# English 2322: British Literature I

## Course Information

CRN: 16292

Online

Credit: 3 SCH

Contact Hours: 3

16 wks./ Type of Instruction: Online

Location / Time: TBA

Semester / Year: Spring 2019

## Instructor Information

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**HCCS Crucial Days** **for Spring**

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| Jan. 14: Classes begin | April 19: Spring Holiday |
| Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Day | May 5: Instruction Ends |
| Jan. 28: Official Day of Record | May 6-12: Final Exams |
| Feb. 18: Presidents’ Day Holiday | Tuesday. week 16, Last Day to submit revised papers – 11:59 |
| Mar. 11-17: Spring Break | May 12: Semester Ends |
| April 1: Last Day to Withdraw |  |

Be aware: You are responsible for reading and understanding the information contained in this syllabus. It is agreement between you and your professor. Familiarize yourself with the information contained here. Ask all necessary questions.

**Course Description:** A survey of the development of British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the Eighteenth Century. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical, linguistic, and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. Core curriculum course. 3 Credit Hours. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301.

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

* Identify key ideas, representative authors and works, significant historical or cultural events, and characteristic perspectives or attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions.
* Analyze literary works as expressions of individual or communal values within the social, political, cultural, or religious contexts of different literary periods.
* Demonstrate knowledge of the development of characteristic forms or styles of expression during different historical periods or in different regions.
* Articulate the aesthetical principles that guide the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
* Write research-based critical papers about the assigned readings in clear and grammatically correct prose, using various critical approaches to literature.

**English Program Learning Outcomes**

1. Write in appropriate genres using varied rhetorical strategies.
2. Write in appropriate genres to explain and evaluate rhetorical and/or literary strategies employed in argument, persuasion, and various genres.
3. Analyze various genres of writing for form, method, meaning, and interpretation.
4. Employ research in academic writing styles and use appropriate documentation style.
5. 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.
* **Social Responsibility**—to include intercultural competency, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

**Course Materials:**

1. Greenblatt, Stephen, ed., *The Norton Anthology of English Literature. The Major Authors.* 9th ed. Vol. 1. New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 2013, ISBN 978-0-393-91964-6. You can find the text used online at various websites. It is all right to use an earlier edition. Googling the ISBN (after removing the hyphens) may help you find a less expensive copy of the text.

2. Purdue OWL: Use this website to support the correctness of your formatting of parenthetical references and Works Cited entries. (https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\_and\_citation/mla\_style/mla\_formatting\_and\_style\_guide/mla\_works\_cited\_page\_books.html)

**Course Requirements:**

**Literary Term Paper** = 25% , 1000+ words on *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. Topics in relation to *SGGK* must be approved by the instructor. A rough draft of this paper will be due in week 11. This rough draft will be worth 25% of the total grade on the final paper.

**Poetry Paper** = 25%, Write an analysis of a poem. Write 1000+ word analysis of a single poem’s structure and content. Poems must be from the list I provide later here. If you want to work with a different poem, you MUST get previous approval from me; otherwise you risk NO credit for your work. IMPORTANT. Read this information carefully: This paper is written in two parts: the Preliminary Poetry Assignment (PPA) & the Completed Poetry Assignment (CPA). Each is required; each is worth 50% of the final grade.

**Midterm** (20%) , Written online. Be aware there is a 90 min. time limit after which the computer will not allow you to submit your exam. The Midterm will cover the first half of the course. There will be two essay questions in which you will synthesize various aspects of the readings.

**Final Exam** (20%), Written online. 2-hour time limit. There will be two essay questions over major aspects of the readings and a third question in which you will analyze a poem. Only the second half of the course will be covered.

**Journals** = 10%, 10 Journals will be written. They will consist of your response to one of the works read for that class session. They represent samples of students’ writing free from concern over form and structure. Journals should be 200+ words.

