## **English 1302: Rhetoric and Composition II**

**(Daily Schedule)**

University of Texas at Arlington

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**Instructors: Greg Shows**

**Course Information**: 1302-032.

Day and Time: TR, 7:00-8:20 pm

**Class Room: PH 202**

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**ENGL 1302 RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II: This course satisfies the University of Texas at Arlington core curriculum requirement in communication**. Continues ENGL 1301, but with an emphasis on advanced techniques of academic argument. Includes issue identification, independent library research, analysis and evaluation of sources, and synthesis of sources with students’ own claims, reasons, and evidence. This course focuses on critical engagement with ethical and social issues and the development of academic arguments that communicate a specific point of view.**Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in ENGL 1301.**

***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 1302 Expected Learning Outcomes**

In ENGL 1302, students build on the knowledge and information that they learned in ENGL 1301. By the end of ENGL 1302, students should be able to:

*Rhetorical Knowledge*

* Identify and analyze the components and complexities of a rhetorical situation
* Use knowledge of audience, exigence, constraints, genre, tone, diction, syntax, and structure to produce situation-appropriate argumentative texts, including texts that move beyond formulaic structures
* Know and use special terminology for analyzing and producing arguments
* Practice and analyze informal logic as used in argumentative texts

*Critical Reading, Thinking, and Writing*

* Understand the interactions among critical thinking, critical reading, and writing
* Integrate personal experiences, values, and beliefs into larger social conversations and contexts
* Find, evaluate, and analyze primary and secondary sources for appropriateness, timeliness, and validity
* Produce situation-appropriate argumentative texts that synthesize sources with their own ideas and advance the conversation on an important issue
* Provide valid, reliable, and appropriate support for claims, and analyze evidentiary support in others’ texts

*Processes*

* Practice flexible strategies for generating, revising, and editing complex argumentative texts
* Engage in all stages of advanced, independent library research
* 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’ arguments

*Conventions*

* Apply and develop knowledge of genre conventions ranging from structure and paragraphing to tone and mechanics, and be aware of the field-specific nature of these conventions
* Summarize, paraphrase, and quote from sources using appropriate documentation style
* Revise for style and edit for features such as syntax, grammar, punctuation, and spelling
* Employ technologies to format texts according to appropriate stylistic conventions

**Required Texts:**

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

**First Year Writing: Perspectives on Argument, 3rd edition. ISBN: 1256744506 (You can purchase an EText of this textbook at http://www.pearsoncustom.com/tx/uta\_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/ or call 1-800-677-6337.))  
Ruszkiewicz, et al, The Scott Foresman Writer, 1st edition. ISBN: 1256291935  
Pearson Writer (APP and Computer Access) -- ValuePack Access Card, 1st edition  ISBN: 032197235XENGL 1302**

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**Issue Proposal: (Due 9-24 )**This semester you’ll be conducting research on an issue that you select. For this paper, you will take stock of what you already know about the issue you select, organize and develop your thoughts, and sketch a plan for your research.

**Annotated Bibliography** (Due 10-9)For this assignment you will create a list of at least 10 relevant sources that represent multiple perspectives on your issue. You will include a summary of each source and a discussion of how you might use the source in your next essays.

**Mapping the Issue (Due 10-31):** For this paper, you will map the controversy surrounding your issue by describing its history and summarizing at least three different positions on the issue—all from a completely neutral point of view.

**Researched Position Paper (Due 12-3):** For this paper, you will advocate a position on your issue with a well-supported argument written for an audience that you select.

**Process/Reading Response Papers**–You will be required to write five (5) process papers. These brief responses will fully enable you to analyze the assigned readings and therefore participate in class discussion. Responses are due on the dates marked on the course schedule.

\*\*\***Note**: all reading responses must be typed in 12pt font, Times New Roman, MLA headings, and 1” margins.  Failure to comply with these specifications will result in a zero for the assignment.

**Final Presentation (Due 12-5):** Every student will be required to complete a visual presentation on the work they have done for the Researched Position Paper.

**Quizzes** will be assigned to ensure students come to class prepared and/or to assess reading comprehension/critical thinking.

**Class Participation: Students must be present to participate. If they are not present, they will receive no participation points for the day. Participation consists of class discussions and daily classroom activities with other students.**

**Peer Reviews.** Each essay will include mandatory and graded peer review workshops and evaluations of your own and your peer group members’ participation. It is **very important that you participate in peer review, as you will not be able to make up these points. Peer Review points will**

**Course Policies:**

**Participation**–You are expected to participate in all aspects of the course.  Participation includes: completing all reading and writing assignments on time, talking in and being attentive to class discussion, reflecting on assigned readings, respecting others’ opinions and their right to express them, and cooperating and collaborating **actively** with your peers.

