ENGL 1123: Freshman Composition I
Summer II 2021 (July 7-August 6)

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Mode of Instruction: Online and Zoom
Course Location: ecourses
Class Days & Times: 9:10am – 11:50 am Zoom instruction

Catalog Description: A writing course focused on composing strong arguments through critical thinking and analysis of primary and secondary source material. The course emphasizes rhetorical awareness in writing essays for a variety of audiences and purposes. Students will actively participate in peer workshops and demonstrate awareness of general research methods and ethics.

Prerequisites: Unconditional admission to PVAMU or satisfactory completion of ENGL 0112 or 0101. NOTE: You must pass this course with a C or better in order to advance to ENGL 1133.

Co-requisites: n/a

Required Texts: Course materials are posted on eCourses as provided by Everything’s an Argument, With Readings, 7th edition. Bedford/St. Martin’s.

Course Goals: The goals of this course are to practice critical thinking, writing, and reading skills; refine awareness of different rhetorical modes; practice writing as a recursive process; produce essays with strong purpose, content, and organization; improve proofreading and editing skills; produce critical writing based on analysis of primary and secondary source material; improve sense of audience in reading and writing; start learning techniques for research and documentation in MLA format; write at least 1 paper with a research component.
Student Learning Outcomes:

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Major Course Requirements

Method of Determining Final Course Grade

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<td>1) Quizzes and Assignments</td>
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<td>2) Final Exam</td>
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<td>3) Essay #1: Identity</td>
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<td>4) Essay #2: Research-Based Argument (1200-1500 words)</td>
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<td>5) Essay #3: Reading Response</td>
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Grading Criteria and Conversion:

A = 91-100% (900 to 1000 points)
B = 81-90% (800 to 899 points)
C = 70-80% (699 to 799 points)
D = 64-69% (640 to 699 points)
F = 0-63% (0 to 639 points)
**Detailed Description of Major Assignments:**

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<td>Exams*</td>
<td>Multiple choice examinations demonstrating mastery of course content</td>
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<td>Essays*</td>
<td>Formal essays demonstrating ability to produce college-level, research-based analytical writing. Of the essays, at minimum, Essay #3: Research-Based Writing requires students to develop an evidence-based argument using academic and non-academic source material.</td>
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<td>Daily Work &amp; Participation</td>
<td>Prewriting assignments such as drafts and peer reviews; minor assignments, quizzes, professionalism, and participation in class activities.</td>
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* All major assignments MUST be submitted to pass the class
Course Procedures

Submission of Essays: All essays and prewriting assignments must be submitted through Turnitin.com by the deadline posted within the system. If your instructor also requires a hard copy, printed essays are due at the beginning of the class period. Essays will be accepted late one class period after the due date with a deduction of 5% from your essay grade. After that, your essay will not be accepted and you will receive a grade of zero on the assignment.

Be advised that Turnitin.com checks all submissions for plagiarism against web sources, periodical archives, and other student submissions. Access to Turnitin.com is free. Create a new account or sign in using an existing account at: http://www.turnitin.com/en_us/home. Use the Class ID number and course key provided elsewhere by your instructor to enroll in the proper section of the course. Do not enroll into the class more than once. The Class ID is unique to your section of this course; so, you will not receive credit for your work if you enroll using a Class ID for another section.

***NOTE: All of your work for this course must be original to you and to the course. You are not allowed to submit papers that you or anyone else has submitted for any other course or any other previous or concurrent section of composition.

Exam and Quiz Policy: The midterm and final exams should be taken as scheduled. No makeup exams will be allowed unless there is a documented emergency (see Student Handbook). If you have a university event on the day of the exam, arrange to take it early. Throughout the semester, pop quizzes over textbook readings and course concepts may be given. If you are late or absent, you cannot make up a pop quiz. With an excused, documented absence from a legitimate third party, you may make up exams or other in-class assignments at the instructor’s convenience.

Extra Credit Policy: No extra credit options are available in this section of this course.

Other Policies (attendance, tardiness, conduct) NOT APPLICABLE

Attendance will be taken each meeting and will constitute a significant part of your participation grade. Arriving more than 10 minutes late or leaving more than 10 minutes early will result in at least a 30% deduction of that day’s attendance grade. Phones should be put away or turned face down on your desk. Two or more observations of your engaging with your phone will result in an attendance/participation of 0 for that day. Classroom etiquette should be maintained: no sidebar talking, no interrupting others, no aggressive or disrespectful engagement with each other nor me. I allow three excused absences, with credible documentation, for which you receive partial attendance points and allowed to do any work missed on that day (except daily reading quizzes). If you miss two weeks plus one day of class, excused or not excused, you may fail the course.
 Semester Calendar/Schedule

NOTE: Readings are to be completed before class in preparation for discussion during class.

Week One (7/7-7/8):

W – Class introduction. Instructor introduction Abbreviated syllabus, Roll, Student intro. Course introduction. Argumentative vs. purely informative writing. Go over Topic and Paper Requirements; glossary terms

R – Zoom Instruction; Read “Chapter 1: Everything’s an Argument” (pp.2-29) and “Strategies for Active Reading: Annotating a Text” (eCourses). Discuss MLA manuscript format. Five C’s. Active Reading exercise (in class). Reading with quiz

Writing assignment discussion

Information that does not have to be cited document and Paper Content and Structure Requirements. Read Ch. 20 Plagiarism and Academic Integrity and see info about Academic Misconduct and Academic Integrity on syllabus. Read pp. 123-7 The Classical Oration from Ch. 7 Structuring an Argument; plagiarism worksheet homework

Quiz on glossary.

