



# ENGL. 1302. 001-English Composition II (F2F)

Course Syllabus: Spring 2022

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***This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.***

*Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.*

### Course Description:

3 credit hours.

Lecture/Lab/Clinical: Three hours of class each week.

Intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis on effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of verbal, visual, and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions.

**Prerequisite(s):** ENGL. 1301 or its equivalent.

### Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative research processes.
2. Develop ideas and synthesize primary and secondary sources within focused academic arguments, including one or more research-based essays.
3. Analyze, interpret, and evaluate a variety of texts for the ethical and logical uses of evidence.
4. Write in a style that clearly communicates meaning, builds credibility, and inspires belief or action.
5. Apply the conventions of style manuals for specific academic disciplines (e.g., APA, CMS, MLA, etc.)

### Evaluation/Grading Policy:

Your assignments will be evaluated using the following point values:

Two Argumentative Essay Assignments	20 %
Reading/Writing Response Journal	10 %
Three In-class Peer Reviews	10 %
<b>Argumentative Paper Research project assignments:</b>	
Survey	5 %
Outline	5 %
Annotated bibliography	10 %
One Research Argumentative Essay	20 %

Research presentation

20 %

Total

**100 Points**

Assignments will be graded within two weeks of receipt or before your next assignment is due. Your essays will be graded holistically based on the scoring rubric. (See the evaluation criteria (rubric) for writing assignments in Appendix A at the end of the syllabus.)

**Required Instructional Materials:**

*Everyone's An Author With Readings (Third Edition)*

**Publisher:** New York: W. W. Norton and Company Inc., 2020 **ISBN Number:** 978-0-393-68086-7

The textbook is required and provides essential information for successful completion of this course. You can purchase your textbook at the NTCC College Store.

**Optional Instructional Materials:**

None

**Minimum Technology Requirements:**

You will need access to a computer to complete the writing assignments for this class. You will be typing your essays and submitting the final drafts through Turnitin assignments in Blackboard.

**Required Computer Literacy Skills:**

Blackboard Learning Management System, Microsoft Word processing, average email usage

**Course Structure and Overview:**

This English composition course is designed to help students develop their critical thinking, research and writing skills. The class will also include reading assignments that challenge students to think and effectively respond both in writing and orally to a variety of reading and visual material. Overall, the goal of this course is to help students grow as thinkers and writers. Higher order skills acquired in thinking and writing help students process information in a rapidly changing world and reflect on the deeper meanings of print and visual media. Students who utilize rhetorical tools and strategies achieve a level of sophistication in writing that invites audiences to join them in examining issues from multiple layers of meaning. In the process, students begin to take a more disciplined approach to writing and develop their voices through everyday and argumentative writing.

**Writing Assignments:**

Please follow these instructions when writing your papers:

- Writing assignments, including a work cited page, must be typed in MLA format (see chapter 28)
- Use Times New Roman 12 pt. font
- Double-space
- Essay writing assignments are usually two to three pages in length with the exception of the research paper, which is 7 to 10 pages in length.
- Pay close attention to spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- Due dates for all reading and writing assignment will be assigned during class and will also be noted in the class calendar.
- Essay rough drafts should be printed and brought to class for a peer review session on the due date. WEPA printing cards can be purchased in the NTCC bookstore. WEPA printers are located in the SUB and in the Learning Commons (library).
- Rough drafts and final drafts should be submitted through Turnitin assignments on the due date.

- **Late papers are only accepted at the instructor's discretion. Emergency situations will be handled on an individual basis.**

### **Reading Assignments:**

Students are expected to read all assigned material before coming to class. You will be required to respond in writing to readings in your writing journal and orally during class discussions. **Failure to read and respond effectively to the reading assignments will affect your grade in the course.**

**Communications:** Office hours are listed on the top of the front page of this syllabus. I have also listed my cell phone. I do accept calls and text messages on my cell. Emails will be answered within 24 hours. **Please note that NTCC email is the official form of communication used by the college.**

### **Institutional/Course Policy:**

To complete this course successfully, you should do the following:

- Read all of the textbook assignments
- Participate actively and meaningfully in all group discussions
- Prepare and submit all writing assignments on time
- Attend class regularly

Always remember to bring your textbook, paper and writing utensil to each class. You will be reading material from the textbook and writing in both class and in a writing/reading journal. You will not be successful in this class without the appropriate materials. Please don't engage in casual conversations during our lecture, discussion and group times or while we are working on other assignments. I reserve the right to act as necessary to maintain a productive class environment, including asking disruptive students to leave, and in extreme circumstances, dropping chronic disruptors from my course. I will not tolerate uncivil behavior toward other class members during class discussions. Please do not use cell phones, tablets or computers during class unless the device is being used as a part of the classwork. Please inform me at the beginning of the semester if you plan to use a digital copy of the textbook. See the evaluation criteria (rubric) for writing assignments at the end of the syllabus.

