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Course Description (from Eastfield Catalog):
8910&212

**Composition II - This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a DCCCD Core Curriculum Course.**

**Prerequisite:** One of the following must be met: (1) English 1301 (2) English as a Second Language (ESOL) 0044 AND 0054; or (3) have met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Reading and Writing standards AND DCCCD Writing score prerequisite requirement.

**Course Description:** This course focuses on student writing. It emphasizes critical and analytical thinking and introduces research skills. Students practice writing for a variety of audiences and purposes. (3 Lec.)

**Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 2313015112**

**Required textbooks** ---- Critical Thinking, Reading & Writing: a Brief Guide to Argument, NINTH ED., Barnet, Bedau & O'Hara
Maus, Volumes 1 & 2 --- Art Siegelman

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 such as English 1301/1302, History 1301/1302, Math 1414, etc. 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. In some cases retesting will also be required. It is up to each student to be aware and informed about requirements that are subject to change. *Additional information is available from the TSI Office.*

https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0910/admiss/tsi.cm?loc=4

Students will learn to evaluate and analyze, and to become very familiar with the elements of argumentation/persuasion. Also, they will develop and demonstrate those skills in preparing a research paper.
Obtaining Final Course Grades Using eConnect

Final Grade Reports are no longer mailed. Convenient access is available online at www.econnect.dcccd.edu. Use your identification number when you log onto eConnect, an online system developed by the DCCC to provide you with timely information regarding your college record. Your grades will also be printed on your Student Advising Report, which is available in the Admissions Office.

Eastfield College Email Policy

Faculty and students must have and use a DCCCD account for all correspondence relating to academic coursework. For information on setting up a DCCCD student email account go to: http://www.dcccd.edu/netmail/home.html

Course Outline:

Wed. Oct. 24. ---- Intro. to the class, presentation of syllabus, and discussion of the SLO’s.

Mon. Oct 29 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) chapt. 7, pgs 261-285

Wed. Oct. 31 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) Chapt. 2, pgs. 35-79 Essay #1 due today

Mon. Nov. 5 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) Chapt. 3, pgs. 80-138

Wed. Nov. 7 ---- Discuss Maus Vol. 1 Essay #2 due today

Mon. Nov. 12 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) Chpt. 4 pgs. 139-177 (deduction)

Wed. Nov. 14 ---- Discussion on Chapt. 4 Text (induction)

Mon. Nov. 19 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) Essay #3 due today

Wed. Nov. 21 ---- Discuss previous chapters – (syllogism)

Mon. Nov. 26 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) Read pgs. 325 - 331

Wed. Nov. 28 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) Discuss Toulmin Method Essay#4 due today

Mon. Dec. 3 ---- Read Text (CTRAW) Discuss Rogerian Method pgs. 373-383

Wed. Dec. 5 ----- Review for Final Exams ALL Research Papers will be due today!!!

Since this is a flex English class which functions on a shortened time period, every student is
encouraged to ATTEND class. Missing one class session could easily make it difficult to be
successful in this class. Missing more than one class and it will be exponentially difficult to even
pass this course. If for some reason you cannot attend class, notify the instructor as soon as
possible. Also, the use of laptops and cell phones during class is prohibited. In order to
gauge the level of comprehension of the students, I will give quizzes at any time. My advice is to
keep up with the assignments.

Students who are receiving any form of financial aid should check with the Financial Aid Office
prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and
could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to
attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

Financial Aid Statement for Distance Learning Classes

If you are receiving Financial Aid grants or loans and are enrolled in a Distance Learning class, you
must show participation in this class prior to the certification date by either e-mailing or contacting
the instructor or logging on to eCampus. Do not drop or stop attending any class without
consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level and failing grades may
require that you repay financial aid funds.

Repeating This Course: (Third Attempt to Enroll in a Course)

Effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional
tuition 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 additional 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. See Third Attempt to Enroll in a Course at:
http://www.dcccd.edu/thirdcourseattempt/

Academic Honesty Statement

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. Food, drinks, and tobacco products are prohibited in Eastfield College classrooms.

**ADA Statement**
Students with a physical, mental or learning disability who require accommodations should contact the college Disability Services Office in C237. Call 972.860.8348 or email efcdso@dcdcd.edu. For more information: [http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/SSI/DSO/index.html](http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/SSI/DSO/index.html)

**Religious Holidays**
Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. Notification of the absence must be given to the instructor in writing at least two weeks prior to the date of the holy day. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to contract with the instructor to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within at a mutually agreed upon time after the absence.

**Withdrawal Policy**
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar's Office by Nov. 15, 2018. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an “F.” If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a “W” (Withdraw) in each class dropped. For more information about drop deadlines, refer to the current printed Credit Class Schedule, contact the Admissions/Registrar’s Office at 972-860-7167 (Room C119), or contact the division office.

**STOP BEFORE YOU DROP**
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 6 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 6 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](https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops)

**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.

**Classroom Etiquette**

Students are assumed to be adults and as a result, to ACT like adults. This is college, not high school. If you have a disagreement with me, I will be more than happy to discuss it with you at any time. I am aware of my responsibilities and I expect you to be aware of yours. When another person is speaking, permit the other person to speak. In other words, show respect and yes, take turns. If we can do this, then we will all learn something and that is always good.