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Class Meeting Times: T/TH 7:00PM- 8:20 PM

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Textbooks and Other Course Materials:


College Rule Notebook. (Containing at least 60 lined pages)

Small Portable Flash Drive (at least 16g)

 Reliable Internet Access

**Course Description:** Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis on effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis. (3 Lec.)  

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**Learning Community:**

ENGL 1301-41704 is part of a learning community; this means that in addition to this course, students are also enrolled in DIRW 0310-41701. The theme of the linked courses is Digging Deep: Strengthening Knowledge of Self, Study, Reading and Writing Skills for Success in College and Life.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative writing processes.
2. Develop ideas with appropriate support and attribution.
3. Write in a style appropriate to audience and purpose.
4. Read, reflect, and respond critically to a variety of texts.
5. Use Edited American English in academic essays.

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**Core Objectives:**

- ENGL 1301 develops the following Core Objectives:
• **Critical Thinking** - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.

• **Communication** - to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of idea through written, oral, and visual communication.

• **Teamwork** - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

• **Personal Responsibility** - to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

**Core Objective Development Statements:**

• ENGL 1301 develops **Critical Thinking** by requiring students to analyze a variety of texts in terms of audience, purpose and style. This analysis serves as the basis for written responses that require the justification of ideas through support and attribution.

• ENGL 1301 develops **Communication** by requiring students to respond to a variety of texts in the form of revised and edited academic essays.

• ENGL 1301 develops **Teamwork** by requiring students to engage in collaborative writing and editing processes such as peer review.

• ENGL 1301 develops **Personal Responsibility** by teaching students the ethical and accurate use of research through proper citation and documentation.

**Evaluation (in other words, how you get your semester grade):**

- **FE1** Formal Essay 1: 10% due on Monday 11/5 before 11:59 PM
- **FE2** Formal Essay 2: 10% due on Monday 11/12 before 11:59 PM
- **FE3** Formal Essay 3: 15% due on Monday 11/21 before 11:59 PM
- **FRP** Research Paper: 25% due on Wednesday 12/12 before 11:59 PM
- **RP** Research Presentation: 5% in class Tuesday 12/4 at 7:00 PM
- **DGA** Daily Grade Average: 35% avg. of all daily grades, discussion participation & quizzes

**Description of grading categories:**

- **Daily Grade Average**: This is the average of all daily grades. Daily grades assess many things: attendance, participation, reading comprehension, quizzes, homework, outlines, drafts, revisions, workshops, group activities, etc.

- **Formal Essay 1, Formal Essay 2, Formal Essay 3**: These are formal compositions using academic format, style, and tone. One of these may be revised and resubmitted for a higher grade (see Blackboard for guidelines).

- **Final Research Paper**: Also a formal composition, the research project is the culmination of the writing skills and strategies honed throughout the semester. It is a longer essay that breaks free from the “five-paragraph” structure used in the previous shorter essays. Significant outside research is required for this assignment.

**COURSE POLICIES:**

- **READ COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS REGULARLY.** You must regularly check eCampus announcements.

- **Attendance Policy**: You are expected to attend and participate in all class sessions. As described above, your attendance is assessed through daily grades. At 35% of your final grade, it is impossible to pass this course if you are not in class and do not participate, since there are no make-ups for in-class daily grades.

  - I know that life happens—it happens to all of us! Therefore, I know it’s possible that you will miss class once or twice this semester. **That’s why I drop the two lowest in-class daily grades.** Two absences will not harm your final grade. **Remember, though: you are always expected to be prepared for class even if you were absent prior—contact a classmate to find out what you missed.**
Communicate all extenuating circumstances to me as soon as possible; the earlier you contact me, the better it will be for you and your grade.

- Written assignments must be submitted on Blackboard by the due date/time specified. NO late work will be accepted unless I deem the situation/circumstances to be extenuating. Computer, internet, and technology problems do not excuse you from due dates.
- Your mobile devices may be used to look up information during class. Sometimes you will be required to put them away during a particular assignment or activity. It would be disrespectful to be working on other class assignments, texting, or using social media during the class (see policy on respectful etiquette above).
- All email communication must be through your DCCCD Office365 email, per Eastfield’s confidentiality policies. Go here to activate it: http://www.dcccd.edu/SS/OnlineSvs/Pages/MSOffice.aspx
  - I CANNOT CONVERSE WITH YOU ON YOUR PERSONAL OR WORK EMAIL
- Follow proper e-mail etiquette: this establishes your ethos. See this article from Purdue OWL: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/694/1/.
  - Provide a subject, a salutation, a body, and a signature.
  - NEVER send an email with just an attachment (you should always explain the purpose of your writing, including—and especially—in emails to professors). Sending a blank email with an attachment is considered rude in the professional world.
  - Complete, edited sentences are expected.
  - Remember what you should think about in all writing: audience (in this case, a college professor) and purpose (whatever your email is about).
- Plagiarism is not tolerated in this course (nor in any course at Eastfield!).
- Respectful etiquette is expected of students at all times.
- The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus and course agenda. These will be announced in class and updated on eCampus/Blackboard.
- All grades are posted on eCampus.
- I will provide feedback on your essay draft if you send it to me via email 48 hours in advance. If you send it to me 24-47 hours in advance, I will check it for MLA formatting issues only.