### **Attendance policy:**

Attendance will be taken either orally or by a sign-in sheet. If you come to class late, it is your responsibility to make sure that the instructor counts you in attendance for that day. **Students who miss more than five class periods will be subject to failure in this course.**

### **Course Evaluations:**

Toward the end of the course, you will be asked to complete an online course evaluation. Students are encouraged to fill out an online evaluation for each of their courses. This will be your opportunity to share important feedback on each of the courses you take at NTCC and the faculty member who teaches the class. Please watch for info about the evaluation on your NTCC email account and make sure you participate in evaluating your experiences in the classroom.

### **Withdrawal policy:**

It is your responsibility to drop or withdraw from a course. Failure to do so could result in receiving a failing grade for the course.

### **Alternate Operations During Campus Closure and/or Alternate Course Delivery Requirements:**

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Northeast Texas Community College to move to altered operations. During this time, Northeast Texas Community College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to, online through the Blackboard Learning Management System, online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor NTCC's website (<http://www.ntcc.edu/>) for instructions about continuing courses remotely,

Blackboard for each class for course-specific communication, and NTCC email for important general information.

Additionally, there may be instances where a course may not be able to be continued in the same delivery format as it originates (face-to-face, fully online, live remote, or hybrid). Should this be the case, every effort will be made to continue instruction in an alternative delivery format. Students will be informed of any changes of this nature through email messaging and/or the Blackboard course site.

**NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:**

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

**Eagle Assist**

At Northeast Texas Community College, we understand that students often need support that extends beyond the classroom. “Eagle Assist” is the place to start when looking for that type of assistance. Our support system is here to help you succeed in both your academic and personal growth. [www.ntcc.edu/eagleassist](http://www.ntcc.edu/eagleassist)

**Services provided:**

- [Mental Health Counseling](#)
- [Classroom Accommodations](#)
- [NTCC Care Center Food Pantry](#)
- [NTCC Care Center Hygiene Closet](#)
- [NTCC Care Center Cook Nook](#)
- [Financial Literacy](#)
- [Child Care Assistance](#)
- [Emergency Aid](#)

Can't find what you are looking for? Send us a message at [eagleassist@ntcc.edu](mailto:eagleassist@ntcc.edu)

[Mental Health Counseling Services](#) are available to all NTCC students.

- Visit the following page to get your account activated:  
[www.thevirtualcaregroup.com/ntcc](http://www.thevirtualcaregroup.com/ntcc)

\*Dual credit students please email [jstewart@ntcc.edu](mailto:jstewart@ntcc.edu) if interested.

**ADA Statement:**

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program

of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.

**Tentative Course Timeline (\*note\* instructor reserves the right to make adjustments to this timeline at any point in the term):**

English Composition II – ENGL. 1302.001  
Assignment Calendar Spring 2022

- Week 1** Welcome to the class-introductory writing assignment  
Course and Syllabus review  
Read chapter 1 "Thinking Rhetorically"  
Read and respond to an essay for reading/writing journal
- Week 2** In-class discussion of essay for reading/writing journal  
Research tools/databases review (in class)  
Read chapter 4 "Meeting the Demands of Academic Writing"  
**Choose topic and begin writing argumentative essay #1**  
Review information on developing a thesis statement (pages 118-119)  
Read and respond to an essay for reading/writing journal
- Week 3** In-class discussion of essay for reading/writing journal  
Review MLA format (chapter 28)  
Schedule and attend online writing tutor session  
Begin reading chapter 18 "Analyzing and Constructing Arguments"  
Read and respond to an essay for reading/writing journal
- Week 4** In-class discussion of essay for reading/writing journal  
**In-class peer review of essay #1 rough draft**  
**Submit essay #1 rough draft Turnitin assignment in Blackboard**  
  
Schedule and attend online writing tutor session  
Continue reading chapter 18 "Analyzing and Constructing Arguments"  
Review argumentative appeals and argumentative writing models (chapter 18)
- Week 5** **Choose topic and begin writing argumentative essay #2**  
Read and respond to an essay for reading/writing journal  
**Submit final draft of essay #1 in class**  
Begin reading chapter 19 "Strategies for Supporting an Argument"
- Week 6** Thesis writing workshop for essay # 2 (in class)  
In-class discussion of essay for reading/writing journal  
Continue reading chapter 19
- Week 7** Read and respond to an essay for reading/writing journal

