



English 1302: Composition II

Course Information

CRN:35467

Credit: 3 SCH

Contact Hours: 48

Course Length / Type of Instruction: 16 weeks/F2F

Location / Time: Alief-Hayes B139 / MW 8-9:20 AM

Semester / Year: Fall 2017

Instructor Information

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Course Description: Intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis on effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of verbal, visual, and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions. Core curriculum course. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 Composition I or its equivalent.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative research processes.
- Develop ideas and synthesize primary and secondary sources within focused academic arguments, including one or more research-based essays.
- Analyze, interpret, and evaluate a variety of texts for the ethical and logical uses of evidence.
- 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, CMS, MLA, etc.)

English Program Learning Outcomes

- Write in appropriate genres using varied rhetorical strategies.
- Write in appropriate genres to explain and evaluate rhetorical and/or literary strategies employed in argument, persuasion, and various genres.
- Analyze various genres of writing for form, method, meaning, and interpretation.

- Employ research in academic writing styles and use appropriate documentation style.
- Communicate ideas effectively through discussion.

Core Objectives: Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Through the Texas Core Curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world, develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world, and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning.

Students enrolled in this core curriculum course will complete assignments designed to cultivate the following core objectives:

- **Critical Thinking Skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- **Communication Skills**—to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
- **Personal Responsibility**—to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.
- **Teamwork**—to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

Course Materials:

Access to a computer and printer all semester and an active HCC email account.
(Email is how I generally communicate with students outside of class.)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: There is no required textbook for this course. All required readings will be available online (OER) or handouts. You will be required to have:

A bound writing notebook and a good, recent college dictionary.

A folder or portfolio to store handouts and other readings.

2 full-sized Blue Books for the Midterm and Final Exams. (Get them now. The bookstore runs out at exam time.)

SUGGESTED TEXTBOOKS:

*THE NEW MCGRAW–HILL HANDBOOK*** or any good English Handbook

**Please note that if you registered with McGraw Hill Direct Connect for ENGL 1301 within the last 4 years you will have access to e-texts of both the *Handbook*

and the 1301 *Study Guide*. Print copies of both, if desired, may be ordered from McGraw Hill for \$20.

Course Requirements:

Persuasive Essay #1	10%
Critical Analysis Essay #2	10%
Argument/ Research Essay Final	25%
Reading Quizzes /Homework/Class Participation	10%
*Mid-Term Exam Essay (written in class) - Rhetorical Analysis	10%
*Final Exam Essay (written in class) -	20%
Group Presentations	10%

*An average of “C” must be earned on the two In-Class essays (Mid-Term and Final) to receive a grade of “C” or better in the course. If an average grade of “D” (60-69%) is earned on these two assignments, the student will receive no better than a “D” in the course, REGARDLESS OF OTHER GRADES. If an average grade of “F” (0-59%) is earned on these two assignments, the student will receive an “F” in the course, REGARDLESS OF OTHER GRADES

Student Assignments:

Persuasive Essay: A 1000+ word out-of-class essay that focuses on a particular issue in our readings. This essay, which will require some research and the use of MLA documentation, also emphasizes the effective use of the three appeals of logic, emotion, and credibility. (10%)

Critical Analysis Essay: A 1000+ word out-of-class essay that will analyze a reading assigned in class. (10%)

Midterm Essay: A 750+ word in-class essay that critically analyzes an essay handed out to the student the day of the exam. (10%)

Argument/Research Paper: Your paper of at least 2,000 words will be a study of an issue approved by the instructor. You will provide a draft, and Works Cited page. You will make and defend an argument citing at least 5 relevant credible sources, using MLA style and formatting. You must complete each part of the assignment on time for a grade to receive full credit for the assignment.

Final Essay: A 750+ word in-class critical analysis chosen from topics presented to the class at the time of the exam. (15%)

Presentations At the beginning of the course, everyone will be placed in one of four groups called reading group modules. This means that whenever you find group work assigned in the schedule, you will be working with various group members from your module. However, the most important reason for being arranged in these reading modules is to work collaboratively as a team in order to prepare for, and ultimately present, the findings of your group project report.

In addition to specific group-assigned readings for everyone in the group, other readings will be required for everyone in the class; these readings are clearly marked in the course calendar as class assignments. Collectively, all of these class assignments may be included as potential content for both the midterm and final exams, whereas none of the group-specific readings will be applied to our two essay exams.

