorite dream

PowerPoint

Digital presentations

<https://bloggerspassion.com/free-blogging-sites/>

Multimedia presentation

Paragraph development

games

describe the ugliest garage door

script – write a scene

awkward family photos

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