College of Arts and Humanities, ENGL 1101  
(Sections -03 & -11)  
English Composition I, Spring 2020

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10:00-11:30

Support for courses

*Hyperlinks provided for accessibility throughout; full URLs are available at the end of the document.

CourseDen D2L Home Page  
D2L UWG Online Help (8 AM – 5 PM)  
Call: 678-839-6248 or 1-855-933-8946 or  
email: online@westga.edu

24/7/365 D2L Help Center  
Call 1-855-772-0423

University Bookstore

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Center for Academic Success

Course Information

Course Description

ENGL 1101 is a composition course focusing on skills required for effective writing in a variety of contexts, with emphasis on exposition, analysis, and argumentation.
Texts, Readings, Instructional Resources, and References

Required Texts and Materials


Reliable access to YouTube

Required articles and worksheets will be posted on CourseDen

Notebook (ideally with pockets) for notes, etc.

Google drive for saving and storing various writing assignments (comes with your WestGa email account)

Content Advisory

Art and entertainment are filled with the many complicated elements of human life. That means the texts we will discuss may contain violence, sexual content, all manner of potentially offensive themes, and profanity. You should be aware that your continued enrollment in this course requires that you consume such content with maturity and a scholarly perspective. No assignment will be waived on the basis of moral objection.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

**ENGL-1101 English Composition I**

Course description: Composition course focusing on skills required for effective writing in a variety of contexts, with emphasis on exposition, analysis and argumentation, and also including introductory use of a variety of research skills. Prerequisites: All English as a Second Language students must have exited from all English as a Second Language courses. All learning support students must have completed all reading and writing required remediation.

Learning Outcomes:

(Recently revised learning outcomes coincide with English 1101 rubrics as part of FYW sequence.)

1. To identify and employ a variety of rhetorical modes and techniques of persuasion and acquire reasonable mastery of conventions of college-level prose writing.
2. To develop and apply critical thinking skills in effective expository, analytical, and argumentative writing and to gain facility with the entire writing process from invention through revision.
3. To develop organizational strategies, incorporate and document additional textual materials to strengthen and support argument.

This is a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Course

Clear written communication is important in all disciplines, and increasingly employers are expecting college graduates to be good writers. That's one reason why UWG is focusing on improving undergraduate student writing across the core. When you hear about the QEP know that what your peers and professors are talking about is WRITING, because we are committed to giving you opportunities across your core curriculum to improve the quality of your writing. Want to know more? Visit the QEP website at [http://www.westga.edu/qep/](http://www.westga.edu/qep/).
# Course Policies and Assignments

## Assignments

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<td>Process Writing</td>
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## Grading Information and Policies

Grading summary with the Letter to Numeric scale:

- A+ = 98%; A = 95%; A- = 92%
- B+ = 88%; B = 85%; B- = 82%
- C+ = 78%; C = 75%; C- = 72%
- D+ = 68%; D = 65%; D- = 62%
- F = 50%

For each essay, students are required to take part in writing workshops during class. Failure to do so will affect both your participation grade and the quality of your essay. We will review the grading guidelines for out-of-class essays in class. Students will have the opportunity to revise ONE essay (we will discuss the requirements for this optional assignment later in the semester). In order to move on to ENGL 1102,
you must make a C- or higher on at least one of the essays. Failure to do so could result in a failing grade for the semester.

You must obtain a C or higher in order to exit ENGL 1101. Final grades will be posted to CourseDen and BanWeb; no grades will be given via telephone or e-mail.

This class will be assessed using a grading contract. We will go over this the first day of class and information will be posted on CourseDen.

**Grading Rubrics**

Will be made available during the semester as essays are assigned.

Please see the [Common Language for Course Syllabi](#) for official information on UWG’s Academic Integrity Policy.

**Communication Etiquette**

You are welcome to e-mail me with questions, but please do not abuse this privilege (i.e. re-sending a thesis statement with only a few words changed minutes after I made suggestions). At a certain point, this becomes excessive collaboration. Likewise, do not send e-mails asking questions that I have covered in class or that you can find on your own (due dates, course policies, etc.). Should you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what work you missed (by consulting the online syllabus/handouts) and to get the notes from a classmate.

