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# Compostition I

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# COLLIN COLLEGE

## COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Information
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**Course Number:** ENGL 1301

**Course Title:** Composition I

**Course Description:** 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. Lab required.

<b>Course Credit Hours:</b>	3
Lecture Hours:	3
Lab Hour:	1

**Prerequisite:** Meet TSI college-readiness standard for Reading and Writing; or equivalent

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- **State Mandated Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
  1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative writing processes. (Teamwork, Communication Skills)
  2. Develop ideas with appropriate support and attribution. (Communication Skills)
  3. Write in a style appropriate to audience and purpose. (Communication Skills)
  4. Read, reflect, and respond critically to a variety of texts. (Critical Thinking)
  5. Use Edited American English in academic essays.
- **Additional Collin Outcome:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to do the following:
  1. Demonstrate personal responsibility through the ethical use of intellectual property. (Personal Responsibility)

**Withdrawal Policy:** See the current *Collin Registration Guide* for last day to withdraw. **(October 19)**

**Collin College Academic Policies:** See the current *Collin Student Handbook*

**Americans with Disabilities Act Statement:** Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, PRC -F144 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

**Course Repeat Policy:** Beginning Fall 2016, Texas residents attempting a course more than twice at Collin College are subject to regular tuition plus an additional \$50 per semester credit hour. Please see the "Repeating Courses" section of the Fall 2016 Registration Guide for more information.

**Instructor Information**

**Instructor's Name:** Leanne Lentschke

**Email:** llentschke@collin.edu

**Office Number:** J 240 - A - 1

**Office Hours:** TR 9:15 -11:15 am – T 2:30-4:30 pm and by appointment

**Class Information:**

**Section Number:** LB4

**Meeting Times:** TR 7:15-8:30 am

**Meeting Location:** Liberty High School C111

**Course Resources:**

*The Norton Field Guide to Writing with Readings and Handbook* 4<sup>th</sup> edition and

Book in Common – *Death in the Air* by Kate Winkler Dawson

**Supplies:** Pens, and a notebook.

**Minimum Student Skills:** Read assigned reading before each class and bring your books each day. Basic internet, email, and Word skills.

**Email Expectations:** Please do your best to proofread emails before you send them. Emails should include a subject line, relevant to the content of the email, a greeting, separate paragraphs for disparate items of discussion, and a sign off with your name, class, and section number. I will only correspond with you through your CougarMail address ([username@collin.edu](mailto:username@collin.edu)). Please do not email me from any other account.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance is very important in this class as all assignments and major concepts will be explained during class and participation grades are taken regularly. If you miss ten minutes or more of class from arriving late or leaving early, you will be considered absent. If you must be absent, please let me know by email. You are responsible for all deadlines. I **will not** accept late papers. Collin College excused absence policy: religious holiday. However, an excused absence **is not** an excuse for a late paper.

**Methods of Evaluation:** To pass this course, students must meet all course requirements.

**Writing Assignments:** All assignments will be in MLA format. Writing assignments will be submitted to Turnitin or Canvas. I will give clear instructions before due dates.

**All essays that you write for this class should be original.** Do not use an essay that you have submitted for previous or concurrent classes. You are required to bring a rough draft to class on peer review days. Failure to bring your rough drafts to class on the days specified will result in an absence for the day.

**Plagiarism Policy:** The penalty will range from redoing the existing paper to starting over with a new topic (failure to cite a couple of passages). You will be reported for plagiarism and receive a zero for the assignment if 50% or more of the paper is plagiarized (cut and paste).

**Essay Grades** are determined by the following evaluation scale:

**Content/Thesis** (main argument narrowed and clearly stated as well as thoroughly and logically supported) 15%

**Organization** (clear introduction, thesis, orderly paragraphing, smooth transitions, sense of conclusion) 15%

**Syntax** (appropriate and varied sentence structure) 10%

**Wording** (exact and appropriate words without filler) 10%

**Formatting** (appropriate documentation, in text citations, using MLA style) 10%

**Audience** (clear and appropriate for intended audience) 10%

**Mechanics:** Usage 10%, Punctuation 10%, Spelling 10%

## **Labs:**

Writing Center (at least one visit) – 5 units

Attend one Writing Workshop and write a reflection paragraph – 5 units

Book-in-Common Assignments – 6 units

## **Lab Assignments**

The lab component is an integral part of this writing course. Over the course of the semester, you will need to complete the three lab assignments. This lab work is not the same as regular daily coursework that you must complete to stay on track in the class; it is instead designed to be additional writing-focused activities, which will help improve your writing throughout the term. During the semester, you will need to track and provide evidence of completing these lab requirements outside of class.

## **Method of Evaluation**

Attendance, Participation & Class Assignments: 10%

Labs: 10%

Homework/Quizzes: 10%

Summary: 5%

Annotated Bibliography: 10%

Textual Analysis: 15%

Report Information: 15%

Portfolio: 10%

Presentation: 10%

Final Exam: 5%

**Student Conduct:** *Respect the class.* All students are expected to participate in class and in small group discussions, and all students are expected to behave in a mature and respectful manner. Disruptive behavior will

not be tolerated. Any student who disrupts the class or who interferes with classroom instruction or discussion will be asked to leave the class and will not receive credit for attendance.

*Be prepared.* It is important that you bring your books and supplies to class each time we meet. Furthermore, it is very important to read assigned readings and complete homework before class.

