English 1301.514
Composition I

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Class: ENGL 1301.514, LEC composition I 25(25) MWF TBD

Course Description
Principles, techniques, and processes of written composition, textual analysis, and critical thinking.

1301 Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

- Apply principles of the writing process, including drafting, editing, and revision, to generate academic/professional documents
- Analyze complex issues/ideas in research-based academic writing
- Analyze and interpret a variety of texts
- Write in several genres
- Produce an introduction with a solid focus, direction, and purpose
- Cohesively integrate academic research to support the writer’s purpose
- Connect ideas across courses

The required textbook for all English 1301 classes
- *Writing about Writing*, by Elizabeth Wardle and Doug Downs

1301 will also require these other materials
- Access to University Network and an active “Islander” e-mail account.
- Access to a computer with Microsoft Word.
- Appropriate/compatible media to save and transport computer files among computers on campus and/or between home and campus.
- Sanddollar card and money in your account to print on campus, if needed.
- Be sure and always bring a pen and paper to class.

Grade Distribution (dates, nature of assignments, assignment weight)

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**Brief Description**

The course will be divided into four units, each covering specific aspects within the study of writing. You will be asked to write an essay for each unit covered, a total of 4 major writing assignments in the course of the semester. You will also be asked to submit 2 major portfolios: 1 midterm, and 1 final. Specific guidelines will be posted to the class website for these as well as other writing assignments.

**First 8 weeks**

Readings from Chapters 1-4 in *Writing about Writing* will be used during the first 8 weeks before the midterm portfolio. The novel *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* will supplement this text as a literary example for conceptual and textual comparison. The first half of the semester will focus on getting students to examine how their own personal histories (past writing/reading experiences as well as community involvements) have influenced their writing today. Further, this will get them to reshape their own writing strategies and methods. There will be 2 major writing assignments in this section, along with “feeder assignments” that lead up to the major essays.

**Second 8 weeks**

During the second half of the semester, students will focus their energy toward understanding research and the research process in order to help situate them within academic discourse. Examples of alternative forms of writing, in connection to *The Hitchhiker's Guide*, will be used to demonstrate real-world applications for writing. They will examine how texts communicate ideas and authors obtain authority. They will be given 2 major writing assignments during this half.

**Policies**

**Academic Integrity/Plagiarism**

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism.

**University Rule: 13.02.99.C3.01 Procedure for Academic Misconduct Cases**

Disciplinary action for academic misconduct is first the responsibility of the faculty member assigned to the course. The faculty member is charged with assessing the gravity of any case of academic misconduct and with giving appropriate sanction to any student involved. The faculty member must file a record (an Academic Misconduct Incident Form) for each case of academic misconduct, along with any materials involved. Any student who has been penalized for academic misconduct has the right to appeal the judgment or the penalty assessed, unless the student chooses not to sign the Academic Misconduct Incident Form within the time constraints indicated below. (Further details are available the University website: [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html), or from the Division of Student Affairs at 825-2612.)

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Plagiarism includes:
1. using the work of another as your own,
2. downloading or purchasing ready-made essays off the web and using them as your own,
3. using resource materials without correct documentation,
4. using the organization or language of a source without using quote marks and proper citation.

Be aware that there are other ways to use sources incorrectly, or to plagiarize. When in doubt, visit me or the Writing Center for help on correct use of sources, how to paraphrase, and how to document correctly.

Academic Dishonesty
Other forms of academic dishonesty include falsification (the intentional alteration of information), fabrication (the intentional invention of information), multiple submission (using the same material for two separate assignments or courses without permission from the instructors), and abuse of academic materials (the intentional destruction of resource materials).

Students with Disabilities and Veterans
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Driftwood 101.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

Academic Advising
The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

Grade Appeal Process
As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule

- 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Late Work Policy
Half a letter grade off per day (including weekends, barring extenuating circumstances).
Extensions/Resubmits
Extensions will be considered for major assignments in English/Seminar if written requests are made at least 24 hours before the due date.
Resubmissions for major assignments in English/Seminar will be at the discretion of the instructor.

Electronic Device Policy
Class time should be used to engage with the material that is being presented and discussed. Please turn off all cell phones prior to class. Please do not bring ipods to class, and do not use class time to look at Facebook or any other website that is not applicable to the assignment at hand. Violation of this policy will have a negative impact on your grade and may result in disciplinary action. See the individual class syllabi for specific classroom policies.
NOTE: In history lecture, students receive one warning; after that, half a letter grade off for using unapproved devices.

Provisional Course Outline

Week 1       H2G2, part one
Week 2       H2G2, part two/ Introduction Essay
Week 3       H2G2, part three/ Intro Essay Analysis
Week 4       Literacy Autobiography
Week 5       H2G2, part four/ LA feedback
Week 6       H2G2, part five/ LA Adaptation Essay
Week 7       H2G2, part six/ Rhetoric
Week 8       Conferences/ Rhetorical Analysis/ Midterm Portfolio
Week 9       Research Introduction
Week 10      Charlotte Temple Projects
Week 11      Continued Research/ Drop Date (Friday, Nov. 5)
Week 12      Annotated Bibliography
Week 13      Academic Writing
Week 14      Optional Review/ Thanksgiving
Week 15      Presentation Discussion/ First-Year Celebration (Thursday, Dec. 1)
Week 16      Final Revision and Editing
Last Class Day    Objective Paper
Finals Week    Final Portfolio