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ENG 1302.09W – GLB/US-Written Argument Research

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2021

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

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 2nd Edition. Eds. Jessica Pauszek, Shannon Carter, Donna Dunbar-Odom, and Tabetha Adkins. Fountainhead Press, 2019.

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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.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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)

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Instructional Methods

This is a WEB section, meaning our entire course is online. Each week, I will upload a video lecture that will summarize that week's readings and let you know what you need to do for the next week. Watching these video lectures will be required for participation in the class. All other course work will be done asynchronously with given deadlines throughout the week.

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. 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.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Weights of the assessments in the calculation of the final letter grade.

Assessments

Assignment Name	Percentage of Grade
Writing Assignment #1: Exploring Literacies	15%
Writing Assignment #2: Partner or Group Presentations	15%
Writing Assignment #3: Research Proposal	15%
Writing Assignment #4: Taking Stock of Your Research	10%
Writing Assignment #5: Final Reflective Project	10%

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Top Hat Participation	10%
In-class writing/ Discussion Board Posts and Responses to Classmates/ Reading Responses/Homework/Other Participation	15%
Final Exam: Ethnographic Presentation	10%

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

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.

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.

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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. I will also have in person office hours on campus if you wish to discuss anything with me in person, but since this class is all online you will not be required to do so.

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. You will also be expected to answer prompts on the discussion board of D2L for participation.

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).
<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>

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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](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

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

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

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<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

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.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

<p>Week 1:</p> <p>Introduction to the Course; Discussion about literacy and communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register your leomail address for a Top Hat account. 2. Introductions 3. Read, "What to Expect" 4. Read, "Preface" Read and answer the Before and After Reading questions for the following: 5. Donna Dunbar – Odom "Active Reading" 6. Donna Dunbar – Odom, "Writing As a Process" 7. James Paul Gee, "What Is Literacy?"
<p>Week 2:</p> <p>Literacies; Communities of Practice; Begin Drafting WA 1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How To Approach The Assignments 2. Donna Dunbar – Odom, "Learning Habits of Reflection" 3. Tabettha Adkins, "Plagiarism" 4. Introduction to Part III by Shannon Carter 5. Barton and Hamilton, "Literacy Practices" 6. Analyzing Artifacts Activity if f2f; (set up Groups if WEB) 7. Introduce and Begin Drafting WA
<p>Week 3:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barton "Talking about Literacy" 2. WA 1 due
<p>Week 4:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chapter 2 Introduction

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Chapter 2: Analyzing Literacy Ethnographies	2. Eric Pleasant, "Literacy Sponsors and Learning"
	3. Begin Partner/Group work for WA 2
Week 5:	1. Read the article for your group
	2. Work on your article analysis (use the template your instructor provides)
	3. Develop a plan for your presentation
Week 6: Group Presentations; Choose an *online* community that you want to research	1. Group Presentations
	2. Begin thinking about a community that you want to research
Week 7: Ethics in Research and Beginning your Own Research	1. Chapter 3 Introduction
	2. Carter, "What is a Community of Practice?"
	3. Adkins, "Ethnographic Research Ethics and Amish Values"
	4. Designing Your Research Plan
Week 9:	5. Kahn, "Putting Ethnographic Research Into Context"
	6. CCCC Guidelines
	7. Activity "Ethics and Reflection"
	8. Example Code of Ethics and Informed Consent

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<p>Week 10: Research Proposal</p>	<p>1. Activity: Identifying Your Research Question and Developing Your Research Plan</p>
<p>Week 11: Continuing your Research</p>	<p>2. WA 3: Research Proposal Due</p>
<p>Week 12: Ethnography in Practice</p>	<p>1. Chapter 4 Entering the Field</p>
<p>Week 13: Ethnography in Practice</p>	<p>2. Continue Research</p>
<p>Week 14:</p>	<p>1. TBA – posts about research</p>
<p>Week 15:</p>	
<p>Week 16: (Last Week of Classes) FINALS WEEK</p>	<p>1. TBA – posts about research</p> <p>Thanksgiving Break</p>
<p>Week 14:</p>	<p>WA 4 Due</p>
<p>Week 15:</p>	<p>Presentations!</p>
<p>Week 16: (Last Week of Classes)</p>	<p>Presentations!</p>
<p>FINALS WEEK</p>	<p>WA 5 Reflective Project due!</p>

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