**English 1301: Rhetoric and Composition I**

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**Instructor Information:**

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**ENGL 1301 RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I:** **This course satisfies the University of Texas at Arlington core curriculum requirement in communication.** This course will require students to read rhetorically and analyze scholarly texts on a variety of subjects. The course emphasizes writing to specific audiences and understanding how information is context dependent and audience specific. Students must engage with a variety of ideas and learn how to synthesize those in college level essays.

***Core Objectives:***

***Critical Thinking Skills:*** *To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.*

***Communication Skills:*** *To include effective development 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.*

**ENGL 1301 Expected Learning Outcomes.** By the end of ENGL 1301, students should be able to demonstrate:

*Rhetorical Knowledge*

* Use knowledge of the rhetorical situation—author, audience, exigence, constraints—to analyze and construct texts
* Compose texts in a variety of genres, expanding their repertoire beyond predictable forms
* Adjust voice, tone, diction, syntax, level of formality, and structure to meet the demands of different rhetorical situations

*Critical Reading, Thinking, and Writing*

* Use writing, reading, and discussion for inquiry, learning, communicating, and examining assumptions
* Employ critical reading strategies to identify an author’s position, main ideas, genre conventions, and rhetorical strategies
* Summarize, analyze, and respond to texts
* Find, evaluate, and synthesize appropriate sources to inform, support, and situate their own claims
* Produce texts with a focus, thesis, and controlling idea, and identify these elements in others’ texts

*Processes*

* Practice flexible strategies for generating, revising, and editing texts
* Practice writing as a recursive process that can lead to substantive changes in ideas, structure, and supporting evidence through multiple revisions
* Use the collaborative and social aspects of writing to critique their own and others’ texts

*Conventions*

* Apply knowledge of genre conventions ranging from structure and paragraphing to tone and mechanics
* Summarize, paraphrase, and quote from sources using appropriate documentation style
* Control such surface features as syntax, grammar, punctuation, and spelling
* Employ technologies to format texts according to appropriate stylistic conventions

**Required Texts: STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING EDITIONS**

 Graff and Birkenstein, *They Say/I Say* 3rd edition ISBN:0393935841

*First-Year Writing: Perspectives* on Argument (2012 UTA custom 3rd edition) ISBN: 1256744506 (You can purchase an EText of this textbook at [http://www.pearsoncustom.com/tx/uta\_writing](https://owa.uta.edu/owa/jlerb%40exchange.uta.edu/redir.aspx?SURL=yOlCIKzj37EfTt5_7TIoYJUbLC7-qViVJUdMzN2IvInalRkFfZPSCGgAdAB0AHAAcwA6AC8ALwBvAHcAYQAuAHUAdABhAC4AZQBkAHUALwBvAHcAYQAvAHIAZQBjAGgAZQBsAGwAZQBAAGUAeABjAGgAYQBuAGcAZQAuAHUAdABhAC4AZQBkAHUALwByAGUAZABpAHIALgBhAHMAcAB4AD8AQwA9AEcATgA1ADAAYwBCAEUAeQBzAEUAbQBnAFAAQwBTAEgAYQA1AHgARQBYAFMAZAB6AEYARwBNAEoAXwBjADkASQBjAEIAOQB6AHYAQQB6AEcAbgBYAEMAQgBWAGoAUwBqADUAcABGAE8AMABxAFEAbgBrAHYAQgBGAGEAbABMAEgAagBjAFcAdwBiAE8AcgBCAGEAMABrAC4AJgBVAFIATAA9AGgAdAB0AHAAJQAzAGEAJQAyAGYAJQAyAGYAdwB3AHcALgBwAGUAYQByAHMAbwBuAGMAdQBzAHQAbwBtAC4AYwBvAG0AJQAyAGYAdAB4ACUAMgBmAHUAdABhAF8AdwByAGkAdABpAG4AZwA.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fowa.uta.edu%2fowa%2frechelle%40exchange.uta.edu%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dGN50cBEysEmgPCSHa5xEXSdzFGMJ_c9IcB9zvAzGnXCBVjSj5pFO0qQnkvBFalLHjcWwbOrBa0k.%26URL%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.pearsoncustom.com%252ftx%252futa_writing) . Once you are on the site, click on "Purchase Access". If you experience technical or logon issues while purchasing your text, please visit the Pearson tech support website at [http://www.pearsoncustom.com/\_global/productinfo/websites/\_24\_7/](https://owa.uta.edu/owa/jlerb%40exchange.uta.edu/redir.aspx?SURL=EJrtfH5DJ2anbSDfli8p88NJvAQNKUbPwElEOSEVelzalRkFfZPSCGgAdAB0AHAAOgAvAC8AdwB3AHcALgBwAGUAYQByAHMAbwBuAGMAdQBzAHQAbwBtAC4AYwBvAG0ALwBfAGcAbABvAGIAYQBsAC8AcAByAG8AZAB1AGMAdABpAG4AZgBvAC8AdwBlAGIAcwBpAHQAZQBzAC8AXwAyADQAXwA3AC8A&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.pearsoncustom.com%2f_global%2fproductinfo%2fwebsites%2f_24_7%2f) or call 1-800-677-6337.))