I also ask that you be professional and observe standard grammar and punctuation rules when e-mailing me or any other professor. Do not send e-mails that are in “text speak.” This is not an appropriate form of communication outside the realm of sending an actual text.

Finally, all student-professor e-mail correspondence must take place via your my.westga.edu account. If you need to reach me outside of class and/or office hours, e-mail is the most efficient way to do so. Also, please be aware that I cannot communicate with your parents due to federal privacy regulations; should you have concerns about your progress in the course or any other issues that arise, you should address them with me personally.

**Expected Response Times**

In addition to face-to-face office hours, which are highly beneficial throughout the semester, I also hold online office hours via my westga.edu e-mail. During posted hours, I will respond to your messages as soon as possible (usually within the hour). Other times, I will respond within 24 hours (36 hours over the weekend). Also keep in mind that I only check voicemails when I’m in my office, so phone is not the best way to contact me in emergencies.

Participation assignments and quizzes are generally graded by the next class meeting. Because grading essays is a more elaborate process, those are returned within two weeks.
**Class Schedule Information** (*Note: Dates may change at the instructor’s discretion; all changes will be announced via e-mail. Major assignments, papers, and exams are in bold.)*

*All assignments are due for the class meeting in which they appear.
Numbers in parentheses indicate the page number of the assigned reading; Numbers in **bold** indicate the approximate length of the reading so you can manage your time accordingly.
*All homework is due before class (all work due to Turnitin has been **bolded** on the syllabus)

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### January

**M 1/6 & T 1/7**
In class: Syllabus; introduction to class
Homework Due: 
Reading Due:

**W 1/8 & R 1/9**
Open Add ends at 11:59 pm
In class: Pre-test (does **not** factor into final class grade beyond process writing grade) **bring computers and headphones to class**; Introduce Essay 1
Homework Due: **Turnitin registration and sample submission** (see the announcement entitled “Essay Submission” on CourseDen)
Reading Due: Essay 1 (Rhetorical Response Analysis) Prompt (on CD)

**F 1/10**
Open Drop ends at 11:59 pm

**M 1/13 & T 1/14**
In class: quiz; semiotics practice; group work; discussion
Homework Due: 
Reading Due: *Trinity* pgs. 1-38 **(38)**

**W 1/15 & R 1/16**
In class: discussion; close reading practice; brainstorming
Homework Due: 
Reading Due: *Trinity* pgs. 39-79 **(40)**
M 1/20 & T 1/21 Classes cancelled for MLK Day

W 1/22 & R 1/23
In class: discussion; paragraph construction
Homework Due: choose three quotations or elements that you can do a close reading of—do 2 close readings (due to CD before class)
Reading Due:

M 1/27 & T 1/28
In class: workshop
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

W 1/29 & R 1/30
In class: discussion; thesis statements
Homework Due: body paragraph due to CD before class
Reading Due: Trinity pgs. 80-112 (32)

February

M 2/3 & T 2/4
In class: discussion; workshop
Homework Due: thesis statement due to CD before class; second body paragraph due to CD before class
Reading Due: Trinity pgs. 113-151 (end) (38)

W 2/5 & R 2/6
In class: peer review
Homework Due: Rough Draft Due to Turnitin before class; double entry notes due to CD
Reading Due:

M 2/10 & T 2/11
In class: Introduce Essay 2; brief discussion of common texts; discuss “criteria and standards”; discussion
Homework Due:
Reading Due: Essay 2 (Critique) Prompt (on CD); watch Last Week Tonight with John Oliver “Workplace Sexual Harassment” (on CD) (about 25 mins long)
M 2/10 Essay 1 Due to Turnitin before midnight

W 2/12 & R 2/13
In class: discussion; how to pick evidence; “Evidence to Analysis” workshop
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

M 2/17 & T 2/18
In class: “Evidence to Analysis” workshop
Homework Due: three potential moments/rhetorical strategies due to CD before class; post group work from last class to CD before class
Reading Due: before class, please watch both *Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj*: “Student Loans” (*Netflix*) and *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*: “Public Shaming” (CD)

W 2/19 & R 2/20
In class: revision workshop
Homework Due: have access to a copy of your graded final draft
Reading Due: Go over comments from Essay 1 final draft

M 2/24 & T 2/25
In class: workshop; paragraph construction for critique
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

