



**ENGL 1301 [01E----82592]
College Reading and Writing
Course Syllabus: Fall 2026**

Instructor Information

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Office Hours

- Monday: 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Wednesday: 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Friday: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Class Meeting Information

- Days/Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday — 9:00am – 9:50am
- Campus: Main
- Building: [Education South, Sowers](#)
- Room: 134

Course Information

Textbook(s) Required:

All required readings in ENGL 1301 are drawn from open-access repositories and OER textbooks and are available to students at no cost.

Software Required:

- D2L
- LeoMail
- A Word Processing Program (All ETAMU student have free access to [Office 365](#)).

Course Description

ENGL 1301: College Reading and Writing (3 credit hours): builds the rhetorical reading, writing, and revision skills students rely on throughout college and beyond. Students analyze how popular and academic texts use rhetorical strategies to reach different audiences, compose a literacy narrative reflecting on personal history as a reader and writer, and investigate how a discourse community uses language and genre conventions to communicate. The course closes with a sustained revision cycle, in which students return to earlier work and strengthen it using feedback and skills developed across the semester. The course emphasizes cross-disciplinary skills that transfer directly to writing in other courses and contexts.

Core Curriculum Course Objectives

- **Critical Thinking Skills:** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information;
- **Communication Skills:** to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication;
- **Teamwork:** to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal;
- **Personal Responsibility:** to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing ENGL 1301 will be able to:

- **Identify and analyze** rhetorical appeals, audience, and purpose in popular and academic texts.
- **Compose** genre-appropriate writing — rhetorical analysis, personal narrative, and discourse community analysis — anchoring claims in relevant evidence, whether textual evidence from an artifact, sensory and scene-based detail from lived experience, or established analytical frameworks (Swales, Melzer).
- **Integrate** outside evidence ethically and accurately using MLA citation conventions.
- **Engage** in the revision and editing process, using strategies such as reverse outlining, structured peer review, feedback triage, and substantive revision to strengthen written work.
- **Collaborate** effectively with peers to give and receive constructive feedback, using structured peer review to inform meaningful revision.
- **Reflect** on personal growth as a writer and identify strategies that transfer to future academic writing.

Instructional Modality

This is a **face-to-face** course, meeting Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am – 9:50am in Education South, Sowers, Room 134 (Main Campus).

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential to success in this course. Class discussions, activities, and material covered in each session build on one another, and missed or late arrivals can result in gaps in understanding that are difficult to make up. Students are expected to arrive on time and attend all scheduled class meetings.

Course Requirements

Attendance and Participation

- You are responsible for attending class and participating in discussions and activities.
- You are responsible for completing reading assignments prior to class so you can participate fully and contribute to in-class discussion.
- Come to class having completed all readings, with notes or questions ready to discuss.
- If you miss more than 3 classes, you need to tell me why you are not attending.

Deadlines and Extensions

- Writing assignments must be submitted on or before the due date, unless you've made arrangements with me at least 24 hours PRIOR to the due date.
- I am very flexible with deadlines and am happy to give an extension to any student who asks ahead of time.
- If you need extra time, let's talk about it — I can work with you if I know beforehand.
- If you miss the extended deadline as well, you will need to provide a legitimate, extreme excuse (e.g., documented emergency or illness) for further consideration.
- If you wait until after the due date — original or extended — with no such excuse, there is very little I can do for you.

Assessment & Grading

Grading Scale

A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 59% or Below

Weighted Grade Distribution

Here's the table version:

Assignment	Description	Weight
Rhetorical Analysis Essay	First draft (10%) + Revised draft (10%)	20%
Literacy Narrative Essay	First draft (10%) + Revised draft (10%)	20%
Discourse Analysis Essay	First draft (10%) + Revised draft (10%)	20%
Process Assignments	In-class exercises and peer review taken for a grade (e.g., Reverse Outline and Revision Memo, Structured Peer Review Worksheet, Journals, Quizzes, etc.)	10%
Capstone Portfolio	Fully revised versions of all three essays, and process reflection	30%
Total		100%

Note: After submitting a first draft, you'll receive feedback and have about 4 days to revise and resubmit. Since you'll already have completed the revised version of each essay along the way, the Capstone Portfolio simply brings those revised versions together.

Technology Requirements

Learning Management System (LMS)

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online (D2L Brightspace). 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.etamu.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@etamu.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, an East Texas A&M campus open computer lab, etc.

Course and University Policies & Procedures

Course Specific Policies & Procedures

Interaction with Instructor Statement

Communication

Email is the best way to reach me outside of class, and I will respond within 48 hours. Please include your course number in the subject line to help me get back to you quickly.

I also strongly encourage face-to-face interaction — feel free to stop by during my office hours (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:00am–12:00pm) or set up a separate meeting time if those hours don't work for you. Talking through questions, concerns, or assignment feedback in person is often faster and more helpful than back-and-forth emails, so don't hesitate to come by.

If you're struggling with an assignment, deadline, or anything else affecting your work in this course, please reach out as early as possible — I'm flexible and want to help, but I can only do that if I know what's going on.

Grievance Procedures

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. Jason Walker, the Director of Writing (Jason.Walker@ETAMU.edu). In the case when the Director of Writing is the instructor, the student should contact Dr. Debbie Lelekis, Interim Chair of the Department of Literature and Languages (Debbie.Lelekis@ETAMU.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. Various circumstances and events during the semester may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance in class, on D2L, and via ETAMU email.

University Specific Policies & 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.etamu.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

East Texas A&M University 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.

Attendance

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

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

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

Writing Program Policy on Artificial Intelligence

East Texas A&M University (ETAMU) Writing Program acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI), and Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). The ETAMU Writing Program is guided by national, flagship organizations representing the discipline of English and the field of Writing Studies, including the Modern Language Association (MLA), National Council on the Teaching of English (NTCE), and the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) regarding the theorization and teaching of critical AI literacy. ETAMU Writing Program values a spectrum of beliefs about AI, GenAI, and AGI, ranging from ethical integration to absolute refusal. ETAMU Writing Program believes in and practices critical AI literacy alongside ethical, responsible integration of AI, GenAI, and AGI in our writing instruction, appropriately. We teach students to document their AI use in their writing and other curriculum deliverables while highlighting educational concerns about using these technologies. ETAMU Writing Program instructors share their position on and preferences for AI, GenAI, and AGI integration with students, and students follow the instructor's guidelines and the requirements of the course. Undocumented uses of AI, GenAI, and AGI can constitute an instance of academic dishonesty, including cases related to issues like plagiarism and misrepresentation in student deliverables

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University 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.etamu.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>

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.etamu.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

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

<http://www.etamu.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 East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M 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 East Texas A&M campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Resources

East Texas A&M Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M, 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.etamu.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.etamu.edu/library/>

- Email libraryservice@etamu.edu 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! o Waters Library Research Office: Second Floor, Room 213
 - Waters Library University Archives: 4th Floor, Room 406A
- East Texas A&M 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 hrealion@etamu.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>