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**Description of Major Assignments.**

**Summary Responses, Reading Responses, and Reading Quizzes:** More specific **reading response** prompts will also be provided. **Reading quizzes** will be assigned if students do not come to class prepared.

**Peer Reviews**. Each essay will include mandatory peer review workshops. It is very important that you participate in peer review, as you will not be able to make up these points.

**Discourse Community Analysis (First Draft Due 2/9. Final Draft Due 2/18):** For this essay, you will make an argument explaining how you became part of a discourse community.

**Rhetorical Analysis (First Draft Due 3/10. Final Draft Due 4/5):** For this essay, you will have access to an essay cluster containing various articles. You will write a rhetorical analysis of a designated essay from this cluster. The Clusters Be Entitled: **Living in the Anthropocene**

**Synthesis Essay (First Draft due on 4/19. Final Draft Due on 5/3):** For this essay, you will continue your writing on the content from the Living in the Anthropocene file you selected for the Rhetorical Analysis. After reading multiple sources about your chosen topic, you will develop a clear central claim and use multiple sources to support your claim.

**\*\*\*A NOTE ABOUT TURNING IN DRAFTS\*\*\*:** You must turn in a draft which shows substantial effort. This means you must have a working paper which is at least 1 and ½ pages in length and follows the correct heading requirements. If you do not have your draft turned in by the assigned due date you will lose 5 points from your Final Draft, in addition to losing any points on the draft grade for turning in a late assignment. It is very, very important that you turn in your Assignment Drafts.

**Class Participation:** You will be graded daily on class participation, which includes coming to class prepared, making thoughtful contributions in response to the readings, asking and answering questions, and presenting a general attitude of interest in the course content. Improvement in writing is a complex process that requires a great deal of practice and feedback from readers. Regular attendance is thus necessary for success in ENGL 1301. Students are expected to attend class regularly and to arrive on time. Excused absences include official university activities, military service, and/or religious holidays. Students must inform the instructor in writing at least one week in advance of an excused absence. I will not supply what you miss by email or phone. It is your responsibility to conference with a peer to get this material or make an appointment to see me in person.

Particition will be evaluated according to the following ways: Signing into class when you come in, asking questions in class, answering questions when prompted,

Students are given (100) participation points at the beginning of the semester and may lose up to (3) point daily if they fail to participate in class in some fashion. You need to provide one comment minimum in class, either by responding to the professsor, a fellow scholar, or by providing your own comment(s). Participation is a separate grade from attendance. You will receive full attendance points for being in class, but you are expected to contribute to the daily activities.

 Participation includes being in class on time, having all necessary books/materials, and being thoughtfully engaged in activities and discussions.

**Attendance:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section,

you are allowed two excused absences before your final grade for the class is adjusted. With the exception of excused absences, every absence after your two excused absences will result in five points being removed from your final grade in the class after all components are combined. So, for example, if you have a 90 as a final grade and you missed three courses, your grade is lowered to an 85.

You must sign in when you come into class every morning. A sign-in sheet will be provided.