For the readings and more guidelines to the presentation see my learning web page for this course. (2 group presentations @ 5% ea. = 10%) You will receive a group grade and an individual grade for each group project.

Reading Quizzes/Homework: Over the course of the semester, there will be frequent brief quizzes given at the beginning of class to encourage everyone to complete the readings before class. These quizzes will generally be on basic facts about the readings, such as information about the author, date and place of publication, setting, audience, and/or other pertinent information. These quizzes cannot be made up but I will drop the lowest grade. We will also have other brief in class writing assignments for which you should either keep a notebook, or bring loose sheets to be kept in a folder. I will collect these journals from time to time and grade them on a completion basis. (10%)

Instructor Requirements:

Instructor Grading Criteria: Out of class papers will be judged on content, structure, and style. Students will be expected to use correct grammar, sentence structure, and diction.

Content	27%	
Organization	<u>23%</u>	50%
Sentences	20%	
Word Use and Tone	17%	
Punctuation and Mechanics	<u>13%</u>	50%

Failure to submit an out of class paper to Turnitin.com will result in a grade of 0.

Out-of-class essays must follow basic MLA rules and be typed, double spaced, with 1" margins and use a 12 pt. plain font. Papers that do not meet these criteria will be not be accepted. The required materials for the final research paper (drafts, review sheets, outlines, etc.) should be secured with a paper clip with the final paper on top and submitted with a hard copy of the final paper. Points will be deducted from papers that do not meet requirements. **All out of class essays must be submitted to Turnitin.com.** Students may be required to submit a substantially completed draft for

peer/instructor review and peer reviews of other students' papers. Failure to participate in the review process will result in a final grade for the paper of no more than a C and could result in a fail for that assignment.

On in-class papers more attention will be paid to content and general organization, but a student's use of correct English will certainly be considered in determining a grade. In-class essays must be written in Blue Books. Students should write on one side of the page and skip every other line to allow room for instructor comments.

Make-Up Policy: Quizzes and in-class writing are unannounced and cannot be made up. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Homework is due at the beginning of class. Homework cannot be made up and Late homework is not accepted. You may choose not to turn in one (1) homework assignment.

Late Papers: One Grade Off Per Calendar Day For Late Papers.

Grading:

A (90-100%) Excellent work that demonstrates a clear understanding of the assignment, has few errors of any kind, and shows exceptional ability to communicate to a specific audience.

B (80-89%) Above average work that shows understanding of the writing topic, has few serious errors, and provides good communication with a specific audience.

C (70-79%) Average work that shows understanding of the writing topic, contains few errors that interfere with adequate communication.

D (60-69%) Below average work that fails to follow the assignment and/or fails to respond adequately to the writing topic, contains a number of serious errors, and demonstrates only marginal communication with a specific audience.

F (0-59%) Incomplete work, work that fails to follow the assignment, and/or work that fails to respond to the writing topic, contains a number of serious errors, and provides little communication with a specific audience

Student Support Services:

Ability Services:

Houston Community College is dedicated to providing an inclusive learning environment by removing barriers and opening access for qualified students with documented disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Ability Services is the designated office responsible for approving and coordinating reasonable accommodations and services in order to assist students with disabilities in reaching their full academic potential. In order to receive reasonable accommodations or evacuation assistance in an emergency, the student must be registered with Ability Services.

If you have a documented disability (e.g. learning, hearing, vision, physical, mental health, or a chronic health condition), that may require accommodations, please contact the appropriate Ability Services Office below. Please note that classroom

accommodations cannot be provided prior to your Instructor's receipt of an accommodation letter and accommodations are not retroactive. Accommodations can be requested at any time during the semester, however if an accommodation letter is provided to the Instructor after the first day of class, sufficient time (1 week) must be allotted for the Instructor to implement the accommodations.

Ability Service Contact Information:

Central College

713.718.6164

Coleman College

713-718-7376

Northeast College

713-718-8322

Northwest College

713-718-5422

713-718-5408

Southeast College

713-718-7144

Southwest College

713-718-5910

Adaptive Equipment/Assistive Technology

713-718-6629

713-718-5604

Interpreting and CART services

713-718-6333

Accommodations due to a Qualified Disability: HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please meet with a campus Abilities Counselor as soon as possible in order to establish reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and Ability Services. It is the policy and practice of HCC to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. For more information, please go to

<http://www.hccs.edu/district/students/disability-services/>

Libraries: HCC has a Learning Resource Center at each campus for student use. The library provides electronic resources including an online catalog system as well as numerous databases that contain full-text articles all available at <https://library.hccs.edu>. Additionally, many of the required texts are on reserve at the library. Find out library locations and hours here: http://library.hccs.edu/about_us/intersession_hours

Online Tutoring:

The goal of online tutoring is to help students become academically independent through guided assistance by HCC faculty or faculty-eligible tutors in almost all departments. Our tutoring is asynchronous, which means that it is NOT real-time.

