

## English 1302, Composition II, Spring 2013

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Room: FAC 311	Office: FAC 321A
Regular 16 Week Session	Office Hours: By Appointment
Lecture (in-person) 3 contact hours per week	(generally Mon./Wed. 10:00-11:00 AM; other times can be arranged on an individual basis)

**Course description:** A more extensive study of skills introduced in ENGL 1301 with an emphasis on critical thinking, research and documentation techniques, and literary and rhetorical analysis.

**Course prerequisites:** Completion of ENGL 1301 or a satisfactory score on the CLEP exam

**Student learning outcomes:** The student will be able to (1) apply basic principles of rhetorical analysis; (2) write essays that classify, explain, and evaluate rhetorical and literary strategies employed in argument, persuasion, and various forms of literature; (3) identify, differentiate, integrate, and synthesize research materials into argumentative and/or analytical essays; (4) employ appropriate documentation style and format across the spectrum of in-class and out-of-class written discourse, and (5) demonstrate library literacy.

ENGL 1302 is a **Core Curriculum** course.

### Required Texts

-- *Read, Reason, Write*. 10th ed., by Dorothy U. Seyler

-- Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World*. (Harper Perennial, 1998). (This is the publication I am using; you can get any version of the novel as long as you stay on-track during class lecture and discussion.)

### Recommended Texts

-- *The Little Seagull Handbook*. eds. Richard Bullock and Francine Weinberg

### Course Material

--Spiral notebook for taking notes and folder for carrying documents

--USB drive

--College-level dictionary/thesaurus

### Class Policies

All out of class assignments must be typed, double-spaced and printed as a hard-copy. Students are responsible for saving electronic copies of any work turned in for grading. **Students must also submit all major assignments on the same day to Turnitin.com, a plagiarism detection software program.**

Students should turn in assigned work on time (paper-copy and to Turnitin.com). If you can not turn in an assignment on time because of extenuating circumstances, you must arrange with me for an extension.

Students are expected to attend class. In accordance with official HCCS policy, students with more than 6 hours of unexcused absence (**6 classes for this class**) can be dropped for excessive absence at my discretion; while such withdrawal is not automatic, excessive absences will affect your class participation grade. Keep in mind that whatever the reason for your absence, you will miss important

class work. If you know you must be absent or if you have an emergency, please email me or discuss the situation after class or by appointment.

The official **withdrawal deadline** (for a grade of **W**) for the Spring 2013 semester is **April 1 at 4:30 PM**. Merely ceasing to attend class does not count as a withdrawal and may result in a grade of FX, which can affect financial aid. If you are having any issues with completing this course, please contact me or withdraw before the deadline.

- It is important to be on time for class since I'll spend the first few minutes of class giving instructions, making assignments, explaining concepts, etc. Also, if you're late, you may miss writing assignments that count as part of your grade. **Daily grade in-class writing assignments can not be made-up due to absences or tardiness.** While missing one in-class assignment will probably not affect your grade, missing many will.
- You will want to exchange contact information with at least two other students in the class, so that if you miss class you will know what is required of you. Whether you are in class or not, you are responsible for the work that is due.
- According to the Student Handbook for the Houston Community College System, scholastic dishonesty includes **cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.** **Plagiarism** means using another person's words or ideas and assimilating them into your own written work without quotation marks (if the exact words are used) or appropriate acknowledgment if borrowed material is summarized or paraphrased. **Collusion** is defined as "unauthorized collaboration," such as working with another student on an assignment that should be done individually, such as a test. **Plagiarism will result in a grade of 0 for the assignment. You will not be allowed to rewrite plagiarized assignments. You may also fail the course, or be recommended for probation or dismissal from the Houston Community College System (especially if plagiarizing for the second time).**

### Support Services

**Tutoring:** Free tutoring is available in FAC 321B. Check with the English Department for exact times.

**Library:** The library is located in the Learning Hub/Science Building on the third floor. The library website address is <http://library.hccs.edu>.

**Open Computer Labs:** Computers are available for word processing in the Computer Writing Lab in FAC 302. Check for open hours.

**Reasonable accommodations:** Students who require reasonable accommodations for disabilities are encouraged to report to Room LHSB 106, or call (713) 718-6164 to make necessary arrangements. Faculty are authorized only to provide accommodations requested by the **Disability Support Services Office.**

### Grading and Assignments

Participation, Professionalism, and Attendance:	10%
In-class writing assignments, daily grades, and quizzes:	10%
Definition Essay (Argumentative; out-of-class):	10%
Literary Analysis # 1 (Midterm/in-class):	10%
Literary Analysis # 2 (out-of-class):	15%
Annotated Bibliography (10 % of Research Paper)	
Research Paper (including Annotated Bib.; out-of-class):	30%
<b>Final Exam:</b>	<b>15%</b>