**Attendance**– Come to class. Your presence in class is important to the success of the class as a whole.  Attending class will only help you sharpen your critical reading, writing, and thinking skills. This will, therefore, help you become a better writer.  You may miss **three (3)** class periods without penalty.  After each additional missed class, we will deduct five (5) percentage points off of your final grade.  Please be in class on time, ready to begin the day's activities. Habitual tardiness is one indication of poor time management and life preparation.  If you are more than twenty (20) minutes late for class you will be counted absent.   **Note: We do not differentiate between excused and unexcused absences.  It is your choice to miss class for no reason or for a good reason.  Choose carefully.**

**Late Assignments**–The syllabus clearly states when each and every assignment is due.  Thus, if you do not turn in your assignments on the day they are due, they will not be given any credit.  If you miss class on the day an assignment is due, you may either have a peer submit it during class or turn it in early.  No other late work will be accepted.  Should you need to make special arrangements concerning assignments, please contact us.  **Note: You may be asked to submit an assignment to Blackboard, but we will not accept any e-mailed assignments.**

**Grades.** Final grades in ENGL 1302 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 participate actively in class, and/or do not complete assigned work.

**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.

**Grading Policies**: There are 1000 possible points for this course.

SCALE: 900-1000 = A 800-899 = B 700-799 = C 0-699 = F or Z

**Assignments**:

Process Papers (2 pages): 5 papers X 20 points 100 Points (10%)

Issue Proposal: 150 Points (15%)

Annotated Bibliography: 100 Points (10%)

Mapping the Issue: 200 Points (20%)

Researched Position Paper: 300 Points (30%)

Group Presentations 50 Points (5%)

Quizzes/Participation/Daily Grades: 100 Points (10%)

Total 1000 Points (100%)

**Turning in Assignments to Blackboard:** All major assignments (IP, AB, MI, and RPP) in this course will be submitted to Blackboard. I will not accept any assignments via e-mail. 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.

**Expectations for Out-of-Class Study: Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 3 hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.**

**Classroom behavior.** Class sessions require your full attention. All cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3 players, laptops, and other electronic devices should be **turned off and put away when entering the classroom**; all earpieces should be removed. Store newspapers, crosswords, magazines, bulky bags, and other distractions so that you can concentrate on the 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. We 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.

**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. [http://wweb.uta.edu/catalog/content/general/academic\_regulations.aspx#10](http://wweb.uta.edu/catalog/content/general/academic_regulations.aspx" \l "10).]

**Late Enrollment Policy:** Though I realize that at times 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 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.

**Late Assignments.** All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date specified. The only assignments accepted late will be the final drafts of the four major assignments in this course (IP, AB, MI, and RPP). Analytical Writings/Homework **will not** be accepted late. The four major assignments turned in after the class has begun will receive a ten-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 ten percent deduction. Work is not accepted after three late days. If you must be absent, your work is still due on the assigned date.

**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.

**Participation Policy. Improvement in writing is a complex process that requires a great deal of practice. Successful college students come to class and participate regularly. 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.**

**Academic Integrity.** Your work is to be your own, and it is to be prepared originally for this course. It is considered academic dishonesty to present work done by someone else and to claim it as yours. It is also inappropriate to hand in a paper or portions of a paper written for another class.  Any borrowed information (from books, websites, and other sources) should include the correct documentation to identify it as originating elsewhere. Academic dishonesty of any type (plagiarism, cheating, preparing work for others, etc.) is unacceptable. All instances of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to UTA policy and procedures. We will assign a zero to any plagiarized work or work where even a phrase or sentence is plagiarized. We also reserve the right to award a failing grade for the entire course to students who engage in this unethical practice.  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, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2, Subdivision 3.22)

**Attendance:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. 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, [insert your attendance policy and/or expectations, e.g. “I will take attendance sporadically” or “I have established the following attendance policy: …”] However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients “begin attendance in a course.” UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

**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.

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**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

**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.*

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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.

**Disability Accommodations:** UT 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), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA),* and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* 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 disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

**The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD**) [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364. 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).

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS**) [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** *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)*.*

**Title IX Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit* [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX) or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or [jmhood@uta.edu](file:///C:\Users\rowntreem\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\IGVYXPA0\jmhood@uta.edu).

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### 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.

**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.

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online 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 via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Final Review Week: for semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.**

**Conferences and Questions:** 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.

**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, which is located on the first floor of Preston Hall beneath the exit sign. 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 individuals with disabilities.

Students are encouraged to subscribe to the MavAlert system that will send information in case of an emergency to their cell phones or email accounts. Anyone can subscribe at <https://mavalert.uta.edu/> or <https://mavalert.uta.edu/register.php>

**Student Support Services**:[Required for all undergraduate courses]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](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/learning-center/tutoring/index.php), [major-based learning centers](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/college-based-clinics-labs.php), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/advising.php), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/mcnair/index.php). 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](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

**Writing Center.** The Writing Center, Room 411 in the Central Library, offers guidance to UT-Arlington students on writing assignments. During Spring 2012, Writing Center hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday; and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Appointments are for 45 minutes. Students must register with the Writing Center before making appointments and should bring a printed copy of their assignment sheet, any instructor or peer comments and their draft to the appointment. You may register and schedule appointments and find many other valuable resources and information online at http://www.uta.edu/owl.