Students can get real-time help on campus and through several textbook sources. We believe that when tutors can take time to absorb and analyze the work, we give a different type of help. Because the tutoring is asynchronous, it is important for students to plan ahead. It generally takes about two days to get a complete review back, and it may be longer than that when hundreds of papers come in every day for several days in a row. It is crucial for students to look at the yellow banner on the log-in page to see how long the turn-around time is.

Students can submit work 24/7/365; we tutor even when the college is closed for holidays or natural disasters. All HCC students can take advantage of online tutoring by logging on to hccs.upswing.io. The HCC email address and the associated password get students into the online tutoring site, so when the email password changes, so does the Upswing password.

Open Computer Labs: Students have free access to the internet and word processing in open computer labs available at HCC campuses. Check on the door of the open computer lab for hours of operation.

Tutoring Centers:

The HCC Tutoring Centers provide academic support to our diverse student population by creating an open atmosphere of learning for all students enrolled at HCC. Using a variety of tutoring techniques, we assist students across academic disciplines, addressing their individual needs in a constructive, safe, and welcoming environment. Our emphasis is on maximizing academic potential while promoting student success and retention. We are committed to helping students achieve their educational, personal, and career goals by empowering them to become confident, independent, lifelong learners.

Tutoring for individual subjects is offered at specific times throughout the week on various campuses. There is no need to make an appointment. If you need a tutor, please refer to our website: hccs.edu/findatutor for times and locations. For more information about tutoring at HCC, please go to hccs.edu/district/students/tutoring.

Important HCCS and Course Policies:

Please see <http://www.hccs.edu/district/students/student-handbook/> for any changes to HCC policies that might happen during the semester.

Academic Honesty: A student who is academically dishonest is, by definition, not showing that the coursework has been learned, and that student is claiming an advantage not available to other students. The instructor is responsible for measuring each student's individual achievements and also for ensuring that all students compete on a level playing field. Thus, in our system, the instructor has teaching, grading, and enforcing roles. You are expected to be familiar with the HCC's policy on Academic Honesty found in the catalogue. What that means is that if you are charged with an offense, pleading ignorance of the rules will not help you.

Just so there is no misunderstanding, plagiarism (using another's ideas or words without giving credit), collusion (unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit), and other forms of cheating will not be tolerated. To be accepted, all papers require proof of their development. Students who plagiarize, collude, or cheat may face disciplinary action including the grade of 0 for the assignment, an F for the course, and/or dismissal from the college. (See Student Handbook)

Attendance: Attendance, preparedness, and participation are essential for your success in this course. HCC does not differentiate between excused and unexcused absences. If you are not in class, you are absent. HCC Policy states that you can miss up to but not exceeding 12.5% of class hours, which is equivalent to 6 hours. When you miss class, you are still responsible for what happens in class. Keep in mind that whatever the reason for your absence, you will still miss important course work. If you know you must be absent or if you have an emergency, let me know **before class** and make plans to meet with me in office hours. If you have more than four (4) absences before the official date of record (**September 12, 2017**), you may be automatically withdrawn from the course.

Campus Carry: At HCC the safety of our students, staff, and faculty is our first priority. As of August 1, 2017, Houston Community College is subject to the Campus Carry Law (SB11 2015). For more information, visit the HCC Campus Carry web page at <http://www.hccs.edu/district/departments/police/campus-carry/>.

Campus Safety: If you are on campus and need emergency assistance, call 713-718-8888 or, from any campus phone, 8-8888. Use this emergency number instead of 911, which gets routed back to the HCC Police Department dispatch thus lengthening response time to your emergency situation.

EGLS3 (Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System): At Houston Community College, professors believe that thoughtful student feedback is necessary to improve teaching and learning. During a designated time near the end of the term, you will be asked to answer a short online survey of research-based questions related to instruction. The anonymous results of the survey will be made available to your professors and division chairs for continual improvement of instruction. Go to www.hccs.edu/eqls3 for directions.

