



**Division of English and Communications  
English Department**

<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/areas-of-study/liberal-arts-humanities--education/english/>

**ENGL 1302: Freshman Composition II | Online | 17001**

Spring 2021 | 16 Weeks (1.19.2021-5.16.2021)

Online Anytime

3 Credit Hours | 48 hours per semester

**Instructor Contact Information**

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Please feel free to contact me concerning any problems that you are experiencing in this course. Your performance in my class is very important to me. I am available to hear your concerns or just to discuss course topics.

**Instructor's Preferred Method of Contact**

Please contact me with questions or concerns via email at [james.langston@hccs.edu](mailto:james.langston@hccs.edu) or at Canvas Inbox. I will respond to emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday; I will reply to weekend messages on Monday mornings. I do respond to voicemail, but email is much more efficient.

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**What's Exciting About This Course**

The Department of English helps students find and develop their authentic voices, establish political power, and create social capital. We teach critical thinking, close reading, and analysis. We coach students on the rhetoric of messaging with consideration of purpose and audience. We support them as they craft their own narratives. We turn thoughts into words, ideas into interpretations, ambiguity into translation, and silence into voice.

**Personal Welcome**

Welcome to English 1302. I look forward to getting to know you this semester and to working with you to improve your writing and reading skills. I hope you enjoy the course and find it intellectually stimulating.

## Prerequisites and/or Co-Requisites

Successful completion of ENGL 1301 or satisfactory score on the CLEP exam. Please carefully read and consider the repeater policy in the [HCCS Student Handbook](#).

## Learning Management System

This section of ENGL 1302 will use [Eagle Online Canvas](#) for all assignments, exams, and activities. Reading assignments, Forums, and other materials will be found in Eagle Online. Example: Each week, you will complete several reading and writing assignments, all of which will be found in the Canvas course shell. When accessing the course on Canvas, it is recommended that you use [FIREFOX](#) or [CHROME](#).

This semester, there are three modalities for English courses: *online Anytime* (WW), *online on A Schedule* (WS), and *flexCampus* (FC).

**FC** - The course modality of this class is *flexCampus*.

Faculty will hold class as per the assigned schedule, and students will be assigned to attend in person or online each class period utilizing Canvas Eagle Online.

On the days when you are not assigned to be in person, it is expected that you will attend virtually (online).

Attendance will be taken each class period.

**WS** - The course modality of this class is *online on A Schedule*.

Faculty will hold class as per the assigned schedule, and students will attend online each class period utilizing Canvas Eagle Online.

Attendance will be taken each class period.

**WW** - The course modality of this class is *online Anytime*.

Faculty will instruct this class as a traditional online course utilizing Canvas Eagle Online.

Attendance will be taken through completion of online assignments.

**This section of ENGL 1302 is *Online Anytime*.**

### HCC Online Information and Policies

<http://www.hccs.edu/online/>

### Scoring Rubrics, Sample Assignments, Other Resources

Look on your course website for the scoring rubrics for assignments, sample class assignments, and other information to assist you in the course.

<https://eagleonline.hccs.edu/courses/153179>

## Instructional Materials

### Course Reader Information

There is only one book: Between the World and Me, by Ta-Nehisi Coates. ISBN-13: 978-0812993547. This is the ISBN for the hardback, but it is fine you get the paperback or Kindle editions. Note that my assignments for this book have pagination references, which might not work properly if you change the font size on the Kindle edition. The book should be available through HCC Central Bookstore. There will also be a link in the course for purchasing the book. You may also buy it through the vendor of your choice.

All other reading assignments will be provided online.

### Other Instructional Resources

#### Tutoring

HCC provides free, confidential, and convenient academic support, including writing critiques, to HCC students in online and in-person environments. Tutoring is provided by HCC personnel in order to ensure that it is contextual and appropriate. Visit the [HCC Tutoring Services](#) website for services provided.

#### Libraries

The HCC Library System consists of 9 libraries and 6 Electronic Resource Centers (ERCs) that are inviting places to study and collaborate on projects. Librarians are available both at the libraries and online to show you how to locate and use the resources you need. The libraries maintain a large selection of electronic resources as well as collections of books, magazines, newspapers, and audiovisual materials. The portal to all libraries' resources and services is the HCCS library web page at <http://library.hccs.edu>.

#### Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is an academic enrichment and support program that uses peer-assisted study sessions to improve student retention and success in historically difficult courses. Peer Support is provided by students who have already succeeded in completion of the specified course, and who earned a grade of A or B. Find details at <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/supplemental-instruction/>.

## Course Overview for ENGL 1302

English 1302 is an intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis is 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.

### Core Curriculum Objectives (CCOs) for all ENGL Core Courses

ENGL 1302 satisfies three (3) hours of the communication requirement in the HCCS core

curriculum. The HCCS English Discipline Committee has specified that the course address the following core objectives:

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

### Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) for all ENGL courses

Can be found at:

<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/areas-of-study/liberal-arts-humanities--education/english/>

### Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs) for ENGL 1302

Upon successful completion of ENGL 1302, the student will be able to:

- 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.)

## Student Success in ENGL

As with any three-hour course, expect to spend **at least six hours per week** outside of class reading and studying the material. I will provide assignments to help you use those six hours per week wisely. Additional time will be required for written assignments. Successful completion of this course requires a combination of reading the textbook, attending class, completing assignments in Eagle Online, and participating in class discussions. There is no short cut for success in this course; it requires reading (and probably re-reading) and studying the material using the course objectives as your guide.