T 2/25 Optional Essay 1 Revision Due to Turnitin before midnight (no late work accepted)

W 2/26 & R 2/28
In class: drafting; thesis statements; workshop
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

R 2/28 Last day to withdraw with a grade of W from **Full Term (non-eCore) 16 week courses.** Students who withdraw from a Full Term (non-eCore) class will receive a grade of W. **Reminder there is no refund associated with withdrawing from a course.**

March
M 3/2 & T 3/3  In class: workshopping; drafting
Homework Due: body paragraph due to CD before class; thesis statement
Reading Due:

W 3/4 & R 3/5
In class: Introduce Essay 3; discussion of secondary sources; peer review
Homework Due: **Rough Draft due to Turnitin before class**; double entry notes
due to CD before class time
Reading Due:

M 3/9 & T 3/10
In class: essay 3 discussion; essay 2 final questions
Homework Due:
Reading Due: Essay 3 (Argumentative Synthesis) prompt

W 3/11 & R 3/12
In-class: Classes Cancelled to Watch *Die Hard* (have this watched before you return from break)
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

**R 3/12  Essay 2 (Critique) due to Turnitin before midnight**

March 16-20 Spring Break Classes Cancelled

M 3/23 & T 3/24
In class:
Homework Due:
Reading Due: Watch *Die Hard*

W 3/25 & R 3/26
In class: Guest Speaker: UWC on evaluating sources/research process
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

M 3/30 & T 3/31
In class: organization practice; drafting
Homework Due: Final Text Approval due to CourseDen
Reading Due: secondary article TBD (on CD)
April

W 4/1 & R 4/2
In class: workshop; drafting
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

R 4/2 Optional Revision of Essay 2 Due to Turnitin before midnight (no late work accepted)

M 4/6 & T 4/7
In class: annotated bibliography workshop
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

W 4/8 & R 4/9
In class:
Homework Due: Thesis due to CD before class
Reading Due:

M 4/13 & T 4/14
In class: peer editing and workshop; drafting
Homework Due: Annotated Bibliographies due to CD before class
Reading Due:

W 4/15 & R 4/16
In class: Introduce Multimodal Presentations; final concerns about Essay 3
Homework Due: Rough Draft due to Turnitin before class; double entry notes due to CD
Reading Due: Multimodal Presentation Prompt

M 4/20 & T 4/21
In class: multimodal group work; sign up for presentations; memo practice
Homework Due:
Reading Due:

T 4/21 Essay 3 (Argumentative Synthesis) due to Turnitin before midnight
W 4/22 & R 4/23
In class: Post-test (does not factor into final class grade beyond process writing grade); bring computers to class; evaluations

Homework Due:
Reading Due:

M 4/27 Multimodal Presentations
T 4/28 Multimodal Presentations
W 4/29 Multimodal Presentations
R 4/30 Multimodal Presentations

May

Note well: Grades will be posted to BanWeb by noon on May 11th. No grades will be distributed via phone or email.

Course and UWG Policies

Attendance
For classes that meet twice a week, a student is allowed three absences. Arriving late for class counts as 1/2 an absence. After the third absence, the professor reserves the right to give the student an F for the course. Be aware that no distinction exists between excused and unexcused absences.

** If withdrawal occurs prior to Thursday, 2/28, the student will receive a grade of W. If withdrawal occurs after Thursday, 2/28, the student will receive a grade of WF. (FYW Department Policy)

Late Work
To receive full credit, essays must be submitted by the beginning of class. Any essay submitted after that time will be penalized one letter grade per day. I will not grade any essay submitted later than three days after the due date. In certain instances, a student may be granted an extension period to complete the assignment. These instances must constitute an emergency and the student must discuss the extension period with me at least 24 hours before the assignment is due. In the event of rare, life-altering circumstances (car accident, death in the family, etc.) I will work with students on a case-by-case basis. Students may not make-up missed quizzes or other in-class assignments unless there are extenuating circumstances.
**Disruptive Behavior**
Students will be dismissed from any class meeting during which they exhibit behavior that disrupts the learning environment of others. Such behavior includes – but is not limited to – habitually arriving late for class, allowing phones to ring, rude actions or behavior, speaking disrespectfully to the instructor and/or to other students, texting, checking email or surfing the web, and using personal audio or video devices. Each dismissal of this kind will count as an absence and will be applied toward the attendance requirements policy above. This means the student will receive an automatic 0 regardless of class performance.

