



## English 1302 (1HE): Written Argument and Research

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### INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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### COURSE INFORMATION

#### Required Textbook

For this course, we will be using a platform called *Top Hat* that is included through TAMUC's Inclusive Access. This is the same online book that you used for 1301. No new purchase required unless you did not gain access previously. Through *Top Hat*, you will gain access to the following required course materials:

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

To gain access to Top Hat, it is your responsibility to create an account when you receive an email from the campus bookstore at the start of the semester. If you have any issues with Top Hat, you should contact support@tophat.com

#### Additional Required Materials

- Course readings (articles, excerpts) made available via D2L
- Digital storage (flash drive, cloud storage, etc.)

**Note:** You should check your email and D2L daily for updates pertaining to ENG 1302.

#### 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 response logs, summaries of argumentative texts, argumentative papers, and longer papers integrating secondary research. Activities include close reading of sample texts,

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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**

Through a mixture of reading, writing, and discussion throughout the semester, students will:

- analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances, data, texts, or art.
- A&M-Commerce students will communicate in a manner appropriate to audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure in written, oral, and/or visual communication,
- work together toward a shared purpose relevant to the course or discipline with a sense of shared responsibility for meeting that purpose.
- understand and practice academic honesty
- view themselves as engaged citizen-writer-researchers whose actions impact their communities.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

You will need regular access to the internet, digital storage (hardware or cloud storage), a valid working TAMUC email address, knowledge of D2L, and a computer with a word processing software.

### **Instructional Methods**

This section of English 1302: Written Argument and Research will meet in-person on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00am-9:50am in Talbot Hall of Languages 302 during the Fall 2022 semester. We will follow institutional protocols if TAMUC reconsiders instructional methods during the semester.

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

Your success in English 1302: Written Argument and Research is tied to attendance, participation in TopHat and during in-class meetings, and the completion of all readings, activities, and assignments throughout the course.

## **GRADES**

### **Grading Scale**

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

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## Assessments

Memo of Introduction	5%
Writing Assignment #1	15%
Writing Assignment #2	15%
Writing Assignment #3	20%
Discussion Forums	10%
Group Project	15%
Final Project	20%

## 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>

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## 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 work to respond to emails within 2-3 business days during the week. Please nudge me with a second email if a considerable amount of time has passed and you have not heard from me.

### Writing Center

The Writing Center (or the “Communication Skills Center”) offers writers free, one-on-one assistance. We welcome all writers, majors, and disciplines—undergraduate and graduate students alike. In fact, we work from the premise that all writers, no matter their ability level, benefit from the feedback of knowledgeable readers. The Writing Center staff is trained to provide writers with just this service. In short, we are here to help you help yourself. The Writing Center offers one-on-one sessions with writers—both face-to-face and online—begin on the hour and last up to 45 minutes. You cannot sign up for back-to-back appointments (for instance, you cannot sign up for sessions at

both 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.), but you may sign up for as many appointments as you'd like each day and week. For more information, visit <https://www.tamuc.edu/writing-center>

## **COURSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Course Specific Policies and Procedures**

As mentioned earlier, active participation in digital spaces (TopHat, D2L) and in the classroom are keys to success in this section of ENG 1302: Written Argument and Research.

### **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.

### **Attendance Policy**

As mentioned earlier, active participation in the classroom is a key to success in this section of ENG 1302: Written Argument and Research. Therefore, your timely attendance is required for all in-class meetings. Consistently failing to attend class or arriving to class late will impede your ability to pass this class.

### **Late Work**

The acceptance and assessment of late work in this section of ENG 1302: Written Argument and Research is on a case-by-case basis. Grade reductions for late work is at the discretion of the instructor. Consistently turning in late work will impede your ability to pass the class.

### **Statement on Antiracism**

This course discusses things like economic class, educational opportunities, and other aspects of access to literacy that present a racial disparity in America. It is the position of this class to identify such structural deficiencies as wrong. This subject will potentially cause some discomfort, so please be patient as we discuss these topics together. This course does not tolerate willful insensitive language with respect to sex, race, gender, or orientation, but does attempt to understand how things like racism and sexism create barriers for people.

## **UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND 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).

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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](#)
- [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 Information**

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

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

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

<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](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)

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