ENGL 1302 – Composition 2

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Course Description:
Intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis on effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of verbal, visual, and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions.

DCCCD Catalog Information:
ENGL 1302 - Composition 2 (3 Lec.)
This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a Core Curriculum course selected by the colleges of DCCCD.
Prerequisite: English 1301 and have met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) standard in Reading and Writing.
Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 2313015112

ENGL 1302 Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
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.)

Required Texts:
No required textbooks. All course materials are available online via eCampus. Go to the following page for instructions on logging in to eCampus: https://www.richlandcollege.edu/current-students/tutorial-videos/pages/logging-ecampus.aspx
Evaluation Procedures:

Orientation Quiz 10
Discussion Boards (6 x 30 pts) 180
Writer’s Notebook (6 x 20 pts) 120
Essay 1 100
Essay 2 200
Essay 3 250
Reading Quizzes (4 x 10 pts) 40
Course Reflection 10
Peer Review / Exchange of Drafts (3 x 30 pts) 90

Total points possible 1000

Your final grade will be calculated as a percentage based upon your total points earned divided by 1000 (the total points possible):

A = 90 - 100 %
B = 80 - 89%
C = 70 - 79%
D = 60 - 69%
F = 59% and less

Numeric grades will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Assignments: See eCampus for due dates and detailed descriptions of every assignment:
http://ecampus.dcccd.edu/

Course Outline:

Unit 1
Review of basic skills
Quotations, Summaries and Paraphrasing
MLA documentation / Citing Sources
Formal / Informal Register

Unit 2
Rhetorical Analysis & Critical Thinking
The rhetorical situation
Responding to others

Unit 3
Research & Argumentation
Conducting research
Making arguments (logos, pathos, ethos)
Debatable thesis statements
Opposing viewpoints

Unit 4
Language and Creative Communication
Language in thought and action
Idioms, expressions, satire, sarcasm and irony
Figurative language

Unit 5
Literary Analysis
Literary Terms
Drawing evidence from a text
Writing about literature

Academic Honesty
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 http://www.richlandcollege.edu/conduct.

Academic Honesty (Writing and Editing Your Own Work):
Plagiarism is using someone else’s words or ideas without giving credit and is a serious academic offense. It can range from:

- Turning in a paper any part of which you did not write,
- Cutting and pasting a paper together from various sources without attributing the sources correctly,
- Changing a few words but basically keeping most of the words and sentence structure of the original,
- Using the ideas of another without giving credit to the person who originally had the idea.
- Using the exact words of the source without using quotation marks even if you give the name of the source.

Note: You must be able to demonstrate that written work submitted is original. This means that it is your responsibility to maintain copies of drafts, notes, and any other materials that can demonstrate the original nature of the writing. If you edit and revise on a computer, it will be necessary occasionally to save drafts of an assignment as it is revised in order to show how the final draft evolved.

Collusion is working with someone so closely on your paper that large sections have been reworded by someone other than you.

Collaboration with others is encouraged in the writing process (getting ideas, planning, revision, editing), but the final paper should be entirely your own writing, and edited mostly by you.
Both plagiarism and collusion are serious academic offenses. Consequences will include the following:

- a performance grade of "0" for the assignment or test,
- documenting the incident in your DCCCD file,
- taking other appropriate disciplinary actions.

More on plagiarism: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/

“Recycling”
Papers written for another class, or written in previous semesters, will not be accepted. The purpose of a writing course is to practice your writing. Turning in old work defeats that purpose.

Help with Writing:

- **The English Corner** is located in Bonham 228. There you can receive supplemental instruction and tutoring from qualified English instructors. No appointment is necessary. Ask your instructor about the current schedule, or see the schedule on the door of B228.
- The Writing Center is located in Medina 216. There you can receive free tutoring by appointment or on a drop-in basis. Phone: 972-238-6226. More info online at: http://www.richlandcollege.edu/writing/
- Additional help is available on-line at: http://www.owl.english.purdue.edu

**Obtaining Final Course Grades Using eConnect**
Final Grade Reports are no longer mailed; they are available online at www.econnect.dcccd.edu or by telephone at 972-613-1818. Your grades will also be printed on your Student Advising Report, which is available in the Admissions and Student Records Office, T170.

**Course Drop date**
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 the official drop date for this course. Please see the list of Important Dates on the Academic Calendar webpage at http://www.richlandcollege.edu/academiccalendar/

The last day to drop this course with a “w” is **7/30/2019**.

**Institutional Policies**

**Disclaimer**
The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.