Final Grade of FX: Students who stop attending class or stop actively participating in class and do not withdraw themselves prior to the withdrawal deadline may either be dropped by their professor for excessive absences or be assigned the final grade of FX at the end of the semester. Students who stop attending classes or who stop actively participating in classes will receive a grade of FX, as compared to an earned grade of F, which is due to poor performance. Logging into a DE course without active participation is considered non-attending.

Please note that HCC will not disperse financial aid funding for students who have never attended class. Students who receive financial aid but fail to attend class will be reported to the Department of Education and may have to pay back their aid. A grade of FX is treated exactly the same as a grade of F in terms of GPA, probation, suspension, and satisfactory academic progress.

International Students: Receiving a W in a course may affect the status of your student Visa. Once a W is given for the course, it will not be changed to an F because of the visa consideration. Since January 1, 2003, International Students are restricted in the number of distance education courses that they may take during each semester. International students must have full-time enrollment status of 12 or more semester credit hours, and of these at least 9 semester credit hours must be face-to-face on-campus courses. Please contact the International Student Office at 713-718-8521 or email int_student_svcs@hccs.edu, if you have any questions about your visa status and other transfer issues.

Repeating Courses: Students who repeat a course for three or more times will face significant tuition/fee increases at HCC and other Texas public colleges and universities. Please ask your instructor or counselor/advisor about opportunities for tutoring and/or other assistance prior to considering course withdrawal or if you are not receiving passing grades.

Sexual Misconduct: Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. The director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504) and complaints may be directed to: David Cross, Director EEO/Compliance, Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, 3100 Main, Houston, TX 77266-7517, or institutional.equity@hccs.edu.

Title IX Discrimination: Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and parental status-in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator.

All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:

David Cross
 Director EEO/Compliance
 Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity
 3100 Main
 (713) 718-8271
 Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu

Withdrawal Policy: Before withdrawing from the course, it is important to communicate with your professor and counselors to discuss your options for succeeding in the course. If all other options have been exhausted, you may withdraw yourself, but the last date to withdraw this semester is **November 3, 2017**. Please remember that it is the student's responsibility to withdraw from a course. If you stop attending the class and don't withdraw by this date, you are subject to the FX grading policy.

Course Calendar--Fall 2017
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 MW 8:00-9:20

WEEK 1	Reading Assignments on the Learning Web	Work Due
8/28	Hurricane	
8/30	Harvey	
WEEK 2		Work Due
9/4	Holiday	
9/6	Intro & Syllabus Review	In Class Essay
WEEK 3		Work Due
9/11	Introductions and Syllabus	In-Class Essay
9/13	"Are Integrated Devices Safer" & Section 1-1 Persuasion & Pathos in the 1302 Study Guide	HW #1
WEEK 4		
9/18	In "Guns" the Rolling Stone article and What Rolling Stone Got Wrong	HW #2
9/20	Section 1-2 Ethos & Section 1-3 Logos in SG "Guns" Gavran	
WEEK 5	Reading Assignments	
9/25	Section 1-4 Logical Fallacies	HW #3
9/27	Claims and Audience-Case Study –Rape Culture	

WEEK 6	Reading Assignments	
10/2	The Three Appeals –A Review	Persuasive Essay #1
10/4		Group Project #1
WEEK 7	Reading Assignments	
10/9	Critical Analysis cont	Critical Analysis Essay #2
10/11	Working With Sources	
WEEK 8	Reading Assignments	Work Due
10/16	In Class Midterm	Critical Analysis Essay #2
10/18	Case Study: Fake News	
WEEK 9		
10/23	Writing a Thesis Statement	HW #5
10/25	Case Study: Property Rights	Topic for final Paper Due
WEEK 10		
10/30	Working with Sources	
11/1		Sample Works Cited Page
WEEK 11		
11/6	Writing a Paragraph	HW #6
11/8	Intro's and Conclusions	
WEEK 12		
11/13		
11/15	Draft Reviews	Draft of Final Paper
WEEK 13		
11/20	Presentation #2	Presentation #2
11/22	Case Study: For Profit Colleges	
WEEK 14		
11/27		
11/29	Case Study: Free Community College	Final Paper and Support Due
WEEK 15		
12/4	Final Exam Part 1	
12/6	Final Exam Part II	
WEEK 16		
12/11	Exams and Papers Returned—Final Grades Reported	