**Academic Dishonesty**

**Plagiarism:** The Department of English and Philosophy defines plagiarism as taking personal credit for the words and ideas of others as they are presented in electronic, print, and verbal sources. The department expects that students will accurately credit sources in all assignments. An equally dishonest practice is fabricating sources or facts; it is another form of misrepresenting the truth.

**Excessive Collaboration:** Students should demonstrate the ability to produce independent writing (writing without collaborative assistance of peers, writing tutors, or professionals in the field) that shows an acceptable level of competence. Although classroom activities and out-of-class assignments may highlight collaborative learning and collaborative research, excessive collaboration (collaboration that results in the loss of a student's voice/style and original claims to course-related work) is considered another form of academic dishonesty and therefore will not be permitted.

Academic dishonesty – on any assignment, large or small – will result in failure of the course. Lack of dishonest intent is not an acceptable excuse for plagiarism/excessive collaboration. Confusion over the definition of plagiarism is not an acceptable excuse for plagiarism/excessive collaboration. Should you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, address these with me and/or the Writing Center. Do not make assumptions and do not take risks. It is not worth it.

For more information on the university’s policies for handling academic dishonesty, visit the Common Language for Course Syllabi.

**MLA Documentation**
The department expects that students learn to cite sources accurately in the MLA style for documentation. You can find a wealth of information at Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab.

**Extra Credit**
There will be no extra credit in this class. Grades are earned by the quality of your work, not how much you do. There are, however, opportunities to revise your essays as well as earning credit during the writing of the essay. These will be discussed in class.

**Recycled Essays**
I will not accept recycled essays (papers written for another class) in any form for any reason. Each essay assignment will be uniquely designed for this course and for this reason; it is unlikely that any essay previously written by the student will adhere to the specific guidelines of the essay prompts.
Paperless Course
To conserve departmental resources, all materials (handouts, assignment sheets, notes, etc.) will be made available online. Students will print these necessary course documents, including the syllabus, on their own.

Writing Center
The University Writing Center (UWC)
TLC 1201
678-839-6513
writing@westga.edu
www.westga.edu/writing

The University Writing Center seeks to assist students in their pursuit to become better writers, thinkers, and scholars. We can assist students with any writing assignment in any class.

What We Do:
● Discuss ideas, read drafts, and work through revisions of essays/papers
● Assist students with citation questions (MLA, APA, Chicago/Turabian, and others)
● Do note that we do not proofread or edit. We are here to help students become better writers—not fix issues that arise in any paper.

Policies:
● Please make appointment(s) in advance. Students can make same day appointments, but we prefer if they are made 24 hours in advance.
● If a student cannot attend an appointment, they should call or email to cancel as soon as possible.
● Please arrive to the appointment on time. Students cannot meet with a tutor after 10 minutes into the appointment.
● If a student has 3 “No Shows” in a semester, they will be blocked from making further appointments during that same semester.

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Online Tutoring Assistance:
This summer, the Writing Center is providing online tutoring assistance. Papers should be submitted to summerwc@westga.edu (either as a Word document or a link to the student’s Google Drive). Along with the paper, please provide the prompt and/or instructions for the assignment, as well as the areas of concern the tutor should address. Please note that this service is not proofreading or editing, but rather feedback and suggestions for improvement. The service will be available from June 11-July 19 on Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Please allow the tutor up to 48 hours to review and return the paper after submission.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) study sessions are offered for this course. SI sessions meet several times a week, throughout the semester. Supplemental Instruction is an academic assistance program which
provides peer-led group study sessions to assist students in traditionally difficult courses. SI sessions are led by an SI leader who has already mastered the course material and has been trained to facilitate group sessions where students can meet to improve their understanding of course material, review and discuss important concepts, develop study strategies and prepare for exams. SI is for everyone, and open to all students enrolled in this class; not just those students who are struggling. Attendance at SI sessions is voluntary. Students who attend SI sessions weekly typically earn higher final course and essay grades than students who do not participate in SI. Please bring your lecture notes, books, and questions with you. The time and location of your SI session will be announced in class.

