North Lake College

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Course Information
Course Title: Composition I Blended
Course Number: ENGL-1301
Section Number: 79007
Semester/Year: Spring 2020 1st 8 Weeks
Credit Hours: 3
Class Meeting Time/Location: TR 11:00-12:20 Room A243
Certification Date: 01/27/2020
Last Day to Withdraw: 02/26/2020

Course Prerequisites
Prerequisite Required: College level ready in Reading and Writing.

Course Description
This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a Core Curriculum course selected by the colleges of DCCCD. 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.) Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 2313015112
Student Learning Outcomes

1. Participate in a group activity that requires research, data collection, and written reflection, using the departmental assignment and/or a professor-approved list of tasks and questions. Students will demonstrate 75% proficiency.
2. Complete a visual interpretation, analysis, or synthesis project in standard written American English. Specific occasion, audience, and purpose are clearly outlined. Students will demonstrate 75% proficiency as measured by the Visual Communication Rubric.
3. Compose multiple drafts before submitting a developed research-based argument essay using proper research and substantiation. Research is delivered in standard written American English. Specific occasion, audience, and purpose are clearly outlined. Students will demonstrate 75% proficiency as measured by the English Research Rubric.

Texas Core Objectives

The College defines essential knowledge and skills that students need to develop during their college experience. These general education competencies parallel the Texas Core Objectives for Student Learning. In this course, the activities you engage in will give you the opportunity to practice two or more of the following core competencies:

1. **Critical Thinking Skills** - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. **Communication Skills** - to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication
3. **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
4. **Teamwork** - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
5. **Personal Responsibility** - to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making
6. **Social Responsibility** - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
**Required Course Materials**

No textbook required. All materials are available on eCampus or distributed in class.


You are responsible for all information and content posted to our eCampus class, and you are required to access eCampus/Blackboard daily. You must have access to a computer, *Microsoft Office 360* software, a pdf file reader, audio hardware, and a digital or cell phone camera. All papers must be created and submitted in *Microsoft Word* file format, and you are required to submit digital images.

Note: A student of this institution 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.

**Graded Work**

The tables below provide a summary of the graded work in this course and an explanation of how your final course grade will be calculated.

**Summary of Graded Work**

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Descriptions of Graded Work

Descriptions and rubrics for all assignments are provided in eCampus. Click the Syllabus button, locate your assignments by title, and click links to open assignment guides. These assignment guides represent extensions of this syllabus and require your strict adherence.

Participation Assignments

- Complete the Course Orientation and Power Statement assignments
- Complete lesson quizzes, exercises, and activities as presented in class or online
- Participate in Blackboard Collaborate chats as announced in class or online
- Complete the online Peer Review Assignments (online students only)
- Complete the Teacher for a Day (TFAD) assignment (blended students only)
- All participation assignments will be averaged to create a Participation Average grade

Compositions

- Complete four compositions (C1, C2, C3, and C4) to create a Composition Average grade

Exams

- Complete the Orientation Exam and three Lesson Exams (E1, E2, and E3) for a total of four exams averaged to create an Exam Average grade

Extra-Credit

- Extra-credit information and guides are provided in eCampus under the Syllabus button. Points vary according to my discretion.

Attendance Policy and Your Final Grade

To excuse an absence due to an anomalous circumstance, an unpredictable event outside your control, or an unforeseeable situation such as a medical emergency, death in the family, natural disaster, or illness, you may request an excused absence by informing me of your situation and submitting documentation via email within a week of your absence (seven business days). Viable documents include medical leave forms, legal forms, receipts, obituaries, press releases, witness testimonies, or similar documents. I reserve the right to determine the merits of your request and documentation, and I reserve the right to penalize your final grade for unexcused absences and reject your missing and late assignments.

Unexcused absences mandate a 5 point per absence deduction to your semester grade.
Late Work Policy
You are required to complete and submit assignments according to the Course Schedule provided at the end of this syllabus. I do not accept assignments after deadlines expire unless you meet the criteria of my attendance policy. Unexcused absences, technology problems, computer crashes, printer problems, transportation issues, eCampus problems, employment conflicts, alarm clock problems, vacations, school and club activities, undocumented family emergencies, and so forth do not excuse or extend your assignment deadlines. I reserve the right to determine which assignments are eligible for late submissions.

Make-up Assignment Policy
If you experience an anomalous circumstance as described in my attendance policy and miss an assignment deadline, please follow my attendance and late work policies. Upon notice, I will arrange a make-up assignment for you.

Communication Policy
I frequently email class announcements and assignment reminders. You are required to use an email account, accept my email messages, check daily for my email messages, and follow my email instructions.

Graded Assignment Policy
I do not discuss assignment assessments during or near class times, and I do not discuss graded assignments you have not reviewed. After I assess an assignment and report your grade in eCampus and/or Turnitin.com, you are required to study my feedback, determine if you need to visit with me, prepare questions, and request a meeting via email. Meetings typically occur during my office hours.

Academic Dishonesty Policy
You must adhere to DCCCD Policies for Scholastic Dishonesty and North Lake College’s Policies regarding Cheating, Plagiarism, and Collusion. In terms of plagiarized assignments, I reserve the right to enact the following penalties:

• A first offense warrants a grade of zero on any plagiarized assignment, and your name will be entered on a plagiarizing student database.
• A second offense warrants an automatic failing grade in the course. A record of your offense and course expulsion will be recorded in your academic record.
• Any offense of plagiarism can warrant suspension from the college.

