Composition I
English 1301
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Course Description: Composition I is an intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis is placed 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.

Core Objectives:

- Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas 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 Skills – to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making

Learning Outcomes
After successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

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.

Course Materials/Supplies Needed
There is no required textbook for this course.

Class Format: Active Learning
Along with 4-5 short essays, active learning students are asked to engage in the learning process through regular classroom activities such as writings and skill-builders (individual and collaborative), journals and/or reflective activities and classroom presentations and projects. Assigned readings must be completed before the start of class. If they are not, quizzes will be added to incentivize completion of these readings in a timely manner.

Student Email and Software: All assignments and essays must be written on Microsoft Word, which available for free to all enrolled students. Email communication with the instructor should take place using the Outlook email account provided to you when you registered. Go to this link to learn more about student email and software:
https://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/services/onlineservices/email-ms-office/pages/default.aspx

Evaluation Procedures:

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Grading Scale:
A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = Below 60

Attendance Policy:
Punctual attendance at every class is a necessity. Arrival five minutes after the start of the class is considered tardy. Arrival after twenty minutes past the start of class is an absence. If it is absolutely necessary to miss class, it is your responsibility to find out from the course calendar what you missed and come to the next class fully prepared, with all assignments complete. To clarify, being absent from a prior class is no excuse for not having your assignment on the day you do attend.
You are allowed no more than 3 unexcused absences from class. After 3 absences, your final average will be deducted 20 points for every absence.

Students are not allowed to miss the first two weeks of the semester. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending, by the certification date. For this lecture course, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date, will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes. For certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students who are not certified as beginning class are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses.

**Late Work Policy:** Late work is not accepted, ever. All essays and assignments must be typed on a word processor, such as Microsoft Word and uploaded to Blackboard / eCampus by 11:59 pm on the day it is due. *(That means NOT via e-mail).* In the case of a certified health emergency *(Documents must be submitted to verify this)*, please inform me via email or text, and we will arrange a makeup work plan. Understand that appointments are NOT synonymous with emergencies, as they are planned ahead of time. As such, they are no excuse for late work or absence.

**Makeup Exam Policy:** N/A

**College Sponsored Events:** These activities do merit an “excused” absence, but any assignments due on the date of the event must be submitted on or before that due date. Written responses must be submitted in order to earn points for any participation activities missed.

**Electronic Devices:** Please refrain from using electronic devices for purposes besides coursework during class discussions.

**Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism:**
Each student enrolled in this course must write their own essays in their own words and cite their sources appropriately. Any essay assignment that is found to be copied from the Internet or from a friend or family member’s previous work will receive a ZERO grade and averaged into your final grade. A second infraction will result in an F for the course. Students who are caught *deliberately* and repeatedly plagiarizing an assignment will be subject to an “F” in the course and possible expulsion from the college.

**Withdrawal Policy**
If you are unable to complete this course successfully, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar’s Office by Thursday, April 16, 2020. 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 how to drop a class, go to this website: [https://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/apply-reg/reg/pages/dropwithdraw.aspx](https://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/apply-reg/reg/pages/dropwithdraw.aspx)
**Other Rules:**
Respectful behavior and scholarly focus is expected. During instruction or other presentations students should be listening attentively without talking or texting to one another. During work periods students should be working on their assigned tasks.

Please turn off all cell phones and beepers.

Please do not use social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) during the class.

