



ENGL 1302 - Composition II 409 Course Syllabus

Description

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.

Prerequisites TSI Reading and Writing complete and [ENGL 1301](#)

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab Hours 0

Extended Hours 0

Contact Hours 48

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Meeting Time and Location

Online--students are expected to spend at least 3 hours per week reading, reviewing, and participating in assigned activities for successful completion of this course.

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Panola College to move to altered operations. During this time, Panola College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (CANVAS), online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Panola College's website (www.panola.edu) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, CANVAS for each class for course-specific communication, and Panola College email for important general information.

Student Basic Needs

Unexpected circumstances may arise, but Panola College offers various resources to support students. If you need mental health services or are facing challenges with transportation, affording class materials and supplies, or accessing food regularly—issues that may impact your class performance—please visit panola.edu/resources.

Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance of classes and laboratories is required of all students. When a student has been ill or absent from class for approved extracurricular activities, he or she should be allowed, as far as possible, to make up for the missed work. If a student has not actively participated by the census date, they will be dropped by the instructor for non-attendance. This policy applies to courses that are in-person, online, hybrid, and hyflex.

Attendance in online courses is determined by submission of an assignment or participation in an activity. According to federal guidelines, simply logging into a distance learning course without participating in an academic assignment does not constitute attendance. Distance learning is defined as when a majority (more than 50%) of instruction occurs when the instructor and students are in separate physical locations. Students must engage in an academic activity prior to the course census date.

When an instructor feels that a student has been absent to such a degree as to invalidate the learning experience, the instructor may recommend to the Vice President of Instruction that the student be withdrawn from the course. Instructors may seek to withdraw students for non-attendance after they have accumulated the following number of absences:

Fall or spring semesters:

3 or more class meeting times per week - 5 absences

2 class meeting times per week - 3 absences

1 class meeting per week - 2 absences

The student is responsible for seeing that he or she has been officially withdrawn from a class. A student who stops attendance in a class without officially withdrawing from that class will be given a failing grade; consequently, the student must follow official withdrawal procedures in the Admissions/Records Office.

Please note: Health Science and Cosmetology courses may require more stringent attendance policies based on their accreditation agencies. Please see the addendum and/or program handbook for further information concerning attendance.

Pregnant/Parenting Policy

Panola College welcomes pregnant and parenting students as a part of the student body. This institution is committed to providing support and adaptations for a successful educational experience for pregnant and parenting students. Students experiencing a need for accommodations related to pregnancy or parenting will find a Pregnancy and Parenting Accommodations Request form in the Student Handbook or may request the form from the course instructor.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Course Policy

There are situations throughout the course where you may be asked to use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to explore how they can be used. Outside of those circumstances, you should not use AI tools to generate content that will end up in any student work (assignments, activities, discussion responses, etc.). Use of any AI-generated content in this course without the instructor's consent qualifies as academic dishonesty and violates Panola College's standards of academic integrity.

Student Learning Outcomes

Critical Thinking Skills – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and syntheses of information

- CT1: Generate and communicate ideas by combining, changing, or reapplying existing information

Communication Skills – to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication

- CS1: Develop, interpret, and express ideas through written 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

- TW1: Integrate different viewpoints as a member of a team

Personal Responsibility – to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making

- PR1: Evaluate choices and actions and relate consequences to decision-making

Instructional Goals and Purposes

The purpose of this course is to fulfill academic requirements of the Panola College Core Curriculum and an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.

Learning Outcomes

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.)

Course Content

1. Students in English 1302 will be required to write a minimum of 3,500 words to be graded by the instructor according to the Panola College Minimum Grading Standards (see appendix at end of document).
2. The 3,500-word requirement may include a combination of paragraphs, essays, and a research paper. A research paper is required.
3. Students will read short stories, poems, novels, and plays as assigned by the instructor and will be required to pass unit tests over reading selections as well as supplementary materials required by the instructor, including background handouts, literary terminology, etc., at a minimum competency level of 70%.

Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery

English 1302 is taught in a writing lab for both face-to-face, hybrid, and hyflex classes. Online English 1302 classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system. Face-to-face, hybrid, and hyflex classes may include the use of Canvas as an enhancement to the course.

Students are instructed in methods of developing various types of essays over literary topics, as well as a research paper. Instruction may include lecture, assigned readings, discussion, oral and/or written responses to readings, both in-class and out-of-class writing, peer evaluation, revising and editing, and journal assignments.

Instructor-assisted writing in a computer lab is an essential component of the course. Online students interact with the instructor and with other students through email, discussion boards, chat rooms, and peer editing requirements. Online instructors determine requirements and methods of submitting drafts of essays and receiving feedback on assignments

Major Assignments/Assessments

The following items are assigned and assessed during the semester and used to calculate the student's final grade.

Assignments

1. Essays: Essay assignments include essays over topics assigned by the instructor based on readings and discussions of short stories, poems, novels, plays, and other reading selections required by the instructor. A research paper is required. Essay assignments will meet a total course minimum of 3500 words.
2. Tests and daily assignments: Instructors may assign daily quizzes as well as unit tests

Assessments

Students will write a minimum of 3,500 words consisting of a combination of paragraphs, essays, and a research paper to be graded by the instructor. Essay assignments will be graded according to the Minimum Grading Standards (see appendix). At least 60% of the course grade will be based on these assignments. The remaining 40% of the course grade will be based on tests and daily work. A final exam is required. All testing not administered by the instructor must be proctored by a Panola College testing site or by proctoring software stipulated by the instructor.

Course Grade

1. Essays and Research Paper – 60%
2. Tests and Daily Work – 40%

Texts Materials, and Supplies

No text is required for English 1302.

Required Readings

The college supports the use of Open Educational Resources (OER) to ensure accessible and affordable learning. Required readings and resources are selected by individual instructors and may vary by course section. Instructors may choose from a range of OER materials or other resources that best support the course objectives.

Recommended Readings

Recommended readings for this course may vary by instructor, as the college encourages the use of Open Educational Resources (OER) and supports faculty autonomy in selecting materials that best align with course objectives. Instructors may choose from a variety of OER and other resources to ensure that required readings meet the academic and educational needs of the students.

Other

- Courses conducted via video conferencing may be recorded and shared for instructional purposes by the instructor.
- For current texts and materials, use the following link to access bookstore listings: <https://www.panolacollegestore.com>.
- For testing services, use the following link: <https://www.panola.edu/student-services/student-support/academic-testing-center>.
- If any student in this class has special classroom or testing needs because of a physical learning or emotional condition, please contact the ADA Student Coordinator in Support Services located in the Charles C. Matthews Student Center or go to <https://www.panola.edu/student-services/student-support/disability-support-services> for more information.
- Withdrawing from a course is the student's responsibility. Students who do not attend class and who do not withdraw will receive the grade earned for the course.
- Student Handbook: <https://www.panola.edu/> (located on at the bottom under student)