Managing your time is an important component of college life. There might be times where, in order to make sufficient progress in other courses or in non-college areas of life, you will need a day off from class. It will be up to you to ultimately decide on when you make use of one of your excused absences. Be warned that you should always try your best to make it into class so that, should you become sick or have a crisis, your four excused absences will be important. Also consider that, even if you are comfortable with taking a fifth absence and incurring the -1 point to your final grade, you should strongly examine what will be going on in the class when you consider how to manage your time.

**Grades.** Final grades in FYC are A, B, C, F, and Z. **Students must pass ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302 with a grade of C or higher in order to move on to the next course.** This policy is in place because of the key role that First-Year English courses play in students’ educational experiences at UTA.

The Z grade is reserved for students who attend class regularly, participate actively, and complete all the assigned work on time but simply fail to write well enough to earn a passing grade. **This judgment is made by the instructor and not necessarily based upon a number average.** The Z grade is intended to reward students for good effort. While students who receive a Z will not get credit for the course, the Z grade will not affect their grade point average. They may repeat the course for credit until they do earn a passing grade.

The F grade, which does negatively affect GPA, goes to failing students who do not attend class regularly, do not participate actively, or do not complete assigned work.

Your final grade for this course will consist of the following:

20% Discourse Community Analysis

20% Rhetorical Analysis

20% Synthesis Essay

10% Attendance

10% Discussion Board Posts

10% Assignments (Quizzes, Peer Reviews, Chapter Analysis Papers, Paper Drafts, etc…)

10% Participation

Final grades will be calculated as follows: A=90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, F=69%-and below; Z=see the Z grade policy above.

A Note About Grade Adjustment: I will bump a grade up to the next letter if and only if that grade is within 1 point of the next level, i.e.: a student with an 89 would be adjusted up to a 90. I will not adjust any grades below an 89, even if your grade is an 88.9. To guarantee that you are not in this position I need to point out that I will provide many avenues for extra points, paper re-writes, and similar things.

**All major essay projects must be completed to pass the course.** If you fail to complete an essay project, you will fail the course, regardless of your average. **Keep all papers** until you receive your final grade from the university. You cannot challenge a grade without evidence.

Students are expected to keep track of their performance throughout the semester and seek guidance from available sources (including the instructor) if their performance drops below satisfactory levels.

**Paper Reuse Policy** – You are not allowed, under any circumstances, to reuse papers from prior classes in this course or any other course that you have taken at any institution. Reusing papers does not demonstrate any advance in knowledge or skill, and so would not be helpful for you either in terms of your learning this semester, or for me in terms of assessing this learning. If you feel your situation constitutes a clear or significant exception to this rule, you must discuss this with me prior to the due date of the first draft.

**Turning in Assignments to Blackboard:** All major assignments (DCA, RAE, and SE) in this course will be submitted to Blackboard. I will not accept any assignments via e-mail. Let me repeat this: I will not accept your papers through e-mail. If you cannot upload your assignment(s) send me an email with a description of Blackboard’s error message. Include a screen-shot if possible. If your paper is turned in after the due date you will loose points. Make sure your submit your paper before the due date as far ahead of time as possible to avoid having Blackboard errors hindering your grade. All assignments submitted to Blackboard must be saved as a .doc or .docx file to ensure that I am able to open them on my computer. It is your responsibility to ensure that all of your work is saved in this way and submitted in the correct format. If you submit work in the wrong format, then you will receive a zero for the assignment. I will not grade anything submitted in something other than a .doc or .docx scale.

**Late Assignments.** Papers are due at the beginning of class on the due date specified. Assignments turned in after the due date will receive a five-percent deduction unless the instructor has agreed to late submission *in advance of the due date*. For each calendar day following, the work will receive an additional five points deduction. Work is not accepted after three late days. **If you must be absent, and your absence is excused, you have a 24 hour extension for your work**. For example, if the paper is due before midnight on 1/20 you must turn the paper in before midnight on 1/21.

**Grade Grievances**: First Year English has a specific procedure that must be followed in order for a student to appeal a grade or any other matter related to their 1301/02 class. First, the student must communicate with the instructor in an attempt to resolve any matter in question. The next step is for students to communicate with the Director of First Year English. The Director will then advise students on the next official steps in any appeal process. Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current undergraduate / graduate catalog.