**Important Dates:**
- **Monday, Feb. 3** — 12th Class Day (Certification Date)
- **Thursday, Feb. 27, through Friday, Feb. 28** — Professional Development; Thursday and Friday classes will not meet.
- **Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20** — All colleges and locations will be closed for Spring Break.
- **Friday, April 10** — All colleges and locations will be closed.
- **Thursday, April 16** — Last day to withdraw with a grade of “W”
- **Monday, May 11, through Thursday, May 14** — Final exams/Spring semester ends

**Institution Policies:** Please visit [www.mountainviewcollege.edu/syllabipolicies](http://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/syllabipolicies) for a complete list of institutional policies
**Course Calendar:**

| WEEK 1 | Tuesday, 1/21 | • Introduction/Syllabus Review |
|        | Thursday, 1/23 | • Pre-Writing Exercise Assessment |

| WEEK 2 | Tuesday, 1/28 | • Summary/Profile/Review Intro  
|        |                | • Summary Exercise |
|        | Thursday, 1/30 | • Journal  
|        |                | • Workshop/Summary Due onto Discussion Board |

| WEEK 3 | Tuesday, 2/04 | • Class Presentations |
|        | Thursday, 2/06 | • Journal  
|        |                | Class Presentation-Analysis/Summary Exercise  
|        |                | • Profile Intro/Workshop |

| WEEK 4 | Tuesday, 2/11 | • Complete Profile/Class Presentation-Analysis/Profile Exercise  
|        |                | • Evaluation Intro/Exercise |
|        | Thursday, 2/13 | • Journal  
|        |                | • Evaluation Workshop/Evaluation Due onto Discussion Board |

| WEEK 5 | Tuesday, 2/25 | • Evaluation Presentation Class Analysis  
|        |                | • Workshop Final Drafts |
|        | Thursday, 2/27 | • No Class – Personal Development Day  
|        |                | • Due Today: SPR Papers (800-1000 words) |

| WEEK 6 | Tuesday, 3/03 | • Reflective Activity – SPR Essays  
|        |                | • Race – Protest Collab Research |
|        | Thursday, 3/05 | • Journal  
|        |                | • Rhetoric Intro  
|        |                | • Framing Events: Protest Collab Research |

| WEEK 7 | Tuesday, 3/10 | • Protest Collab Research Class Presentations  
|        |                | • Rhetorical Devices |
|        | Thursday, 3/12 | • Journal  
|        |                | • “Four Ways of Reading” Rhetorical Collab Work |

| No Class | 3/16-3/20 | Spring Break |

| WEEK 8 | Tuesday, 3/24 | • “Four Ways of Reading” Rhetorical Exercise Analysis  
|        |                | • Essay Intros Template Presentation/Workshop |
|        | Thursday, 3/26 | • Journal  
|        |                | • Intros Due online/Class Presentation |

| WEEK 9 | Tuesday, 3/31 | • Rhetorical Description Workshop  
|        | Thursday, 4/2 | • Journal  
|        |                | • Due Today: Rhetorical Description Papers 1.5 pages (1500) |

| WEEK 10 | Tuesday, 4/7 | • No Class – Student Conferences |
|         | Thursday, 4/9 | • No Class – Student Conferences |
| Week 11 | Tuesday, 4/14 | • Reflective Activity  
• Proposing a Solution/Individual to Collab  
• Tech Handout – Analyzing a contemporary issue |
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|         | Thursday, 4/16| • Proposing a Solution/Individual to Collab  
• Individual Due today |
| Week 12 | Tuesday, 4/21 | • Proposing a Solution – Collab |
|         | Thursday, 4/23| • Journal  
• Proposing a Solution Workshop/  
• Collab Essay draft due today |
| Week 13 | Tuesday, 4/28 | • Proposing a Solution  
• Class Presentation/Analysis/Workshop |
|         | Thursday, 4/30| • Journal  
• Workshop/Due Today – Proposing a Solution (PAS)  
Paper 1.5 pages (1500) |
| Week 14 | Tuesday, 5/5 | • Collab Presentations |
|         | Thursday, 5/7 | • Reflective Journal/Class Discussion/Final Assignment |
| Week 15 | Tuesday, 5/12 | • Reflective Essay Workshop/Oral Presentations |
|         | Thursday, 5/14| • Oral Presentations |
| Week 16 | Tuesday, 5/07 | • Oral Presentations |
|         | Thursday, 5/09| • Oral Presentations |