Stephen F. Austin State University
Department of English and Creative Writing
English 1301.012: Rhetoric and Composition (3 credits)
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ENGL 1301: Rhetoric and Composition: Continued study and application of the writing process and the skills of writing with a focus on the forms of argumentative writing and on research methods, such as gathering, evaluating, summarizing, synthesizing and citing source information. Prerequisite: C in English 131. Must earn a C or higher to be admitted to any English 200-level course.

English 1301 Student Learning Outcomes
At the completion of this course, students will be able to:
• Identify and analyze texts with the goal of examining the rhetorical structure, veracity of claims, sufficient use of accurate and credible evidence, as well as possible use in creative, analytical, and persuasive components (Critical Thinking);
• Participate in productive class and group discussion and examination of texts, in order to analyze and synthesize a variety of texts, via a multi-step drafting process (Critical Thinking);
• Understand the role of personal responsibility in the inevitable choices involved in the composition process, in the evaluation of one’s own writing and the writing of other students, in the ethical use of ideas and information, and in the critical evaluation of all assigned texts (Personal Responsibility);
• Recognize the collaborative and social aspects of the writing process by producing collaborative work and/or feedback for peers and selectively using peer feedback in their own work (Teamwork);
• Demonstrate knowledge of organizational and linguistic structures – including grammar, punctuation, and spelling – through practice in composing and revising (Communication);
• Compose texts in response to a variety of situations and contexts calling for purposeful shifts in voice, tone, level of formality, design, medium, and/or structure (Communication).
General Education Core Curriculum Objectives
This course has been selected to be part of Stephen F. Austin State University’s core curriculum. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has identified six objectives for all core courses: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical and Quantitative Skills, Teamwork, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility.

The table below indicates the core objectives addressed by this course:

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<th>Objective</th>
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<td>Critical Thinking Skills</td>
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<td>To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas though written, oral, and visual communication.</td>
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<td>Teamwork</td>
<td>To include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.</td>
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<td>Personal Responsibility</td>
<td>To include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision making.</td>
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Credit Hour Justification
ENGL 1301 “Rhetoric and Composition” (3 credits) typically meets three times each week in 50-minute segments or twice each week in 75-minute segments for 15 weeks, and also meets for a 2-hour final examination. Students have weekly topical, non-fiction reading assignments of 25 pages or more and are expected to write/provide response to these readings; in addition, students will write five essays in various genres (for a total of 25 or more written pages per semester) which engage the topics of the readings. They will also present to the class a final project which includes a written paper and a visual component; this project integrates at least five of the readings of the semester and three more sources which they will have gathered through research. These activities average at a minimum 6 hours of work each week to prepare outside of classroom hours.

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<th>Major Assignments</th>
<th>Due Dates</th>
<th>Grade Percentage</th>
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<td>Essay 1: Narrative</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Essay 2: Text Analysis</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Essay 3: Multimodal</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Weekly Quill Assignments (grammar and English readiness preparation)</td>
<td>Due dates are discussed in class</td>
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**Final Grade Breakdown**

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<td>A</td>
<td>90% - 100%</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>80% - 89%</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>70% - 79%</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>60% - 69%</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>0% - 59%</td>
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**Schedule Summary**
- Weeks 1 – 3: Narrative Essay
- Weeks 4 – 6: Analysis Essay
- Weeks 7 – 10: Synthesis Essay
- Weeks 11 – 15: Argument Essay

**Assigned Readings and Annotations**
Most reading assignments require you to upload an example of an article that you annotated with markup and marginal notes. You can also upload images of double-entry notes if you prefer to write in your journal.

**Conferences**
We will schedule one or two conferences during the semester. Conferences are a chance for us to
talk one-on-one about your writing and progress in the course.

**Participation and Attendance**
Our class meetings involve active learning. You will write, share your writing, discuss topics related to writing, etc. You are expected to attend class prepared to participate in the day’s learning activities. Instructions for how to prepare for each class meeting (e.g. complete a two page draft or read an article) will be posted on our Brightspace newsfeed.

Class attendance is very important. When you don’t attend class, you miss out on important information about the current assignment, learning opportunities, and a sense of connection to our class community. Three – five unexcused absences will negatively affect your overall grade. You may fail the class at **six or more unexcused absences**.

**Academic Integrity (A-9.1)**
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

**Late Work**
I -do- count points off with late work depending on the circumstance. There is -ample- time given for the assignments given so there should be no excuse for late work coming in. Communication is key if something comes up.

**Students with Disabilities**
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).
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