ACADEMIC HONESTY & PLAGIARISM—English Departmental Policy

Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog at http://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/ss/code.cfm

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on tests, plagiarism and collusion. Cheating includes copying from another student’s test or homework paper, using materials not authorized, collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test, knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting the contents of an unadministered test, and substituting for another person to take a test. Plagiarism is the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one’s own written work. Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements.

Academic dishonesty is a serious offense in college. You can be given a failing grade on an assignment or test, can be failed for the class, or you can even be suspended from college. In any written paper, you are guilty of the academic offense known as plagiarism if you partially or entirely copy the author’s sentences or words without quotation marks. For such an offense, a student will receive a zero on the assignment and could even receive an F for the course. You cannot mix the author’s words with your own or “plug” your synonyms into the author’s sentence structure. To prevent unintentional borrowing, resist the temptation to look at the source as you write, unless you are using a direct quote. The author's words, phrases, sentences must be put in your words, in your way of writing. When you do this, you are demonstrating the ability of understanding and comprehension.
Please be advised that academic dishonesty and plagiarism are serious issues that may result in serious consequences. Students should be aware that they are responsible for their behavior concerning these issues. This class will adhere to the student’s “Responsibility” as detailed in the DCCCD district-wide statement and the Eastfield College Student Code of Conduct explained in the Eastfield College and district catalogs or on-line at the district website (https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0608/ss/code.cfm).

Consequences for Academic Dishonesty and/or Plagiarism: Any student in this English class found guilty of cheating on an examination or of Plagiarism (using the definitions given for both terms in the attached document) will receive one or more of the following penalties:

- The grade of zero (0) on that particular assignment.
- A course grade of F (depending on the severity of the student’s dishonesty or plagiarism).
- The professor may request that the student drop the class.

INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

DROP / WITHDRAWAL POLICY AND SEMESTER DROP DATE
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw. Withdrawing is a formal procedure which you must initiate; your instructor cannot do it for you. You must withdraw through the Admissions/Registrar’s Office (C119) in person or by mail by December 1, 2018. You may also withdraw through eConnect. Failure to withdraw before the deadline will result in receiving a performance grade, usually a grade of “F.” You will receive a “W” (“Withdraw”) in each class dropped. A “W” shows up on your transcript BUT does not hurt your GPA.

CERTIFICATION POLICY AND CERTIFICATION DATE
You must attend and participate in your on-campus or online course(s) in order to receive federal financial aid. Your instructor is required by law to validate your attendance in your on-campus or online course in order for you to receive financial aid. You must participate in an academic related activity pertaining to the course but not limited to the following examples: initiating contact with your instructor to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course; submitting an academic assignment; taking an exam; completing an interactive video; participating in computer-assisted instruction; attending a study group assigned by the instructor; or participating in an online discussion board about academic matters relating to the course. In an online course, simply logging in is not sufficient by itself to demonstrate academic attendance. You must demonstrate that you are participating in your online class and are engaged in an academically related activity such as in the examples described above. Failure to do so will prevent you from being certified and will affect your financial aid. The certification date for this course is October 29, 2018.

***STOP BEFORE YOU DROP: THE 6 DROP RULE***
For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than six courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions. Remember that once you have accumulated six non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a “W.” Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops.

DISTRICT THIRD ATTEMPT POLICY/ REPEATING A COURSE
Effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge a higher tuition rate to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. All third and subsequent attempts of the majority of credit and Continuing Education/Workforce Training courses will result in higher tuition to be charged. Developmental Studies and some other courses will not be charged a higher tuition rate. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. More information is available at: http://www.dcccd.edu/Current+Students/Paying+for+College/Third+Course+Attempt/.
FINANCIAL AID STATEMENT
If you are receiving Financial Aid grants or loans, you must begin attendance in all classes. Do not withdraw or stop attending any class without first consulting the Financial Aid Office (C237). Non-attendance or withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further financial aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Also, students who do not withdraw from a class but fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy, that is, may be in a position of repayment for the current semester.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)
The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a statewide program designed to ensure that students enrolled in Texas public colleges and universities have the basic academic skills needed to be successful in college-level course work. The TSI requires assessment, remediation (if necessary), and advising of students who attend a public college or university in the state of Texas. The program assesses a student's basic academic skills in reading, writing, and math. Passing the assessment is a prerequisite for enrollment in many college level classes. Students who do not meet assessment standards may complete prerequisite requirements by taking developmental courses in the deficient area and passing them with a grade of C or higher. Additional information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/admiss/tsi_requirements.cfm.