**Your grade for this class is composed of the following:**

Literary Term Paper (LTP) (Notes, Works Cited, Outline = 25% of grade) = 25%

Preliminary Poetry Analysis (PPA) = 12.5%

Completed Poetry Analysis (CPA) = 12.5%

Midterm = 20%

Final Exam = 20%

Journals (Ungraded Writing) = 10%

| Wk. | **ENGL 2322 Course Calendar ~ Description of Assignments****Work is due Sunday of the week assigned unless otherwise indicated.** |
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|  **1** Jan. 14-20 | Description of the course. Intellectual background. The Literary Term Paper. Primary and secondary sources. // Term paper assigned. Discussion of literary material.Discussion of literary essays & the literary term paper. Critics. Elements of Fiction.Start reading *Othello*, Act I (552) in preparation for writing the Literary Term Paper (LTP).  |
| **2** Jan. 21-27 | Read *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* Books 1 & 2 (135)Narrowed Topic due for LTP: Send this in under Discussions for Instructor Approval. Make sure you have reviewed the handout on Approaches and decide on an Approach for your LTP.Journal #1 - due Read *Othello*, Acts II & III (Acts 2 & 3)Structure - The bob & the wheel (136-7) (from the introductory material over SGGK)Note the structure of each stanza, alliteration. Note the points regarding the celebration and descriptions of characters on which the author focuses.LTP: Read and re-read *Othello*. Use one of the topics found in the Directions for this paper.Find two literary articles in the HCC Library Literature Database. (See the link on the class page.) Make sure the articles are similar in topic and related to your selected topicl. Skim through the articles in preparation for writing the LTP about the play; also review the handout on Approaches found in a link on the class page. Establish an area of concentration for your LTP. Class Conference Wed., Jan. 22, 7pm, to answer your questions, review MLA format and the LTP. Attendance required at this week or next week’s conference |
| **3** Jan. 28-Feb. 3 | Journal #2 dueRead *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* Books 3 & 4 (160)Read *Othello*, Acts IV & V (Acts 4 & 5)LTP: Use the Databases by Subject/Literature found on the HCC Library Homepage above wk. 1 or in a library book. You may not use the internet as a source for any of our papers in this class. Class Conference Tues., Jan. 29, 8pm, to answer your questions, review MLA format and the LTP. Attendance required at this week or previous week’s conference |
| **4** Feb. 4-10 | Journal #3 dueThe Canterbury Tales (188-193) Chaucer - Structure"The Miller’s Prologue and Tale" (214-230). Look online for a copy in modern English: <http://www.librarius.com/canttran/mttrfs.htm> (Focus on the left hand column.)for useful background information: http://www.luminarium.org/medlit/miller.htmBackground on The General Prologue: <http://icg.fas.harvard.edu/~chaucer/canttales/gp/>Reread *Othello* (552) Acts I & II.Due:10 Quotations/Notes & Works Cited (in MLA format) page due for LTP (8 of your notes should be quotations from the work itself. Two should come from the two critical articles. Notes should be quotes, paraphrases or summaries. Each note should have a parenthetical reference indicating source and page. See the example on the class page for the correct format.) Examples of notes are available on the class page. |
| **5** Feb. 11-17  | Journal #4 dueOutline for Literary Term Paper due – the outline does not need to be detailed. Roman numerals describing major elements are all that is necessary.Morte Darthur - Sir Thomas Malory (328-347) Reread *Othello* Acts III & IV. |
| **6** Feb. 18-24 | Journal #5 due Due Tutor Review of LTP: Take rough draft to a tutor. Revise, edit and submit completed paper next week.Edmund Spenser – Skim Background (399-404)The Faerie Queene Book 2, Canto 12 “The Bower of Bliss” (463-474)Reread *Othello,* Act V. |
| **7** Feb. 25- Mar. 3 | ◈Rough draft of LTP due ◈ ◈ LTP Tutor Review: Submit evidence of tutor review of your LTP Rough. Use all comments to make revisions on final draft. Submit early this week, so that you have the tutor’s response back by Sunday week 8.◈Skim Background on Shakespeare (535-540) Review *Othello* in preparation for Midterm. *Othello* - William Shakespeare Acts I-V (552-635).**◈ Mid-term exam Online. See Class Page for dates.◈** |
| **8** Mar. 4-10 | Journals 1-5 due before Midterm. 🞽No late Journals 1-5 accepted after closing date on Midterm.🞽 **◈ Mid-term exam Online ◈**◈LTP Peer Review: Post your Almost Final LTP under Discussions. Submit Peer Review of ONE classmate’s paper.◈ |
| Mar. 11-17 | << Spring Break >> |
| **9** Mar. 18-24 | ◈ Literary Term Paper due Sunday this week .◈Poetry Paper (PPA & CPA) assigned. How to read a poem: Look for the sentences, the periods, the semicolons. Read complete sentences rather than reading just lines for meaning!John Donne (666-668), “A Valediction Forbidding Mourning” (679), “Death Be not Proud” (691) // George Herbert “The Altar” 732, “Easter Wings” 733 // Richard Lovelace “To Lucasta, Going to the Wars” // Robert Herrick “To the Virgins to Make Much of Time” () // Shakespeare Sonnet 29 (543), Sonnet 116 (549), Sonnet 130 (550)Journal #6 dueClass Conference over the Poetry Paper. Attendance required at one of two available times. |
| **10** Mar. 25 – 31 | Poem Selection for PPA due. Carefully review the format for this paper, and follow it for submission. The Bible: Ch. 2 & 3 of Genesis (King James Version): <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/toc/modeng/public/KjvGene.html> Paradise Lost – John Milton Intro - Books 1 & 2 (799ff). I have posted highlighted copies of these books on the class page, which will give you a sense of the more important areas needing your focus. I encourage you to read as much as you can of this wonderful text. Journal #7 |
| **11** April 1-7 | *Paradise Lost* - John Milton Intro - Book 4, 8 (854-886) The Creation of Eve, The Creation of Adam. The suborning of Eve by a Toad.Journal #8 - on *Paradise Lost*PPA due next week. Review directions. See sample PPA for a clear description of the elements you are submitting. |
| **12** April 8-14 | Preliminary Poetry Analysis (PPA) due this Sunday. Follow directions carefully.*Paradise Lost* - John Milton Book 9 (887).  |
| **13** April 15-21 | PPA returned to you with instructor’s notes for revision and assembly into an essay.Review of *Paradise Lost*.  |
| **14**April 22-28April 23- 29 | ◈Completed Poetry Analysis (CPA) due this Sunday. ◈Prepare for Final Exam: Review *Paradise Lost’s* characterization of Satan and Eve. Prepare to write essay for final.Review of Poetry for Final Exam.Journal #9 –due |
| **15** April 29 -May 5 | Journal #10 due🞽All Journals 7-10 must be submitted before taking the final🞽.🞛 Final Exam See class page for dates. 🞛 |
| **16** May 6-12 | 🞛 Final Exam 🞛Any revised papers due before Wed. this week. |