In attempting to resolve any student grievances regarding grades, it is the student’s obligation first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the individual with whom the grievance originated. Individual course instructors retain primary responsibility for assigning grades. The instructor’s judgment is final unless compelling evidence shows discrimination, preferential treatment or procedural irregularities. If students wish to appeal, their request must be submitted in writing—on an appeal form available in departmental or program offices—to the department chair or program director. The student has one calendar year from the date the grade is assigned to initiate the grievance. The normal academic channels are department chair or program director and then academic dean. However, before considering a grievance, the department chair or program director will refer the issue to a departmental or program committee of faculty. If the student does not find the committee’s decision acceptable, the student may appeal to the academic dean. The decision of the dean is final. Information specific to the procedures to be followed in each academic unit is available in the office of the academic dean.

The dean of the college or school in which a student is enrolled, or the Executive Director of University College if the student has not declared a pre-major or major, has jurisdiction over the student’s program of study, degree requirements and all other academic matters including grievances. However, students taking a course in a college or school other than the one in which they are primarily registered are subject to the dean of the college or school in which the course is offered concerning the course and academic grievances regarding the course.

For issues involving scholastic dishonesty, see the Academic Dishonesty entry in this section of the catalog.

**Late Enrollment Policy:** Though I realize that sometimes enrolling in a course after the start date is unavoidable, please be advised that you will be held responsible for the class periods that you have missed even if you were not enrolled in the course. I will not allow you to make up attendance, missed opportunities for participation points, or any other assignments that occurred before you enrolled. If you enroll in class after the start date it is your responsibility to contact your peers in order to get caught up on the schedule and any announcements that might have been delivered in your absence. This policy also applies to students who drop and add.

**Classroom behavior.** Class sessions are short and require your full attention. All cell phones, laptops, and other electronic devices should be turned off and put away when entering the classroom; all earpieces should be removed. Store materials from other classes, reading not related to this class, bulky bags, and other distractions so that you can concentrate on the ENGL 1302 readings and discussions each day. Bring book(s) and e-reserve readings (heavily annotated and carefully read) to every class. Students are expected to participate respectfully in class, to listen to other class members, and to comment appropriately. I also expect consideration and courtesy from students. Professors are to be addressed appropriately and communicated with professionally.

According to *Student Conduct and Discipline*, "students are prohibited from engaging in or attempting to engage in conduct, either alone or in concert with others, that is intended to obstruct, disrupt, or interfere with, or that in fact obstructs, disrupts, or interferes with any instructional, educational, research, administrative, or public performance or other activity authorized to be conducted in or on a University facility. Obstruction or disruption includes, but is not limited to, any act that interrupts, modifies, or damages utility service or equipment, communication service or equipment, or computer equipment, software, or networks” (UTA Handbook or Operating Procedures, Ch. 2, Sec. 2-202). Students who do not respect the guidelines listed above or who disrupt other students’ learning may be asked to leave class and/or referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

**Classroom Visitors:** Only students officially enrolled in this section are allowed to attend class meetings. Students may not bring guests (children, spouses, friends, family) to class unless an academic request has been submitted and approved by the instructor well in advance of the proposed class visit. Children are not allowed in class as visitors at any time

**Title IX:** *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit*[*uta.edu/eos*](http://www.uta.edu/hr/eos/index.php)*. For information regarding Title IX, visit* [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX).

**Academic Integrity.** All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

 It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University. "Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts" (Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2)

You can get in trouble for plagiarism by failing to correctly indicate places where you are making use of the work of another or colluding with another to prepare assignments. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the conventions of citation by which you indicate which ideas are not your own and how your reader can find those sources. Read your textbook and/or handbook for more information on quoting and citing properly to avoid plagiarism. If you still do not understand, ask your instructor. All students caught plagiarizing or cheating will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

**Americans with Disabilities Act.** The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

**Drop Policy.** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

**Writing Center.** The English Writing Center is located in Room 411 Central Library.  Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Students must register and can make appointments online at [http://uta.mywconline.com](http://uta.mywconline.com/). Face-to-Face and online appointments for undergraduate students are scheduled for 20, 40, or 60 minutes. Writing Center consultants assist with any aspect of academic writing, from understanding an assignment, brainstorming, revising an early draft, to polishing a final draft. However, the Writing Center is not an editing service; consultants will not correct grammar or rewrite assignments during our long sessions. Please see [www.uta.edu/owl](http://www.uta.edu/owl) for more information about services and guidelines.