ADA STATEMENT—STUDENTS WITH LEARNING, MENTAL, OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
Students requesting accommodations due to the presence of a disability must identify themselves in a timely fashion and demonstrate/document the need for accommodation through the Disability Services Office (DSO). For information regarding the rights and responsibilities of students with disabilities, contact (DSO) at (972) 860-8348 voice/TDD.

DCCCD OIE STATEMENT- Fall 2017

The Office of Institutional Equity, in coordination with DCCCD colleges, has the primary responsibility for reviewing, updating and carrying out compliance policies and procedures. The institutional equity and compliance officer and the Office of Institutional Equity make sure that college district policies and federal and state laws related to sexual assault, Title IX, Title II (Americans With Disabilities Act) and the Military Veterans Full Employment Act are followed to support diversity and inclusion.

Students with Disabilities:
If you are a student with a disability and/or special needs, or if you think you may have a disability, please contact the college Disability Services Office (DSO). Please note that all communication with DSO is confidential. If you are eligible for accommodations, please inform DSO to forward your accommodation request to your instructor as soon as possible, preferably at the start of the semester or program. For more information about the College Disability Services Office, please visit the Student Services website: dcccd.edu/DSOffices or contact the DCCCD Office of Institutional Equity at 214-378-1633.

College Disability Services Offices:  Eastfield  972-860-8119

A Note on Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct

We are committed to assure all community members learn and work in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Title VII, Title IX and DCCCD policy prohibit harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct. If you encounter harassment, sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, relationship violence) or retaliation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression, please contact your college Title IX coordinator or the Office of Institutional Equity. We treat this information with the greatest degree of confidentiality possible while also ensuring student welfare and college safety.

We are concerned about the well-being and development of our students and are available to discuss any concerns. There are both confidential and nonconfidential resources and reporting options available to you. If you wish to keep
the information confidential, please contact college Counseling or student Health Services. As required by DCCCD policy, incidents of discrimination and/or sexual misconduct shared with faculty will be reported to the college Title IX coordinator or district Title IX coordinator. The Title IX coordinator will contact you and determine if further investigation is needed. For more information about policies, resources or reporting options, please contact your college Title IX coordinator or visit dcccd.edu/TitleIX. The Eastfield College Title IX Coordinator is Rachel Wolf can be reached at (972) 860-7325, email: TitleIX-EFC@dcccd.edu. The District Title IX Coordinator for the Office of Institutional Equity is LaShawn Grant and can be reached at (214) 378-1633, email: TitleIX-District@dcccd.edu

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT of 1974 (FERPA)
In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the College may release information classified as “directory information” to the general public without the written consent of the student. Directory information includes: (1) student name, (2) student address, (3) telephone numbers, (4) date and place of birth, (5) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (6) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (7) dates of attendance, (8) educational institution most recently attended, and (9) other similar information, including major field of student and degrees and awards received. Students may protect their directory information at any time during the academic year. If no request is filed, directory information is released upon written inquiry. No telephone inquiries are acknowledged. No transcript or academic record is released without written consent from the student, except as specified by law.

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY/CODE OF CONDUCT
Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the Dallas County Community College District. Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but it not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. More information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0406/ss/code.cfm. In this course, violators of the Academic Honesty Policy will receive an “F” for the work done under academic dishonesty and cannot be made up.

PRINTING ON CAMPUS
Printing in the Computer Lab (L108), Library, and Learning Assistance Center (LAC) will cost 10 cents a page. You must bring a one, five, ten, or twenty-dollar bill to the lab to create a print account before you can print. No change is made in the lab. Once the money is in the bill acceptor, it cannot be retrieved. No cash refunds are possible. An account stays active (and therefore, you can print) as long as the account has value (that is, has money in it).

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS/OBSERVANCES
Students who will be absent from class for the observance of a religious holiday must notify the instructor in advance. Please refer to the college catalog section on Student Responsibilities.

STUDENT E-MAIL:
Legal privacy issues prevent your instructor from discussing your work or your grades on commercial e-mail accounts. If you wish to send assignments/drafts as attachments to an e-mail (and the instructor permits it), or if you have a question about your grade, you must open a student e-mail account. The account is free. You may set it up by going to http://www.dcccd.edu/MSOffice. All communication should be conducted through your official student email account.

INCLEMENT WEATHER STATEMENT
In the event there is inclement weather that affects regular scheduled classes and events on the Eastfield College campus, the Dallas County Community College District and Eastfield College web pages will display a notification of any closings or delays. If there is no notice of changes or delays, then classes are in session as usual. You also may refer to announcements on major television and radio stations (like KEOM-FM radio 88.5) in the event that the DCCCD or Eastfield College Internet sites cannot be accessed.
OBTAINING GRADES AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER
Grade reports are no longer mailed. Convenient access is available online or by telephone. Just use your student identification number when you log in to e-Connect or call DCCCD Touch Tone Services. Web site address:  http://econnect.dcccd.edu/. Telephone number: 972-613-1818.

DISCLAIMER RESERVING RIGHT TO CHANGE SYLLABUS/COURSE SCHEDULE
The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.