**Instructor Requirements:**

**Class Attendance: You are required to come into the online class at least once per week. Failure to enter for a two week period constitutes automatic withdrawal or an FX at the end of the course.**

**Following Directions: You are expected to read and follow directions for your classwork. It is your responsibility to ask questions when you do not understand the directions. Be specific in your questions, and you will receive specific answers.**

**You will be using MLA format in this class. If you are unfamiliar with it, it is advisable to do some background study on this format in the Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab) website.**

**Facility in using the computer is important. If you are unfamiliar with how to format papers creating Headers, Hanging Indents, Page Breaks, indenting sections of text using MSWord, it is advisable that you study how to do these things using Help in that program. Headers belong in the header screen. Page breaks are required between the various sections of your formal papers.**

**Read and follow these directions. They pertain to every assignment you submit:**

**All papers are submitted online through Canvas**. Students are required to keep backup copies of all submitted work in case the instructor does not receive it. Store all papers until the end of the following long semester. Remember that computers break down. Keep backup copies of your work.// All papers must be submitted as .doc, .docx.

Final papers that have been submitted on time may be revised and resubmitted ASAP. The latest date for resubmissions is Tuesday of week 16.

**MSWord is available to you through your college email. Contact a nearby HCC Computer Lab for help with how to connect.**

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IMPORTANT: All papers must be submitted as YourLastName + the assignment. For example: SmithLTPFinal means that Joan Smith is submitting the final copy of her Research Paper. If you wish to include your first name, do it like this: SmithJoan-LTPRough not ~~JoanSmithLTPRough,~~ which will not alphabetize properly. Papers not submitted as required will not be accepted, and will receive a grade of zero. Papers received in an unreadable form will not be accepted, and will receive a grade of zero. You may petition this decision giving clear and acceptable reasons for the mistake.

Do not use YOU or I in formal writing. Papers – other than journals -- using YOU or I or versions thereof will have significantly reduced grades. Write your papers in third person plural nouns. For example, instead of saying, “When you go to the store . . . ,” say “When **consumers** go to the store,” or “When **people** go to the store, they . . .” Do not insert yourself into your writing. Doing so tends to weaken your statements. Instead of saying, “I think that the world is round,” say “The world is round.” We know the second statement is your opinion because your name is on the assignment.

**Email: It is important for us to communicate clearly with each other. Set up your Profile in Canvas, so your emails will go to your preferred address. Then remember to check it periodically.**

**I will be sending messages to your email from time to time expecting that you are receiving them.**

**Notes:** You are required to read all the listed material and encouraged both to read ahead of assigned reading dates and to read other works by the same author or other material from the same period.