You will be required to visit the Writing Center once for any of your three paper assignments. The writing center will give you the option of having them e-mail me to let me know that you visited. You need to let them know that you came in so that I have documented proof of your visit. You only need to do this once for your primary visit, but not for any subsequent visits. You will be awarded a quiz grade 100 for this visit.

Workshops: The Writing Center offers three series of workshops: grammar, ENGL1301/02, and graduate students. A detailed list with descriptions is available at the start of each semester online at [www.uta.edu/owl](http://www.uta.edu/owl).

In addition to one-on-one consultations, the Writing Center will offer FYC and grammar workshops periodically throughout the semester. For more information on these, please visit us at <http://www.uta.edu/owl>.

**Re-Writing Papers**: For your DCA and RAE Papers you have an option for re-writes which includes making an extra visit to the Writing Center. After your final draft for either of these papers have been written, you have the option of re-writing them and re-submitting them for a new grade. To do this you need to bring your draft and your final paper to the Writing Center and set up a session to explore how best to re-write your paper. This visit can count as your mandatory Writing Center visits. So long as I have verification that you brought these materials to the Writing Center for the purposes of re-writing your paper, I will re-grade your paper and take into account any and all effort you have put into the assignment.

**Optional Reading Assignment**: If you wish, there is an optional reading assignment over the novel *Jurassic Park*. By the end of the course you have the option of turning in a 2-3 page examination of rhetoric use by characters in the novel. This assignment will net you an extra quiz grade 100.

**Library Research Help for Students in the First-Year English Program.** UT Arlington Library offers many ways for students to receive help with writing assignments: All First-Year English courses have access to research guides that assist students with required research. To access the guides go to <http://libguides.uta.edu>. Search for the course number in the search box located at the top of the page. The research guides direct students to useful databases, as well as provide information about citation, developing a topic/thesis, and receiving help. Other helpful information may be found at links provided below:

Library Home Page <http://www.uta.edu/library>

Ask A Librarian [http://ask.uta.edu](http://ask.uta.edu/)

**Student Support Services**:UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory shall be directed to complete a Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

**Electronic Communication Policy.** All students must have access to a computer with internet capabilities. Students should check email daily for course information and updates. I will send group emails through Blackboard. I am happy to communicate with students through email. However, I ask that you be wise in your use of this tool. Make sure you have consulted the syllabus for answers before you send me an email. Remember, I do not monitor my email 24 hours a day. I check it periodically during the school week and occasionally on the weekend.

The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University “MavMail” address as the sole official means of communication with students. MavMail is used to remind students of important deadlines, advertise events and activities, and permit the University to conduct official transactions exclusively by electronic means. For example, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of bills, and graduation are now sent to students through the MavMail system. All students are assigned a MavMail account. ***Students are responsible for checking their MavMail regularly.*** Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/email/>. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active even after they graduate from UT Arlington.

**Conferences and Questions:** I have three regularly scheduled office hours each week. These times are reserved for students to drop by or to make an appointment to discuss course assignments, grades, or other class-related concerns. I will be happy to make other appointment times for you if your class schedule conflicts with regular conference times or if I am not available on certain days. If you receive a grade on an assignment or quiz about which you have questions, please wait twenty-four hours before discussing it with me. This gives you time to process the assignment comments and to think about how your course work meets the requirements set forth for each assignment. I do not discuss individual student issues in the classroom before, during or after class.

**Syllabus and Schedule Changes.** Instructors try to make their syllabuses as complete as possible; however, during the course of the semester I may be required to alter, add, or abandon certain policies/assignments. Instructors reserve the right to make such changes as they become necessary. Students will be informed of any major changes in writing.

