ENGL 1302 (3 Credit Hours)

Composition II

This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a DCCCD Core Curriculum Course.
Prerequisite: English 1301 and have met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) standard in Reading and Writing.
Course Description: In this course students refine the writing, research, and reading skills introduced in English 1301. A related goal is the development of critical thinking skills. Writing assignments emphasize argumentation and persuasion. Students will also write a formal research paper. (3 Lec.)

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English 1302H teaches writing in response to texts. The texts used in 1302 Honors are especially challenging, including some of the great names in the history of Western thought: Plato, Bacon, Darwin, Marx, Jung. Students will learn several methodologies for the analysis of texts, including Toulmin's model of informal argumentation, Aristotle's topoi and an adaptation of Young's tagmemic analysis. Literary texts will also be studied, and the research paper will be on a literary subject.

THECB information: Academic: [THECB Core Curriculum](#)

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):
At the end of the course, the successful student will be able to

1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative research processes.
2. Develop ideas and synthesize primary and secondary sources within focused academic arguments, including one or more research-based essays.
3. Analyze, interpret, and evaluate a variety of texts for the ethical and logical uses of evidence.
4. Write in a style that clearly communicates meaning, builds credibility, and inspires belief or action.
5. Apply the conventions of style manuals for specific academic disciplines (e.g., APA, CMS, MLA, etc.)
Course Materials:

This course will use open content materials available on e-campus and the internet.

A student of El Centro College is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.  [THECB TAC Rule 4.218 (c)]

Major Course Units: (subject to change)

Weeks 1 through 5: Intro to Textual Analysis
Weeks 6 through 10: Reading and Interpreting Literature
Weeks 11 through 15: Writing through Literature
Assignments:
At least 4 closely graded written assignments of 500-750 words
One graded research paper of 900-1500 words
Exercises and quizzes as determined by the teacher
Tests as determined by the teacher

Disclaimer:

The provisions contained in this syllabus do not constitute a contract between the student and El Centro College. These provisions may be changed at the discretion of the Coordinator/Instructor. When necessary, appropriate notice of such changes will be given to the student.

The instructor-of-record may provide additional information to enhance the course to meet the needs of the enrolled students, provided that the enhancements do not conflict with the official course syllabus.

Institutional Policies: [General institutional policies]

Course related policies: [Course-related institutional policies]

Department policies:

1. Attendance Policy: Regular attendance is imperative because this course involves a good deal more than simply reading a text; further, you cannot receive credit for a class you have not regularly attended. Not being in class, regardless of the reason, is an absence. Those who miss too many classes (more than 6) and do not drop the course will receive an “F” for the course. If you come to class completely unprepared for the class activity that day, such as not having a rough draft on a peer edit day, you will be counted absent.

2. Academic honesty: Papers should reflect YOUR knowledge and understanding. Don't let others do your thinking and writing for you. Information that is copied, quoted in part, paraphrased, or summarized without credit to the author is plagiarism. Instances of plagiarism have dire consequences: F on the paper, F in the class, and/or expulsion from school. Review specific Academic Honesty Statement posted on e-Campus.

3. Cell phones: Your cell phone must be turned off during class and put in your bag, not on your desk. Put your bags and purses on the floor and leave them there. If you expect several family emergencies, then you should give the campus police phone number to your family, and campus police can come get you in case of true emergency. This shows respect for the learning environment and helps you build professional habits.
Student Handbook:
http://www.elcentrocollege.edu/admissions/docs/ECCStudentHandbook2012_w.pdf