Developing and writing outlines (page 118)  
**In-class peer review of essay #2 rough draft**  
**Submit essay #2 rough draft Turnitin assignment in Blackboard**  
In-class discussion of essay for reading/writing journal

**Week 8** Read the section on using and creating surveys on pages 510-514  
**Choose topic and begin writing research argumentative essay #3**  
Review developing an annotated bibliography in MLA format (pages 529-533)  
**Submit final draft of essay #2 in class**  
Begin working on annotated bibliography

### Spring Break

**Week 9** Survey workshop (in class)  
**Submit final copy of survey in class and begin distributing**  
Begin working on formal outline for argumentative essay

**Week 10** Read avoiding fallacies (pages 432-434)  
**Submit outline assignment in class**

**Week 11** Peer review of annotated bibliography (in class)  
**Submit annotated bibliography**

**Week 12** **In-class peer review of essay #3 rough draft**

**Week 13** Read and respond to an essay for reading/writing journal  
Final reading/writing journal response (in-class)  
**Submit essay #3 rough draft Turnitin assignment in Blackboard**

**Week 14** Begin research paper presentations  
Submit reading/writing journals in class

**Week 15** Continue research paper presentations  
**Submit final draft of essay #3**

**Week 16** Continue research paper presentations

## Appendix A

### EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Grade	Criteria
90-100	The essay provides a well-organized response to the topic and maintains a central focus. The ideas are expressed in appropriate language. A sense of pattern of development is present from beginning to end. The writer supports assertions with explanation or illustration, and the vocabulary is well suited to an academic paper. Sentences and phrasings within sentences reflect a command of standard written English, including what constitutes a complete sentence. Grammar, punctuation, and spelling are almost always correct.
80-89	The essay provides an organized response to the topic. The ideas are expressed in clear language most of the time. The writer develops ideas and generally signals relationships within and between the paragraphs. The writer uses vocabulary that is appropriate for the essay topic and avoids oversimplifications or distortions. Sentences generally are complete and also grammatically correct, although some grammatical errors may be present when sentence structure is particularly complex. With few exceptions, punctuation, and spelling are correct.
70-79	The essay shows a basic understanding of the demands of essay organization, although there might be occasional digressions. The development of ideas is sometimes incomplete or superficial, but basic logical structure can be discerned. Vocabulary generally is appropriate for the essay topic but at times is oversimplified. Sentences reflect a sufficient command of standard written English to ensure reasonable clarity of expression. Sentence fragments, fusions, and comma splices may be present. Grammar is usually, although not always, correct. Common words are spelled correctly but more difficult words may be misspelled.
60-69	The essay provides a response to the topic but generally has no overall pattern of organization OR begins with a response to the topic but does not develop the response. Some paragraphs have adequate structure, but ideas are often undeveloped or are repeated and/or seem to be presented randomly. The writer generally does not signal relationships within and between paragraphs. The writer uses informal language frequently and writes in a conversational style when appropriate academic prose is needed. Vocabulary seems limited and words may be misused. Sentences are often simplistic and lacking in variety. Sentence phrasing obscures rather than enhances clarity of expression. The essay has recurrent grammatical problems or has occasional problems <i>only</i> because of the narrow range of sentence and language variety. Fragments, fusions, and comma splices are common. Punctuation, and spelling errors occur often.
Below 50	The essay suffers from general incoherence and has no discernible pattern of organization. It displays a high frequency of error in the regular features of standard written English. Lapses in punctuation, spelling, and grammar often frustrate the reader. Or, the essay is so brief that any reasonably accurate judgment of the writer's competence is impossible.

## Syllabus Acknowledgement Statement

**A syllabus is a binding contract between the student, instructor and the institution. As such, all students enrolled in this course are asked to closely read the syllabus and sign this syllabus acknowledgment.**

**By signing the acknowledgment, you are agreeing to the following:**

1. I have read the syllabus and understand the course description and course goals, the student learning outcomes, the expectations of the instructor, the assignment directions, the section on academic ethics and honesty, and the responsibilities I have as a student in this course. If I do not believe that I can complete the requirements outlined in the syllabus, it is my responsibility to withdraw from the course.

(Please circle one)

A. Agree

B. Disagree

2. I have read the information provided in the syllabus on academic ethics and honesty. I understand that if I am discovered to be cheating or colluding on work assigned in this class, I could receive a zero for the assignment. I also understand that if I am found to have submitted a paper for credit that contains any amount of plagiarized material, I could receive a grade of "F" for the assignment or for the entire course.

(Please circle one)

A. Agree

B. Disagree

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_