**Course Schedule.** Assignments are due on the day they are listed.

**Emergency Phone Numbers**: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at **817-272-3003** (non-campus phone), **2-3003** (campus phone). You may also dial 911.

**ENGL 1301 Syllabus Contract**

I have read and understood the syllabus, and I agree to abide by the course policies.

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Print Name Date

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Signature Date

**Permission to Use Student Writing**

Student’s Name

Class Number and Section

Instructor Name

I give my permission for my writing to be used as an example of student work and/or as a teaching tool for future classes. I understand that my name will be removed from my work before it is shared with others.

Student’s signature

UTA ID Date

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| **Syllabus Abbreviations** |
| *TSIS*: *They Say/I Say* | RR**:** Reading Response |
| DCA: Discourse Community Analysis |
| *FYW*: First-Year Writing: Perspectives on Argument | RAE: Rhetorical Analysis Essay |

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Class Topic**  | **Assignments Due** |
| **1** | TUE1/19 | * Intro to Student Responsibilities, academic conversation and syllabus/policies
* Consider this for your Discussion Board Post which is due on 1/21: “What Do I Need From This 1301 Course?”
 | You have access to an optional Start-of-Course Questionnaire. Completing it gives you an extra 100 Quiz Grade. You have until 11:59 PM on 2/06 to complete this. It is in Course Materials. |
| **1** | THU1/21 | * **In-Class Work Today: Diagnostic Essay**
 | **Due Today (before the end of class): Signed Syllabus Contract****Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 1st Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.**  |
| **2** | TUE1/26 | * Introduction to Academic Conversation and Argument
* Introduction to Discourse Community
* Consider this for your 2nd Discussion Board Post which is due on 1/28: “Thoughts on Fan Communities.”
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read**: *TSIS* Preface, Intro, Chapter 9*FYW* Chapter 1 |
| **Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Review Questions from FYW Chapter 1 pg. 28** |
| **2** | THU1/28 | * Sample DCA Exploration
* **Feb. 03 is the Census Date!**
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read**: DCA Assignment P26-P32**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 2nd Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **3** | TUE2/2 | * Exploration of Pathos
* Consider this for your 3rd Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 1/28: “My Thoughts on Fan Communities.”
* **In-Class Work Today: Pathos Assignment**
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read**: *FYW* P11-P22 *TSIS* Chapter 1**Be sure to have read the two Peer Review Documents and ‘Questions to Ask yourself As You Review’ which are in the Course Materials section** |
| **3** | THU2/4 | * Exploration of Logos
* **In-Class Work Today: Ethos Assignment**
 | **Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 3rd Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **4** | TUE2/9 | * Exploration of Ethos
* **In-Class Work Today:** Time will be available to work on Peer Reviews in class today
* Consider this for your 4th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 2/11: “Thoughts on Ethos.”
 | **Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard)::** **First draft of DCA** |
| **4** | THU2/11 | * Sample DCA Read Aloud
* **In-Class Work Today: Rhetorical Triangle Assignment**
 | **Due Today (by 11:59 PM through e-mail to your partner with the instructor CC’d on the email):** **Completed Peer Review****By This Date You Need To Have Read:** Sample DCA in *FYW* pp. p30-p32, “Understanding Your Instructor’s Comments” and “FYE Evaluation Rubric” in *SFW* pp. xxiii-xxix.**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 4th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **5** | TUE2/16 | * In Class Work Today: DCA Editing/Revising Workshop
* Consider this for your 5th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 2/18: “Thoughts on Peer Reviewing.”