**A requirement of the course** is to keep up with readings, and discussion is impossible in class without your cooperation. You get out of a class what you put into it.

Class Conferences: From time to time we will have class meetings online through the Conferences link on the class page. I will be asking the class for acceptable days and times to hold these meetings. Once we have this set up, you are expected to attend in order to gain from the discussions. We do this in lieu of class meetings. You will find that the discussions are helpful and will give you needed information to help with both your writing and your two exams. Attendance at these conferences is required.

**DE students must** check in at least once a week. Failure to do so may result in an F for the course. Make sure you have contacted me if there is any overriding reason for an extended absence.// In Class students are expected to be in class on time for every session. You are allowed a total of 6 hours of absences per semester. After the 4th hour of absence, you should schedule a conference with your instructor to discuss your absences and the consequences of further absences. Excessive absences may result in your withdrawal from the class. Make every effort to be on time. Excessive tardiness can accumulate to the point of forcing your withdrawal as well.

**Communication** with your instructor is essential in all your courses. Please keep us informed of problems you are having either with the course itself or with keeping up with assignments. Let me know ahead of time if you are having problems with the course or will have to be out for any reason. TEXT me – Do not call – at 713-252-4042 to ask questions or inform me of any issues. Add your full name!!

**Questions** are invited in this course. It is the opinion of your instructor that questions from students demonstrate both interest and knowledge. Feel free to ask questions at any time.

**Plagiarism**: Plagiarism is simply dishonestly presenting someone else’s words as your own. You can always give credit to your sources, so you honestly give due credit to them for their work. Both quoted and paraphrased information must be referenced. Papers which show plagiarism will receive a grade of zero, and be aware that at times plagiarism can result in an F for the course. Familiarize yourself with plagiarism and what it means. Ask questions as necessary.

**Student Grievances:** Students who wish to complain about any aspect of their education should first speak with their instructor. If the situation remains unresolved, then the student has the right to file a student grievance with the dept. chair, Dr. Alan Ainsworth, who can be contacted via email: alan.ainsworth@hccs.edu. Forms can be picked up from Mr. Aaron Henry, departmental secretary, at aaron.henry@hccs.edu. These forms are first submitted to the Department Chair who will then consult with the student and other parties involved in an effort to come to a reasonable resolution of the problem.

**Read** your **Student Handbook** paying particular attention to the section on Student Rights & Responsibilities. Within this section is a segment on Grievance Procedure as well as one on Academic Dishonesty. It is important that you familiarize yourself with both your rights and responsibilities as a student. Student Handbooks are available from the Office of the Registrar.

**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:**

*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.

*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.

*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

*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>

*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.

**Important HCCS and Course Policies:**

*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.

*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 (**<<Insert Appropriate Date Here>>**), you may be automatically withdrawn from the course.

*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 **<<Insert Appropriate Date Here>>**. 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.

*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.

*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.

*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)

*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/egls3](http://www.hccs.edu/egls3) for directions.

*Title IX Discrimination*: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires that institutions have policies and procedures that protect students’ rights with regard to sex/gender discrimination. Information regarding these rights are on the HCC website under Students-Anti-discrimination.  Students who are pregnant and require accommodations should contact any of the ADA Counselors for assistance.

It is important that every student understands and conforms to respectful behavior while at HCC. Sexual misconduct is not condoned and will be addressed promptly. Know your rights and how to avoid these difficult situations by logging in from your HCC student email account, go to [www.edurisksolutions.org](http://www.edurisksolutions.org" \t "_blank) Go to the button at the top right that says **Login** and click. Enter your student number.

*Open/Campus Carry of Handguns*: **No Firearms Are Allowed on Campus**. If you see anyone carrying a firearm on campus call the HCC Police Department at **8-8888** immediately.

Texas House Bill 910—known as the “Open Carry” law—provides holders of a handgun license may now carry their handgun visibly in a waist belt holster or a shoulder holster, but they may not openly carry on or in a college campus or building and they may not openly carry on any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage or other parking area of the college. Open Carry is effective as of January 1, 2016.

Campus carry and open carry are two (2) separate laws. Texas Senate Bill 11—known as the “Campus Carry” law—will allow individuals who have a valid Texas handgun license to carry a concealed handgun in certain areas on college campuses. The Campus Carry law becomes effective at 4-year institutions on August 1, 2016 and at 2-year institutions on August 1, 2017.

All information regarding both Open Carry and Campus Carry will be posted at <http://www.hccs.edu/campuscarry>.

*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.