



ENG 2326, 98E (83157)

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2024
Dual Credit - Whitehouse High School

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Amanda Weaver

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday during FlexTime

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Whitehouse Email: weavera@whitehouseisd.org or Student Square message

Communication Response Time: 24-48 hours

COURSE INFORMATION

You are not required to purchase a textbook for this course. Printouts or links to all required readings will be provided to you. You have the option to purchase a copy of George Orwell's *1984* for reading assigned outside of class.

Materials - Provided Readings, Supplementary Readings, Composition Notebook, Chromebook, Writing Materials

Software Required:

- D2L
- LeoMail
- A word processing program: *Students have free access to [Office 365](#).*

Course Description

*(ENGL 2326) Introduction to Literature. Three semester hours. An introduction to the three major genres of literature: poetry, drama, and fiction. The course is designed to develop critical thinking habits, and the student may be required to make analyses and value judgments based on critical thought. Prerequisites: **ENG 1302**.*

ENG 2326 serves as an introduction to reading and responding to literature through prose, poetry, and other forms as appropriate. Readings for this course come from different time periods and cultural and national environments. Course assignments and discussions are intended to assist students with honing their analytical and critical skills with literature.

Student Learning Outcomes

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1. Students will demonstrate a broad understanding of literature from different time periods, forms, and genres.
2. Students will demonstrate their ability to synthesize ideas pertaining to the course through written responses and a presentation.
3. Students will demonstrate that they are active and engaged members of the course as measured by the quality and quantity of the engagement in regular course discussions.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

The student's performance in the following areas will determine the student's grade for this course:

- **Daily Work and Quizzes** (*10% of course grade*)
- **Projects and Exams** (*30% of course grade*)
- **Response Papers** (*30% of course grade*)
- **Researched Response Paper** (*20% of course grade*)
- **Class participation** (*10% of course grade*)

GRADING

Weekly Readings, Daily Work, and Quizzes: Over a period of fifteen weeks this class will read and discuss poetry, fiction, drama, and selected shorter readings. Due to the pace of the course, students must come to class prepared to participate in both group and individual activities utilizing assigned readings. There may also be announced or unannounced quizzes that test both completion and comprehension of reading assignments.

Projects & Exams: This course will have a midterm and a final exam. Additionally, there will be an assessment given at the end of each unit. The units that do not require a response paper will be assessed through a project or multiple choice/short answer exam.

Response Papers: Throughout the course, you will be asked to write various response papers that contain a strong and effective thesis as well as a clearly-defined critical approach, consistently supported in a logical fashion throughout the paper. Because the emphasis is on the primary text, secondary sources are not required. I will provide details of each assignment in class.

Researched Response Paper: As a final project, students will select a literary topic and conduct research on that topic. I will provide more details about this assignment during the semester.

Class Participation: Students are expected to come to class regularly and complete daily

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journal assignments. Additionally, students are expected to have prepared appropriately for the class by completing assigned readings and thinking of points to raise for class discussions. Students will not disrupt their peers. *Students will demonstrate that they are active and engaged members of the course as measured by the quality and quantity of the engagement in regular course discussions.*

| Grading Scale | |
|---------------|---|
| 90-100 | A |
| 80-89 | B |
| 70-79 | C |
| 60-69 | D |
| Below 60 | F |

Late work is not accepted.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Students must navigate our course platforms as well as a word processing system such as Google Docs.

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

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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.

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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.

COURSE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Interaction with Instructor Statement:

My goal is to be as flexible and compassionate as possible. If you have questions or need support, ask during your class period, email me, or come to my class during Flex. I will do whatever I can to help you meet your learning goals. To answer emails as quickly and accurately as possible, please follow the email etiquette guidelines described below. I respond to emails within 48-hours, Monday-Friday, 8a.m. – 5 p.m.

Email Etiquette

In sum, all emails to your instructor should include the following elements:

1. **Subject Line:** Your subject line should be clear and specific. Recommended format: Name. Class and Section #. Topic of Email.
2. **Salutation:** Greet your instructor by their preferred name.
3. **Body:** Keep your message clear, concise, and respectful (it should not look like a text message). Use a respectful tone throughout. Remember to keep your audience in mind and that every interaction is a reflection of your academic persona.
4. **Closing:** End your email with an appropriate closing followed by your full name.

Attendance:

While your attendance does not directly impact your grade, it is important to attend class on time and come to class prepared (preparation means having completed any reading/homework beforehand and bringing the required materials like a charged device for textbook access and notetaking). Attending class on time ensures that you do not miss any course announcements, reminders, lectures, or activities. **If you miss due school-related absences, you are still responsible for meeting all deadlines.**

Submission Guidelines:

You will submit your writing assignments on D2L. You must use a D2L compliant file type such as Word .docx, PDF, PowerPoint .pptx, etc. Apple Users: Pages is not a D2L compliant file type.

Grievance Procedure:

Students who have concerns regarding their courses should first address those concerns with the assigned instructor in order to reach a resolution. Students who are unsatisfied with the outcome of that conversation or have not been able to meet individually with their instructor, whether in-person, by email, by telephone, or by another communication medium, should then schedule an appointment with **Dr. Gavin P. Johnson, the Director of Writing** (gavin.johnson@tamuc.edu). In the case when the Director of Writing is the instructor, the student should contact **Dr. Hunter Hayes, Chair of the Department of Literature and**

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Languages (hunter.hayes@tamuc.edu). Where applicable, students should also consult University Procedure 13.99.99.R0.05 (“Student Appeal of Instructor Evaluation”).

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>

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.

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>

AI Use in Courses:

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and

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follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty
13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

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>

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

Collection of Data for Measuring Institutional Effectiveness:

To measure the level of compliance with the university's Institutional Effectiveness guidelines, throughout the semester, I will collect some of the ungraded texts you produce. The texts will be part of a portfolio created on your behalf and will be measured to ensure that our program "promotes practices that result in higher student academic achievement; an enhanced student experience; aligned and transparent decisions; and readily available information for improvement, accountability, and accreditation" (see "Department of Institutional Effectiveness," <http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutus/institutionaleffectiveness/default.aspx>). This is solely an assessment of program effectiveness and in no way affects students' course grades or GPAs.

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

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

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

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.

RESOURCES

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

Writing Center:

The Writing 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, 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>

Library:

The Velma Waters Library supports the research, learning and teaching interests of students, faculty and staff. Connect with a librarian, explore our research and course guides, and attend workshops.

- **Chat with a Librarian!** Get immediate assistance with our [chat service](#) on the main Library page: <https://www.tamuc.edu/library/>

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- **Email** ask@tamuc.libanswers.com. We will respond to your email within 24 hours, often much sooner.
- **Text** your question to 903.225.2862.
- **Call** the Waters Library at 903.886.5718 or contact the librarian for your college/department to discuss your research needs.
- **Meet With Us!** Don't stay up all night searching Google. Schedule a one-on-one consultation held in-person or via Zoom with the librarian for your college/academic department.
- **Visit Us!** We'd love to meet you in-person!
 - Waters Library Research Office: Second Floor, Room 213
 - Waters Library University Archives: 4th Floor, Room 406A
 - A&M – Commerce at Mesquite Metroplex Center: Second Floor, Study Room

Student Career Preparedness Office:

Meet with career advisors who can help you with the resources and tools needed to prepare you for your next phase after graduation and beyond. To schedule an appointment, you can either call 903.468.3223, emailing hirealion@tamuc.edu or go online by clicking [schedule an appointment](#).

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>

COURSE OUTLINE/CALENDAR

Calendar will be available in D2L.

[Link to 2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)

[Link to Holiday Schedule](#)

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