*No cell phones!* Cell phones are to be turned off or silenced and put away in the classroom. All phone conversations should occur outside the classroom. DO NOT read or send text messages. Students should give their full attention to learning for the time we are in the classroom. Using a cell phone for any reason during class is disrespectful to me and your classmates.

*Put away iPods and MP3 players.* Do not wear ear buds or headphones during class. If you do so, you will be asked to leave the room and will be counted absent.

### **Course Calendar – ENGL 1301**

**\*Please note that this schedule is subject to change and readings and assignments may be added at the instructor's discretion.\***

#### **Week 1**

**08/28 T** - Welcome, Introduction to Course, Syllabus, Labs, Assignments, Book in Common, Canvas, and ePortfolio

**HW:** Read chapter 32 (Portfolio) and student agreement

**08/30 R** – Introduction to Turnitin, and Icebreaker / Sign up for Turnitin and ePortfolio /Sign and submit student agreement / Introduction to Rhetorical Situation

**HW:** Read syllabus and pages 55-70 (Rhetorical Situation)

#### **Week 2**

**09/04 T** – Rhetorical Situation / Article Collaborative Activity

**HW:** Read pages 3-52 (Academic Literacies)

**09/06 R** – Visit from Writing Center / Rhetorical Appeals

**HW:** Read chapter 49 and pages 491-548 (Avoid Plagiarism and MLA)

#### **Week 3**

**09/11 T** – MLA, Quote, Paraphrase, Summarize

**HW:** Read Article

**09/13 R** – Library Visit / Fallacies

**HW** – 1 page summary of article **due on Canvas by 11:00 pm Friday, Sept. 14.** Read pages 664-673

## **Week 4**

**09/18 T** – Intro to Analyzing Texts / Collaborative Activity

**HW:** Read pages 675-685 and chapter 11 (Analyzing Texts)

**09/20 R** – Collaborative Activity Continued

**HW** – Prewrite

## **Week 5**

**09/25 T** – Book in Common Quiz #1

**HW:** Rough Draft

**09/27 R** – Peer Review

**HW:** Edit, revise, and complete final copy **Due to Turnitin Saturday, Sept. 29 11:00 pm**

## **Week 6**

**10/02 T** – Intro to Reflections & Review ePortfolio

**HW:** Read chapter 21 (Reflections)

**10/04 R** – Intro to Annotated Bibliography /Research

**HW:** Read chapter 15 (Annotated Bibliography) and pages 710-714

## **Week 7**

**10/09 T** – Intro to Reporting Information / Collaborative Activity

**HW** – Read pages 725-729 and chapter 45 (Developing a Research Plan)

**10/11 R** – Intro to Reporting Information / Collaborative Activity Continued

**HW** – Read chapters 46 and 47 (Finding & Evaluating Sources)

## **Week 8**

**10/16 T** – Evaluate Sources

**HW** – Annotated Bibliography **Due to Canvas Friday, Oct. 19 by 11:00 pm** and read chapter 12 (Reporting Information)

**10/18 R** – Book in Common Quiz #2

**HW:** Prewrite

## **Week 9**

**10/23 T** – Intro to Using Visuals with Text

**HW:** Rough Draft

**10/25 R** – Peer Review

**HW** – Edit, revise, and complete final copy **Due to Turnitin Friday, Oct. 26 11:00 pm**

## **Week 10**

**10/30 T**- Reflection Page / Intro to Writing online

**HW:** Read chapter 57 (Writing Online)

**11/01 R** – Writing online / rhetorical choices

**HW** – Read chapters 55 (Designing Texts) and 56 (Using Visuals, Incorporating Sound)

## **Week 11**

**11/06 T** – Blogs / Turn academic paper into a Blog format

**HW:** Read article on Canvas

**11/08 R** – Blog

**HW:** Work on Blog and read chapter 58

## **Week 12**

**11/13 T** – Intro to Presentations Video

**HW:** Complete Blog

**11/15 R – Blogs Due Thursday, Nov. 15 11:00 pm** / Presentations Continued Collaborative Activity

**HW:** Complete Blog

## **Week 13**

**11/20 T** – Book in Common Quiz #3

**HW:** Write a one-page paper explaining your rhetorical choices for the blog and post on your ePortfolio

**11/22 R** – **Thanksgiving Holiday**

## **Week 14**

**11/27 T – Plan and Prepare Presentation / Class Handout**

**HW:** Class handout

**11/29 R – Presentations**

**HW:** Complete presentation eval assignment for portfolio

## **Week 15**

**12/4 T – Presentations**

**HW:** Complete presentation eval assignment for portfolio

**12/6 R – Presentations / Review for Final**

**HW:**

## **Week 16**

**T -12/11 - Final Exam**

## **Important Dates:**

**F - 9/14 -Summary Due to Canvas by 11:00 pm**

**S - 9/29 – Analyzing Texts Paper Due to Turnitin by 11:00 pm**

**F – 10/19 – Annotated Bibliography Due to Canvas by 11:00 pm**

**F – 10/19 – Last Day to Withdraw**

**F – 10/26 – Reporting Information Due to Turnitin by 11:00 pm**

**R – 11/15 Blog Due to ePortfolio by 11:00 pm**

**T- 12/11 – ePortfolio Due by 11:00 pm**

**T 12/11 – Final Exam 7:15-8:30 am**



