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Compostition I

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Course Information ENGL 1301 – S39

Course Number: 14412

Course Title: Composition I

Course Meeting Time: M W 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Classroom: J214

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.

Course Credit Hours:	3
Lecture Hours:	3
Lab Hour:	1

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

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 Registration Guide for more information.**

Required Textbook: *The Norton Field Guide to Writing with Readings and Handbook*

ISBN: 978-0-393-63247-7

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)

Lab: The lab component is an integral part of this writing course. Over the course of the semester, you will need to complete 3 of the task from the list below. This lab work is not the same as regular coursework that you must complete to stay on track in the class; these are, instead, designed to be additional writing-focused activities which will help improve your writing throughout the term. You will need to provide evidence of completing these lab requirements in order to receive credit for completing them. Your lab grades will count as daily grades which are 10% of your course grade. If you opt to keep a writing journal or meet with the professor, these tasks will count as 2 of the 3 required – explicit instructions for these two options will be given when lab choices are solidified.

Possible Lab Options:

- Office visit with professor
- Writing Center visit
- Writing Center workshop
- Campus-based tutoring (search “tutoring” on Collin.edu for options)
- Grammar and/or writing exercises/quizzes from the Testing Center
- Peer review of paper (outside of class)
- Additional writing assignments or revision activities (annotating an article, keeping a writing journal, revision practice on a paper, etc.) (must be approved by your instructor)

Lab options will be further discussed and solidified during class.

Withdrawal Policy: Please refer to the current *Collin Registration Guide* for last day to withdraw.

Religious Holidays: Please refer to the current *Collin Student Handbook*

Collin College Academic Policies: Please refer to 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, SCC-D140 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

Instructor Information:

Instructor: Shon Gibson

Email: SGibson@collin.edu

Office Phone Number: 972-624-9055 (cell)

Office: L 215

Office Hours: By appointment

Method of Evaluation:

Essays 35%

Critical Reading Assignments 35%

Final Exam 15%

Daily Grades 15%

A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, F=0-69

Professor reserves the right to modify the following course calendar of modules and assignments as deemed needed and necessary.

Course Modules and Assignments

Module 1 8/27 – 9/14 [2 mini papers] Review of Processes – Reading/Writing (“Desiree’s Baby” by Kate Chopin)

Group Presentation – Reading and Writing in 2018

Module 2 9/17 – 10/5 [3 mini papers] Modes of Writing – literature TBD (student suggested readings)

Midterm – Short answer questions

Creation of personal WordPress Blog

Memoir Assignment

Persuasive Speech

Module 3 10/10 – 10/26 [2 major essays] Literary Analysis – “Drown” by Junot Diaz and other relevant short stories

Module 4 10/29 - 12/11 [one major paper/final exam] Argument – topics TBD

Your daily grades and critical reading assignments will be interspersed between those dates.

No late work will be accepted for this course UNLESS prior arrangements have been made. All students are responsible for completing all assignments regardless of absences. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that they are aware of all required assignments and have made necessary arrangements to turn those assignments in when an absence is deemed necessary. **Students MUST be present for the final exam as there are no make-ups allowed.**

Attendance is REQUIRED. Please advise the instructor of any scheduled absences in advance. An absence from class does not excuse the student from the work completed in class on the day of the absence or assignments due on the day of the absence.

Plagiarism: Any submitted work that is plagiarized will result in a 0 being assigned for that assignment. Assignments that receive a 0 due to plagiarism cannot be made-up/resubmitted.

Fall 2018 Important Dates:

August 27 – Fall Classes Begin

September 3 – Labor Day Holiday

October 19 – Last Day to Withdraw

November 21 – 25 Thanksgiving Break

December 10 – 16 Fall Final Exam Week