### Instructor and Student Responsibilities

As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:

- Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be calculated
- Facilitate an effective learning environment through class activities, discussions, and lectures
- Provide a description of any assignments
- Inform students of policies
- Provide the course outline and class calendar that will include a description of assignments
- Arrange to meet with individual students as required

As a student, it is your responsibility to:

- Attend class and participate in class discussions and activities
- Read and comprehend the texts
- Complete the required assignments
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem
- Keep copies of all documents, including this syllabus, handouts, and all assignments
- Be aware of and comply with academic honesty policies, including plagiarism, in the HCCS Student Handbook

## **Assignments**

### **Written Assignments and Essays**

Students will write a minimum of 5,000 words over the course of the semester. There are three major grades.

- 1) An evaluation of an argument. The essay will be 3-5 pages, MLA format. 15% of grade.
- 2) An annotated bibliography. MLA format. 15% of grade.
- 3) A research paper of at least 12 pages, MLA format. 30% of grade.

### **Exams**

There are two exams, a midterm and a final. The exams count toward 30% of your grade. They are a combination of short answer and in-class essay.

### **In-Class Activities**

There will be forum posts due in Eagle Canvas, sometimes about twice a week, due before class. These posts will be a minimum of 150 words, and count toward 10% of your grade.

### **Grading Formula**

Essay #1 (3-5 pages)	15%
Annotated bibliography	15%
Research Paper (12-15 pages)	30%
2 Exams	30%
Forums	10%

**HCC Grading Scale can be found on this site under Academic Information:**  
<http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/>

## **Course Calendar**

The schedule of assignments and exams will be available in Canvas Eagle Online, but here are some key dates for the semester:

January 18:	MLK Day
February 15:	President's Day
March 15-21:	Spring Break
April 2:	Spring Holiday

April 6: Last Day to Drop  
 May 9: Last Day of Instruction

## Syllabus Modifications

The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus at any time during the semester and will promptly notify students in writing, typically by e-mail, of any such changes.

## Instructor's Policies

### Academic Integrity

Here's the link to the HCC information about academic integrity (Scholastic Dishonesty and Violation of Academic Scholastic Dishonesty and Grievance):

<http://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-procedures/>

In this course, the first violation of academic integrity, including but not limited to collusion and plagiarism, will result in a 0 for the assignment. The second violation will result in an F for the course and a referral to the appropriate Dean of Student Services. **All violations of academic integrity are recorded in the HCC Early Alert system (Maxient).** Students are responsible for knowing what constitutes collusion and plagiarism. Claims that a student did not know he or she was committing academic dishonesty is not an acceptable defense. A link will be provided in the course that explains what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. All students are responsible for knowing how to avoid plagiarism, and will be held accountable for any violations.

### Attendance Procedure

HCC policy states that a student may not miss more than 12.5% of class, which is four class meetings (or six hours, including tardiness and leaving early) in a regular, 16-week semester. You must also actively participate, or you will be dropped. **Description of "active participation": Posting Forum entries for reading assignments, turning essays, and completing exams. Essentially, if you miss more than four assignments of any kind, you will be dropped.**

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 **April 6, 2021**. 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. **An important note for International Students: If you are dropped from a class or earn an FX, you may lose your Visa.**

### Student Conduct

Our shared responsibility is to develop and maintain a positive learning environment for everyone. I take this responsibility seriously and will inform members of the class if their behavior makes it difficult for me to carry out this task. As a fellow learner, you are asked to respect the learning needs of your classmates and to help me achieve this critical goal.

You will be engaging with your peers in the discussion forums and during peer review. You might encounter ideas that are different from yours. I expect you to be courteous and respectful to your peers at all times. Failure to do so will result in a referral to the appropriate Dean of Student Services and possible dismissal from the course.

## **HCC Policies**

Here's the link to the HCC Student Handbook <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/> In it you will find information about the following:

- Academic Information
- Academic Support
- Attendance, Repeating Courses, and Withdrawal
- Career Planning and Job Search
- Childcare
- Ability Support Services
- Electronic Devices
- Equal Educational Opportunity
- Financial Aid TV (FATV)
- General Student Complaints
- Grade of FX
- Incomplete Grades
- International Student Services
- Health Awareness
- Libraries/Bookstore
- Police Services & Campus Safety
- Student Life at HCC
- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Student Services
- Testing
- Transfer Planning
- Veteran Services

### **EGLS<sup>3</sup>**

The EGLS<sup>3</sup> ([Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System](#)) will be available for most courses near the end of the term until finals start. This brief survey will give invaluable information to your faculty about their teaching. Results are anonymous and will be available to faculty and division chairs after the end of the term. EGLS<sup>3</sup> surveys are only available for the Fall and Spring semesters. EGLS<sup>3</sup> surveys are not offered during the Summer semester due to logistical constraints.

### **HCC Email Policy**

When communicating via email, HCC requires students to communicate only through the HCC email system to protect your privacy. If you have not activated your HCC student email account, you can go [to HCC Eagle ID](#) and activate it now. You may also use Canvas Inbox to communicate.

## **Office of Institutional Equity**

<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/>

**Ability Services**

<https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/ability-services/>

**Title IX**

<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/title-ix-know-your-rights/>

**Office of the Dean of Students**

<https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-complaints/speak-with-the-dean-of-students/>

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