***Course-Specific Guides.* 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.**

**Additional Academic Resources.** The University of Texas at 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. These resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals to resources for any reason, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107 or visit www.uta.edu/resources for more information.

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**The IDEAS Center (**2nd Floor of Central Library) offers **free** tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. To schedule an appointment with a peer tutor or mentor email [IDEAS@uta.edu](mailto:IDEAS@uta.edu) or call (817) 272-6593.

**The English Writing Center (411LIBR)**: The Writing Center Offers free tutoring in 20-, 40-, or 60-minute face-to-face and online sessions to all UTA students on any phase of their UTA coursework. Our hours are 9 am to 8 pm Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-3 pm Fri. and Noon-6 pm Sat. and Sun. Register and make appointments online at http://uta.mywconline.com. Classroom Visits, workshops, and specialized services for graduate students are also available. Please see [www.uta.edu/owl](http://www.uta.edu/owl) for detailed information on all our programs and services.

The Library’s 2nd floor Academic Plaza offers students a central hub of support services, including IDEAS Center, University Advising Services, Transfer UTA and various college/school advising hours. Services are available during the library’s hours of operation. <http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza>

*As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course.*

**ENGL 1302 Syllabus Contract**

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

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| **Syllabus Abbreviations** |  |
| *TSIS*: *They Say/I Say* | IP**:** Issue   Proposal |
| *SFW*: *The Scott, Foresman Writer* | AB: Annotated Bibliography |
| *FYW*: First-Year   Writing: Perspectives on Argument | MI: Mapping the Issue |
|  | RPP: Researched Position Paper |