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| **5** | THU2/18 | * Introduce the Rhetorical Analysis Essay and Preview the Synthesis Essay
* Read Aloud Assignment Prompt from FYW
 | **Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): DCA Final****By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* P33-P36**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 5th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **6** | TUE2/23 | * Analyze the Shorthorn Audience
* Bring a Shorthorn to class and be ready to talk about it
* The Rhetorical Situation/TRACE
* Consider this for your 6th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 2/25: “Where Do I Get Information From?”
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* Chapter 2 |
| **6** | THU2/25 | * TRACE analysis of RAE article(s) Part I
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** Scranton’s “Learning How To Die in the Anthropocene” article from the Anthropocene Cluster File. **Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 6th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **7** | TUE3/1 | * TRACE analysis of RAE article(s) Part II
* Consider this for your 7th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 3/3: “Thoughts on Scranton.”
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| **7** | THU3/3 | * Claims
* The Art of Summarizing
* Reasons and Evidence
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* Chapter 4, *TSIS* Chapter 2**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 7th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **8** | TUE3/8 | * More on Reasons and Evidence
* Naysayers
* Consider this for your 9th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 3/10: “Reflecting on your RAE Progress.”

  | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* Chapter 6, *TSIS* Chapter 6  |
| **8** | THU3/10 | * Discuss and Assign Peer Review
 | **Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): First Draft of RAE****By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *TSIS* Chapter 10**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 8th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **9** | TUE-THU3/15-3/17 | **SPRING BREAK**  | **You will need to have read the other five articles from the Anthropocene cluster by 4/7. Consider starting these articles now over the break.** |
| **10** | TUE3/22 | * In Class Work Today: Workshop on RAE
* Time will be used for you to work on your Peer Review
* Consider this for your 10th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 3/24: “Return of the Peer Review: Thoughts on Round II.”
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *TSIS* Chapter 10 |
| **10** | THU3/24 | * This time will be used for in-class conference sessions and in-class RAE work.
 | **Due Today (by 11:59 PM through e-mail to your partner with the instructor CC’d on the email): Completed Peer Review****Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 10th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **11** | TUE3/29 | * This time will be used for in-class conference sessions and in-class RAE work.
* Consider this for your 11th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 3/31: “Your POV on the current state of 1301.”
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| **11** | THU3/31 | * Sample RAE Read Aloud & Selected Cluster Article Exploration
* **Last Day to Drop is 4/1!**
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* P37-P38**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 11th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **12** | TUE4/5 | * Discuss RAE Grading Criteria/Rubric
* Introduce Synthesis Essay: Read Prompt Aloud in Class
* Consider this for your 12th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 4/7: “Your Thoughts on Grades and Grading.”
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* P39-P42**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): RAE Final** |
| **12** | THU4/7 | * Reading Cluster Groups: Synthesis Practice
* Selected Cluster Article Exploration
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** All articles in chosen essay cluster**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 12th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **13** | TUE4/12 | * Reading Cluster Groups: Synthesis Practice
* Consider this for your 13th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 4/14: “RAE Thought: What Worked and What Did Not.”
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** All articles in chosenessay cluster |
| **13** | THU4/14 | * Advancing the Argument: Writing Claims and Reasons
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *TSIS* Chapter 4 & 5**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 13th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **14** | TUE4/19 | * The Naysayer and Assign Peer Review Prompt
* Time will be available to work on Peer Reviews in class today.
* Consider this for your 15th Week Discussion Board Post which is due on 4/21: “Your POV on the transition of writing styles from DCA, RAE, to Synthesis Assignment.” You have a lot of extra time for this post.
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *TSIS* Chapter 6**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard):** First Draft of Synthesis Essay |
| **14** | THU4/21 | * Synthesizing and Documenting Sources: MLA Citations
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* Appendix A MLA DocumentationBe sure to have read ‘MLA Citation Rules’ in Course Materials**Due Today (by 11:59 PM through e-mail to your partner with the instructor CC’d on the email): Completed Peer Review.** |
| **15** | TUE4/26 | * Sample Synthesis Essay: Read Aloud in Class
* The Art of Quoting
 | **By This Date You Need To Have Read:** *FYW* P43-P45**Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Post in the 15th Week Discussion Board and provide a comment.** |
| **15** | THU4/28 | * Discuss Grading Criteria/Rubric for Synthesis Essay
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| **16** | TUE5/3 | * In Class Work on Synthesis Essay and/or Quick Hits Peer Review and/or end of semester procedures

**LAST DAY OF CLASS****(We will not meet after this class. There is no final during “finals week”)** | **Due Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Synthesis FinalDue Today (by 11:59 PM on Blackboard): Optional Jurassic Park paper** |