Additionally, I require all of your learning artifacts to be authentic, original, and specific to my class content and curriculum. I do not recognize “double dipping” or “paper swapping” or “paper recycling” as legitimate methods for gaining an education. This means I will not accept papers written previously, submitted to other professors,
written for other classes, and/or written by anyone other than you, the student attending my class.

**Institutional Policies**

Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed using the link below. These policies include information about tutoring, Disabilities Services, class drop and repeat options, Title IX, and more.

[North Lake Institutional Policies](http://www.northlakecollege.edu/syllabipolicies)
Course Schedule

WEEK 1

Class 1/21
- Introduce yourself
- Sign up for a TFAD assignment before class dismisses
- Complete a TFAD: Dr. Bodily presents Parts of Speech and Sentence Forms

Online
- Click the **Start Here** button and complete the online course orientation and create a Power Statement before 11:59pm, 1/22
- Click the **Exams** button and complete the *Orientation Exam* before 11:59pm, 1/22
- Click the **Lessons** button and complete Lesson 1 before 11:59pm, 1/22

Class 1/23
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Understanding Phrases and Clauses
- Discuss Descriptive Writing

Online
- Click the **Lessons** button and complete Lesson 2 before 11:59pm, 1/24
WEEK 2

Online
- Click the **Lessons** button and complete Lesson 3 before 11:59pm, 1/27

Class 1/28
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Using Commas, Semicolons, and Colons
- Discuss Descriptive Writing

Destress 1/29
- Free Yoga class with Dr. Bodily in P250 at 1:00-2:00pm

Online
- Click the **Exams** button and complete Exam 1 before 11:59pm, 1/29

Class 1/30
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Avoiding Fragments, Comma Splices, and Fused Sentences
- Discuss Descriptive Writing

Online
- Click the **Syllabus** button, click the **C1 Assignment Guide** link, and follow the guide to complete a rough draft of C1 before 11:59pm, 1/31
- Visit the Writing Center for extra credit before closing time 2/1
- Click the **Submit Assignments** button and submit your final C1 before 11:59pm, 2/2
WEEK 3

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 4 before 11:59pm, 2/3

Class 2/4
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Using Proper Cases of Nouns and Pronouns
- Discuss Persuasive Writing

Destress 2/5
- Free Yoga class with Dr. Bodily in P250 at 1:00-2:00pm

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 5 before 11:59pm, 2/5

Class 2/6
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Avoiding Verb Shifts in Tense, Mood, and Voice
- Discuss Persuasive Writing

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 6 before 11:59pm, 2/7
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 7 before 11:59pm, 2/8
WEEK 4

Online
- Click the **Lessons** button and complete Lesson 8 before 11:59pm, 2/10

Class 2/11
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Ensuring Proper Subject and Verb Agreement
- Discuss Persuasive Writing

Destress 2/12
- Free Yoga class with Dr. Bodily in P250 at 1:00-2:00pm

Online
- Click the **Exams** button and complete Exam 2 before 11:59pm, 2/12

Class 2/13
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Avoiding Pronoun Reference Problems
- Discuss Persuasive Writing

Online
- Click the **Syllabus** button, click the C2 Assignment Guide link, and follow the guide to complete a rough draft of C2 before 11:59pm, 2/14
- Visit the Writing Center for extra credit before closing time 2/15
- Click the **Submit Assignments** button and submit your digital file of your final C2 before 11:59pm, 2/16
- Submit your hardcopy letter with stamped envelope before class dismisses on 2/18
WEEK 5

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 9 before 11:59pm, 2/17

Class 2/18
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Avoiding Misplaced Modifiers
- Discuss Research Writing
- Submit your C2 hardcopy letter with stamped envelope before class dismisses

Destress 2/19
- Free Yoga class with Dr. Bodily in P250 at 1:00-2:00pm

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 10 before 11:59pm, 2/19

Class 2/20
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Quoting Sources in MLA Using Quotation Marks and Block Formatting
- Discuss Research Writing

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 11 before 11:59pm, 2/21

WEEK 6

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 12 before 11:59pm, 2/24

Class 2/25
- Meet in the Library L236 and gather sources

Destress 2/26
- Free Yoga class with Dr. Bodily in P250 at 1:00-2:00pm

All campuses closed for the NLC Professional Development Day 2/27

Online
- Click the Lessons button and complete Lesson 13 before 11:59pm, 2/27
WEEK 7

Class 3/3
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Quoting Sources in MLA Using Parenthetical Citations and Proper Source Title Formatting
- Discuss Research Writing

Destress 3/4
- Free Yoga class with Dr. Bodily in P250 at 1:00-2:00pm

Online
- Click the Syllabus button, click the C3 Assignment Guide link, and follow the guide to complete a rough draft of C3
- Visit the Writing Center for extra credit

Class 3/5
- Complete a Lesson Quiz
- Complete a TFAD: Quoting Sources in MLA Using Ellipses and Brackets
- Discuss Research Writing

Online
- Complete a rough draft of C3 before 11:59pm, 3/6
- Visit the Writing Center for extra credit before closing time 3/7
- Click the Submit Assignments button and submit a digital file of your final C3 before 11:59pm, 3/8

WEEK 8

Online
- Click the Exams button and complete Exam 3 before 11:59pm, 3/9

Class 3/10
- Complete C4 in class and submit your hardcopy before class dismisses
- Submit extra-credit reports before class dismisses
- Submit SAGE reports before class dismisses
- Final class

Destress 3/11
- Free Yoga class with Dr. Bodily in P250 at 1:00-2:00pm

End of Syllabus