



**English 1302. (.04E) Written Argument and Research  
Course Syllabus: Fall 2021**

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:**

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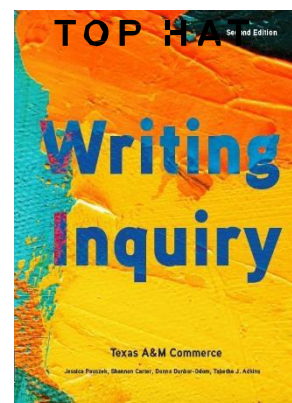
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**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Required Texts & Materials:**

Top Hat access to *Writing Inquiry 2nd Edition*. Eds. Jessica Pauszek, Shannon Carter, Donna Dunbar-Odom, and Tabetha Adkins. Fountainhead Press, 2019 – Free access for you via D2L.



For this course, we will be using a platform called *Top Hat* that is included through TAMUC's Inclusive Access, meaning that this fee has already been charged to your bursar account. Top Hat

will be accessible through our course shell in D2L. While you will receive an email about being able to opt out of this inclusive access, Top Hat is required for the course.

**To gain access to Top Hat, it is YOUR responsibility to create an account when you receive an email from the campus bookstore. Be on the lookout for this email at the start of the semester.**

Through *Top Hat*, you will gain access to the following course materials.

*Writing Inquiry 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Eds. Jessica Pauszek, Shannon Carter, Donna Dunbar-Odom, and Tabetha Adkins. Fountainhead Press, 2019.

## **Course Description**

### **ENG 1302 - GLB/US-Written Argument/Research      Hours: 3**

This course provides students with advanced training in communication skills emphasizing the writing and reading of argumentative prose and adapting writing to alternate audiences. Students will write weekly, including such texts as journals, reading responses, summaries of argumentative texts, argumentative papers, and longer papers integrating secondary research. Activities include close reading of sample texts, both student and professional. Some sections will emphasize special topics in both reading and writing. Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in English 1301 or advanced placement or CLEP.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances, data, texts, or art.
2. In written, oral, and/or visual communication, A&M-Commerce students will communicate in a manner appropriate to audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure.
3. Students will be able to work together toward a shared purpose relevant to the course or discipline with a sense of shared responsibility for meeting that purpose.
4. Students will understand and practice academic honesty.
5. Students will be able to view themselves as engaged citizens within an interconnected and diverse world.

## **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

You will need:

- Flash drive or other means (dropbox.com account, for example) of storing digital versions of the essays and other written material you generate (always, always keep a backup of everything you turn in!)
- A valid, working email address that you check often (everyday). I will email the class through D2L, so be sure that that email is the one you check.
- Regular internet access
- Access to a computer with a word processing program and a printer (assignments must be typed uploaded through D2L in a doc or docx file)

### **Instructional Methods**

This is a “B” Blended section, meaning we will have some f2f class time and some online course time. Because of the pandemic, we are not allowed to have so many students in the course at once. You will be given a group, and I will designate which days your group will come to class f2f. When your group is NOT f2f, you are expected to do the work remotely via Top Hat and D2L.

### **Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course**

It is expected that you will participate in Top Hat every week, usually on multiple occasions. Students in “B” blended courses are expected to be in class OR complete their work remotely in the allotted timeframe. All students should check their email daily and log into D2L at a minimum 2-3 times a week. To succeed in this course, you should also complete all the required reading and activities in Top Hat.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments**

**Major Writing Assignments (WAs):** See *Writing Inquiry* for full descriptions of WAs

### **GRADING**

**90%-100%= A, 80-89%= B, 70-79%= C, 60-69%= D, 59% & below= F**

## Assessments

Assignment Name	Percentage of Grade
Writing Assignment #1: Exploring Literacies	10%
Writing Assignment #2: Partner or Group Presentations	10%
Writing Assignment #3: Research Proposal	10%
D2L Discussion Board Posts and Responses to Classmates	10%
Top Hat Participation	25%
Field Notes and Expanded Field Notes	10%
Final Exam: Ethnographic Presentation	25%

## *Assessments*

See *Writing Inquiry (Part III)* for specific information about Writing Assignments (WAs)

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

[https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser\\_support.htm](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm)

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

## ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

### Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

[Interaction with Instructor Statement](#)

I will respond to your emails within 48 hours on weekdays. If you do not hear from me in that time frame (and 72 hours on weekends), please contact again. Remember, email glitches sometimes. So, always email again if you do not hear a response.

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Participation will be counted through your use of Top Hat. When you answer the Before and After Reading questions, you will gain participation points. If you miss a deadline, you must contact your instructor to ask for extra time to work in Top Hat. It is your responsibility to ask for this extra time. Consistent lateness may cause a deduction of participation points.

### Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

## **University Specific Procedures**

### Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

### TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

### Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

**Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement**

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 have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

**Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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**Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race,

color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

### **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

### **Pandemic Response Statements**

A&M-Commerce requires the use of face-coverings in all instructional and research classrooms/laboratories. Exceptions may be made by faculty where warranted. Faculty have management over their classrooms. Students not using face-coverings can be required to leave class. Repetitive refusal to comply can be reported to the Office of Students' Rights and Responsibilities as a violation of the student Code of Conduct.



Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.

Unless otherwise indicated, all readings and questions will be done through *Top Hat*. Remember, you should access Top Hat readings directly in D2L.

Calendar

**COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR**

	<b>Read Before Class</b>		<b>Due Times</b>
<b>Week 1 Starts on Aug,30th</b>	<p>Register your leomail address for a Top Hat account Instructor through D2L. In this email, you should introduce yourself, provide the pronouns and name you would like them to use, and say something else about yourself that you want to share. Read, “What to Expect” Read, “Preface”</p> <p><b><u>Read and answer the Before and After Reading questions for the following:</u></b></p> <p>Donna Dunbar – Odom “Active Reading”</p> <p>Donna Dunbar – Odom, “Writing As a Process” James Paul Gee, “What Is Literacy?”</p> <p>Introduction to English 1302</p> <p>Introduction Chapter 1 intro.</p>		
<b>Week 2</b>	<p>Hawisher and Selfe</p> <p>Barton</p>		

Week 3	<p>WA1 prompt</p> <p>Chapter 2 intro Eric Pleasant</p>	Go over WA1 prompt	WA1 draft
Week 4	<p>WA2 prompt</p>	Go over WA2 prompt	<b>WA1 Due</b>
Week 5	<p><b>WA2 Due</b> <b>Presentation &amp; Reflections</b> Shannon Carter</p>		<b>WA2 Due</b> <b>Presentation</b> <b>&amp; Reflections</b>
Week 6	<p>Chapter 3 intro Khan</p>		
Week 7	<p>Adkins CCC Guidelines</p>		
Week 8	<p><b>WA3 Prompt</b></p>		
Week 9			<b>WA3 Due</b>
Week 10	<p>Intro Chapter 4 Field Notes 1</p>		
Week 11	<p>Expanded Field Notes 1</p>		
Week 12	<p>Field Notes 2</p>		

<b>Week 13</b>	Expanded Field Notes 2		
<b>Week 14</b>	Final Project Draft		
<b>Week 15</b>	<b>Final Project</b> <i>Due Time for Submitting your final project</i>		