Title IX Reporting
Effective July 1, 2016, all faculty and staff at public universities in Georgia became mandatory reporters for sexual assault. We are required to report any information concerning sexual assault, and we are not allowed to maintain the information in confidence with the student (the only exceptions being the Counseling Center, the clergy, and medical staff). You are encouraged to report any instances of sexual assault.

HB 280 (Campus Carry)
UWG follows University System of Georgia (USG) guidance for this policy, which can be found at this site. You may also visit the designated university website for help with USG guidance.

Americans with Disabilities Act Statement
If you are a student who is disabled as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act and require assistance or support services, please seek assistance through Accessibility Services. UWG also provides Accessibility Statements for Technology that you may be required to use for this course.

For more information on the Americans with Disabilities Act, UWG e-mail, credit hours, and UWG Honor Code policies, as well as information on Academic Tutoring, Student Services, and Technical Requirements, Privacy Policy, and Accessibility Statements, please see the Common Language for Syllabus document.

Additional Support Information
Technical Support
Technical support for CourseDen, as well as the technological requirements, accessibility statements, privacy statements, tutorials, and other information can be found at UWG Online Student Help.

Center for Academic Success
The new Center for Academic Success (CAS) provides services, programs, and opportunities to help all undergraduate students succeed academically. The CAS offers free appointment-based peer tutoring in core courses, as well as supplemental instruction (SI)—which is peer-facilitated collaborative learning—in a variety of disciplines. Students seeking help with study skills and strategies can attend workshops though the Academic Success Workshop series, or work individually with either a staff or peer Academic Coach. Beginning Fall 2014, the CAS will also offer “Back on Track,” a voluntary academic
recovery program designed for students who want to improve their grades and academic standing. The Center for Academic Success is located in UCC 200, and can be reached at 678-839-6280. Our email address is cas@westga.edu.

**Smarthinking**
Smarthinking offers online tutoring services and resources (including the Writing Center) for UWG students/instructors in all courses. A link to Smarthinking is available in CourseDen under Resources in the navigation bar.

**Student Services**
Here is a great resource of Student Services for all students at UWG, whether or not they are taking online courses. This link provides students with most of the information they need. If a student is experiencing distress and needs some help, check out UWG Cares.

**Full URL Support for Courses**

- CourseDen D2L Home Page
  [https://westga.view.usg.edu/](https://westga.view.usg.edu/)
- Backup Website for Class Material
  [https://westga.edu/~jsewell](https://westga.edu/~jsewell)
- D2L UWG Online Help (8 AM – 5 PM)
  [http://uwgonline.westga.edu/students.php](http://uwgonline.westga.edu/students.php)
- 24/7/365 D2L Help Center
  [https://d2lhelp.view.usg.edu/](https://d2lhelp.view.usg.edu/)
- University Bookstore
  [http://www.bookstore.westga.edu/](http://www.bookstore.westga.edu/)
- Common Language for Course Syllabi
  [https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpaa/common-language-course-syllabi.php](https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpaa/common-language-course-syllabi.php)
- UWG Cares
  [http://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/](http://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/)
- Center for Disability
  [https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php](https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php)
- Student Services
- Center for Academic Success
  [http://www.westga.edu/cas/](http://www.westga.edu/cas/)
- Distance Learning Library Services
  [https://www.westga.edu/library/resource-sharing.php](https://www.westga.edu/library/resource-sharing.php)
- Ingram Library Services
  [http://www.westga.edu/library/](http://www.westga.edu/library/)
- Proctored Exams
  [http://uwgonline.westga.edu/exams.php#student](http://uwgonline.westga.edu/exams.php#student)
- Student Services
  [https://uwgonline.westga.edu/online-student-guide.php](https://uwgonline.westga.edu/online-student-guide.php)
- UWG Accessibility Statements for Technology
  [https://docs.google.com/document/d/16Ri1XgaxIxGx28opQ-zRvYPraV3Aq3F5ZNJYbVdGVnEA/edit?ts=57b4c82d#heading=h.yrqefffyt1f](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16Ri1XgaxIxGx28opQ-zRvYPraV3Aq3F5ZNJYbVdGVnEA/edit?ts=57b4c82d#heading=h.yrqefffyt1f)