

Composition I (ENGL 1301)



Credit: 3 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite:

TSI Complete in Reading and Writing.

Course Description

Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis on effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis.

Required Textbook and Materials

There is no major text required for this course. The instructor will provide information for required reading resources.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative writing processes.
2. Develop ideas with appropriate support and attribution.
3. Write in a style appropriate to audience and purpose.
4. Read, reflect, and respond critically to a variety of texts.
5. Use Edited American English in academic essays.

Core Objectives

1. **Critical Thinking Skills:** To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
2. **Communication Skills:** To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
3. **Personal Responsibility:** To include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.

Course Outline

- The writing process, including pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling, and usage rules
- Modern Language Association, MLA, formatting and citation rules
- Various styles and purposes of writing
- Research methods and source evaluation

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Grade Scale

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

Course Evaluation

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

Essay #1	10%
Essay #2	15%
Persuasive Research Essay--Common Assignment	15%
Short Writing Assignments	15%
Daily Grades	15%
Participation/Attendance	10%
Final Examination Essay	20%
Total	100%

Course Requirements

1. Discussion Boards
2. Short Writing Assignments
3. Two 400-600 word Essays
4. One 700-900 word Persuasive Research Essay—Common Assignment based on research conducted from the Lamar University Online Library and other approved sources
5. One 300-500 word Final Exam Essay

Course Policies

1. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated.
2. Students are responsible for initiating and dropping a course. If students stop logging into the course and do not complete the course drop process, then they will receive an “F” grade for the course
3. Internet Usage – Students are expected to use proper net etiquette while participating in course emails, assignment submissions, and online discussions.
4. Additional class policies as defined by the individual course instructor. See instructor’s master syllabus addendum.

Technical Requirements

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, software, Java, etc. can be found online at: <http://www.blackboard.com/student-resources.aspx>
A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, 3G, 4G, WiMAX, WiFi, satellite, or other broadband access is necessary to maximize the use of the online technology and resources.

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Disabilities Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the online resource: <http://www.lit.edu/depts/stuserv/special/defaults.aspx>

Student Code of Conduct Statement

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu or obtained in print upon request at the Student Services Office. Please note that the online version of the LIT Catalog and Student Handbook supersedes all other versions of the same document.

Starfish

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