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

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Assignments** |
| **1** | 8/25 | Course intro. Policies and procedures. REVIEW 1301. The Apocalypse. Films/Stories and their reflection of societal anxieties. What is the apocalypse? Why the apocalypse now? Review of what you should have learned in ENGL 1301 (The Thesis, logos, pathos, ethos), Evaluation of Statement: “The United States is...”Post Apocalypse **Diagnostic Essay.** |
| **2** | 8/30 | Introduction   to argument and rhetorical situation. Argument Sketch. Objective   Correlative/Circularity in texts. Active and Passive Voice. Rhetorical Strategies, Critical Thinking, Cognitive Biases, Cherry Picking and Confirmation Bias, **MLA FORMAT/OWL @ Purdue, Summary, Paraphrase, Quotes, long quotes, in-text quotes, and**  **Read:** *FYW* Chapter 1 (pp. 2-19) and “The Rhetorical Situation” pp.   P17-20 (In the Introduction of FYW), Gingerich, “The Objective Correlative,”   @  http://litreactor.com/columns/understanding-the-objective-correlative |
| **2** | 9/1 | **Read:** Review *FYW* Boxes on pp. 20-22.  **DUE: S/R #1** over “Apocalypse,”  **PROMPT:** Research and explore the term “Apocalypse.” Get to its original meaning and explore how it has changed over the past few thousand years. Get a working current definition you can use in your response paper in order to discuss today’s societal trends, attitudes, events. Explain what the concept means to you, how or if it effects your life, and why there appears to be such a strong focus on it in current U.S. culture. 2 pages double spaced. |
| **3** | 9/6 | Discussion of film, Current Social Issues the text raises. What are the predominant positions on the issues? Introduce Issue Proposal (IP) and Annotated Bibliography (AB). Review and discuss sample IP, current issues,  **Read:** ENGL 1302 assignments in *FYW* pp. P51-73. |
| **3** | 9/8 | **Discuss: Issues raised by responses. Topics for papers.**  **Due:** RR#2  **Prompt:** Find and read a post-apocalyptic text (film) in popular culture that interests you, and provide five current societal issues/problems presented or introduced by the text. Why does the text you have chosen interest you? What stake do you have in the issues/problems presented by this text? Answer these questions, then briefly summarize the primary positions taken by **public adversaries** on these five issues. This will require you to do research (2 pages).  **Read:** “Understanding Your Instructor’s Comments” and “FYE Evaluation Rubric” in *SFW* pp. xxiii-xxix. |
| **4** | 9/13 | **Read:** *FYW*: Chapter 4, *TSIS* Chapters 2, 3, 5 Chapter 7  **Discuss:** Types of Claims, *NOTLD*, Historical Context as it relates to evolving issues (Trading Places). |
| **4** | 9/15 |  |
| **5** | 9/20 | **Due:** Issue Proposal. Student/Instructor Conference |
| **5** | 9/22 | **Due:** Issue Proposal. Student/Instructor Conference  **DUE: Issue Proposal 9/24 at Midnight on Safe Assign** |
| **6** | 9/27 | Discuss:   Argument Analysis—warrants/assumptions, rhetorical analysis  READ: Sam Harris, "Can We Avoid a Digital Apocalypse?" @  https://www.samharris.org/blog/item/can-we-avoid-a-digital-apocalypse  **and**"Can We Avoid an Antibiotic Apocalypse" @  http://io9.gizmodo.com/can-we-avoid-an-antibiotic-apocalypse-472657488  “Monsanto’s Superweeds Gallop Through Midwest” @   http://www.motherjones.com/tom-philpott/2011/07/monsanto-superweeds-roundup |
| **6** | 9/29 | **Research for Annotated Bibliography/Sign up for conference**  **Read:** *TSIS* Ch. 2 and *SFW* 205-248  **Due:** **Typed List of 25 Possible search terms** for your library research **(Quiz Grade)** |
| **7** | 10/4 | **PEER EDITING/Instructor Input:**  **Due:** A list of possible works cited entries (Works Cited Format) and three attempted annotations **(QUIZ GRADE)** |
| **7** | 10/6 | **DISCUSS: 2nd Student Instructor Conference**  **Due:** Annotated Bibliography.  **Due: Complete draft of AB   Sunday 10-9 Night at 11:59** |
| **8** | 10/11 | **DISCUSS: Analysis of argument**  Group Quiz over Reading  Read: MI assignment in FYW pp. P59-62  “America’s   Real Criminal Element,” @  http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2013/01/lead-crime-link-gasoline |
| **8** | 10/13 | **Mapping the Issue (MI)  BRING TEXTBOOKS**  Reporting   Evidence  **Read:** *FYW* Chapter 7 |
| **9** | 10/18 | **DISCUSS: PAPER CONFERENCES**  **Due:** RR#3: Select an article from your AB and analyze its claims and support (see Invention #3 in assignment   pg. P59 in *FYW*).  **SCREEN:** *The Road* excerpt |
| **9** | 10/20 | BRING 1ST PARAGRAPH OF MAPPIING THE ISSUE ESSAY  The Road: RR #4 DUE  Sign up for MI Drafting   and Workshop Day/ Instructor Paper Conferences |
| **10** | 10/25 | MI Drafting   and Workshop Day/ Instructor Paper Conferences |
| **10** | 10/27 | MI Drafting   and Workshop Day/ Instructor Paper Conferences  **Due: Final Draft MI at midnight 10/31** |
| **11** | 11/1 | DISCUSS:   Issues,   Purpose, Audience, Research, and Invention  BRING TEXTBOOK  Assign   Researched Position Paper  Reminders   about the MI prompt/evaluation materials  Your reader’s role in your argument. Audience. OUTLINING |
| **11** | 11/3 | **Read:** *FYW* Chapter 8, *TSIS* Chapter   6.  **Due:** RR#5: Name the intended   audience for your RPP (**remember, it  must be a specific person or group with a real address--provide that address**) and do the following: explain how you intend to frame your problem/solution for your chosen audience, explain how you can demonstrate the exigence of your issue to the audience, explain how you will find common ground with the audience.  Outlining   your argument / Paragraph and Thesis Development |
| **12** | 11/8 | R**ead:** *FYW* Chapter 13 and *TSIS*   Chapter 10, Sample RPP pp. P70-73 in *FYW*.  **Due:** Outline of your RPP, including   main claim, “so what,” reasons, and support.    Draft a paragraph of your RPP in which you include a reason, support   your reason with evidence.  **Quiz Grade for Outline**  Argument/ Naysayers/ Counterargument  **Read:**   *FYW* Chapter 11   and *TSIS* Chapters 4 and 6  **SIGN UP FOR CONFERENCE TIME** |
| **12** | 11/10 | SCREEN: Zombieland excerpt  Discuss: Satire and social issues. |
| **13** | 11/15 | Drafting   and Workshop Day/Instructor Paper Conferences |
| **13** | 11/17 | Drafting   and Workshop Day/Instructor Paper Conferences |
| **14** | 11/22 | **Peer Review**  **Due:** First full draft of RPP, All   pages **(QUIZ GRADE)** |
| **15** | 11/29 | **Peer Review**  **Due:** Second full draft of RPP  Discuss: Group Presentation Assigned/Explained  Go over Prompt for Presentation |
| **15** | 12/1 | In Class Workday, Final Instructor Conferences  **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Due:** **RPP FINAL DRAFT at midnight 12-3 on Safe Assign\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** |
| **16** | 12/6 | Student Presentations |
| **16** | 12/8 | Student Presentations |
| **17** | 12/13 | Final Exams |