

**El Paso Community College**  
**Syllabus**  
**Part II**  
**Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<u>English</u>
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<u>ENGL 1301</u>
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<u>Expository English Composition (C)</u>
<b>COURSE CREDIT HOURS</b>	<u>3                      3                      :                      0</u> Credits                      Lec                      Lab

**I. Catalog Description**

Emphasizes intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasizes effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focuses writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis. **Prerequisite: INRW 0311 or ESOL 0341 with a "C" or better or by placement exam. (3:0).**

**II. Course Objectives**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to accomplish the following.

- A. Engage in **critical thinking skills**, creative thinking, innovation and inquiry; demonstrate analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
- B. Demonstrate effective written, oral, and/or visual **communication skills**.
- C. Analyze the subject, occasion, audience, and purpose of writing assignments.
- D. Apply appropriate strategies to generate ideas and use modes of expression for writing assignments.
- E. Draft essays of approximately 700-1000 words that focus on a thesis statement, with introduction, multiple body paragraphs which develop the major points indicated in the organizational plan of each essay, and an appropriate conclusion.
- F. Demonstrate **teamwork skills** including the ability to consider different points of view, work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal, and integrating peer responses and instructor suggestions into the revision process.
- G. Revise the essay.
- H. Edit to improve content, organization, style, grammatical correctness, spelling, punctuation, usage and mechanics using Standard Written English.
- I. Analyze assigned readings and relate the styles and approaches to the student's own writing.
- J. Demonstrate comprehension of the reading assignments in class discussions, exercises, summaries, and/or objective quizzes.
- J. Demonstrate **personal responsibility skills** including the ability to connect choices, actions, and

consequences to ethical decision-making.

- K. (Optional) Demonstrate basic library and research skills by using reference materials such as periodicals, books, electronic sources, and interviews.
- M. (Optional) Demonstrate interpretive insight in a written response to a short story, novel, poem, play, or film.

### III. THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

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

### IV. Evaluation

#### A. Activities and Other Concerns

1. Students will write a minimum of five major essays or other types of writing projects, including the in-class essay that is written during the final exam period. It is suggested that at least one other essay be written in class. These essays should involve the multiple stages of the writing process and demonstrate a variety of strategies. These assignments may vary in length, depending on the nature of the project, but the major essays should be at least 700 words. In addition to academic writing assignments, other types of writing assignments may include proposals, reports, commentaries and reviews. One of these activities must comply with the Community Essay requirements. As a form of "Learning About the Community as a Community," the Community Essay encourages students to connect and engage with El Paso and / or its surrounding communities and requires facts about the topic gathered through primary research. The instructor can decide when to assign the essay, and its genre. Community essay genres frequently assigned include profiles, ethnographic analyses, reviews, evaluations, responses, among others. Students should compose at least one assignment on a word processor or computer.
2. Correct use of Standard Written English will be emphasized, including grammatical sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, mechanics, and usage.
3. The various rhetorical patterns may be covered separately; however, instructors should stress the potential of these approaches to overlap.
4. Plagiarism is both intellectual theft and academic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. Any work that is plagiarized could result in failure of the course. See the Student Handbook.

#### B. Final Examination

1. A final examination is required in all English 1301 classes. The exam should consist of (or at least include) an essay written in class during the scheduled two-hour final examination period. The topic will be assigned by the instructor and should lend itself to one or more of the rhetorical approaches the student has studied during the semester.
2. The final essay should satisfy the course objectives: use of appropriate essay form, attention to rhetorical strategies, a clear thesis, satisfactory organization, adequate and relevant content, and basic mechanical competence.
3. If the instructor thinks the final essay does not satisfy the course objectives, the exam may be used as a justification for failing the student for the course. In such cases, it is advisable to have one other instructor confirm the evaluation of the essay.
4. If the instructor judges that the final essay meets the course objectives satisfactorily, the essay should be graded and may be averaged in with the other course work to determine the course grade.

C. Grading Percentages

Grade percentages for determining the course grade may be devised by the individual instructor, but the writing projects/essays will account for at least 70% of the student's grade. At the instructor's discretion, the grade for the final exam may be averaged as part of the 70%.

D. Remediation

At the instructor's discretion, students may be allowed to rewrite papers or retest for higher grades. Students seeking additional help may obtain tutoring assistance from one of the Writing Centers, located at most of the campuses.

E. Grading Scale

**Note: This course is the prerequisite for all further English courses, including literature courses, and must be passed with the grade of "C" or better before it can be used as a prerequisite.**

A = 90 - 100  
B = 80 - 89  
C = 70 - 79  
D = 60 - 69  
F = below 60  
I = Incomplete  
W = Withdrew or withdrawn

V. **Disability Statement (Americans with/Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112(831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

VI. **6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.

VII. **Title IX and Sex Discrimination**

Title 9 (20 U.S.C. 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106) states the following "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits stalking, date violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence for all students, employees and visitors (male and female). If you have any concerns related to discrimination, harassment, or assault (of any type) you can contact the Assistant to the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services at 915-831-2655. Employees can call the Manager of Employee Relations at 915-831-6458. Reports of sexual assault/violence may also be reported to EPCC Police at 915-831-2200.