Week Two (7/12-7/15):

M – Writing Assignment (real time)

T – Grammar instruction and activity

W - Read Ch. 17 Finding Sources, Ch 18 Evaluating Sources, Ch 19 Using Sources. Review Ch 20 Plagiarism and Academic Integrity and info about Academic Misconduct and Academic Integrity on syllabus, read Ch. 21 Documenting Sources: MLA Style (446-464)

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Quiz on glossary.

Discuss how to avoid plagiarism. Discuss Turnitin reports. Zoom meeting.
Week Three (7/19-7/22)
M – Paper #1 Revision Due (real time)
T – Begin Essay #2 materials: Read 131-46.
W- Reading discussion; MLA instruction
R– Paper 2 writing.

Week Four (7/26-7/29)
M – Essay #2 due on Turnitin. Deductive reasoning exercise.
T – Exercises online
W: Zoom instruction: Research
T- Research and quiz

Week Five (8/2-8/5)
M– Essay #3 writing
T – Vocabulary Words for Final Exam.
W- Instruction: Final Exam review; make-up, wrap-up, conferencing
R- Essay #3 advisories
Final Q&A: Essay #3 final due
Final Exam (Online)

Student Support and Success

John B. Coleman Library
The library and its partners have as their mission to provide resources and instructional material in support of the evolving curriculum, as a partner in Prairie View A&M University's mission of teaching, research, and service and to support the University’s core values of access and quality, diversity, leadership, relevance, and social responsibility through emphasis on ten key areas of service. It maintains library collections and access both on campus, online, and through local agreements to further the educational goals of students and faculty. https://www.pvamu.edu/library/ Phone: 936-261-1500

The Learning Curve (Center for Academic Support)
The Learning Curve offers Tutoring via peer tutoring. The services include workshops (i.e., Save My Semester, Recalculate Your Route), seminars (i.e., Tools You Can Use: TI-84), group review sessions (i.e., College Algebra Topic Reviews, GRE Preparation), group study opportunities (i.e., TSIA, HESI, Study Break, Exam Cram), and test-taking strategies (How to take Notes, Study Buddy, 5 Day Study Guide). The Learning Curve is a nationally certified tutoring program through the National Tutoring Association. The peer tutors are trained and certified by the coordinator each semester. Location: J.B. Coleman Library Rm. 207F. Phone: 936-261-1561

The Center for the Oversight and Management of Personalized Academic Student Success (COMPASS)
The Center for the Oversight and Management of Personalized Academic Student Success (COMPASS) is designed to help Prairie View students in their second year and beyond navigate towards graduation by providing the
following services: Academic Advisement, Targeted Tutorials for Personalized Learning, Campus-Wide Referrals, and Academic & Social Workshops. Location: J.B. Coleman Library Rm. 306. Phone: 936-261-1040

**Writing Center**
The Writing Center provides student consultants on all aspects of the writing process and a variety of writing assignments. Writing Center consultations assist students in such areas as prewriting, brainstorming, audience awareness, organization, research, and citation. Students taking on-line courses or courses at the Northwest Houston Center or College of Nursing may consult remotely or by email. Location: Hilliard Hall Rm. 121. Phone: 936-261-3724.

**Student Counseling Services**
The Student Counseling Services unit offers a range of services and programs to assist students in maximizing their potential for success: short-term individual, couples, and group counseling, as well as crisis intervention, outreach, consultation, and referral services. The staff is licensed by the State of Texas and provides assistance to students who are dealing with academic skills concerns, situational crises, adjustment problems, and emotional difficulties. Information shared with the staff is treated confidentially and in accordance with Texas State Law. Location: Owens-Franklin Health Center Rm. 226. Phone: 936-261-3564

**Testing**
The Department of Testing administers College Board CLEP examinations, the HESI A2 for pre-nursing majors, LSAT for law school applicants and MPRE for second-year law students, the Experiential Learning Portfolio option, the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment, which determines college readiness in the state, and exam proctoring, among other service such as SAT and ACT for high school students. Location: Delco Rm. 141. Phone: 936-261-4286

**Office of Diagnostic Testing and Disability Services**
As a federally-mandated educational support unit, the Office of Disability Services serves as the repository for confidential disability files for faculty, staff, and students. For persons with a disability, the Office develops individualized ADA letters of request for accommodations. Other services include: learning style inventories, awareness workshops, accessibility pathways, webinars, computer laboratory with adapted hard and software, adapted furniture, proctoring of non-standardized test administrations, ASL interpreters, ALDs, digital recorders, livescribe, Kurtzweil, and a comprehensive referral network across campus and the broader community. Location: Evans Hall Rm. 317. Phone: 936-261-3585

**Veteran Affairs**
Veterans Services works with student veterans, current military and military dependents to support their transition to the college environment and continued persistence to graduation. The Office coordinates and certifies benefits for both the G.I. Bill and the Texas Hazlewood Act. Location: Evans Hall Rm. 323. Phone: 936-261-3563

**Office for Student Engagement**
The Office for Student Engagement delivers comprehensive programs and services designed to meet the co-curricular needs of students. The Office implements inclusive and accessible programs and services that enhance student development through exposure to and participation in diverse and relevant social, cultural, intellectual, recreational, community service, leadership development and campus governance. Location: Memorial Student Center Rm. 221. Phone: 936-261-1340

**Career Services**
Career Services supports students through professional development, career readiness, and placement and employment assistance. The Office provides one-on-one career coaching, interview preparation, resume and letter writing, and career exploration workshops and seminars. Services are provided for students at the Northwest Houston Center and College of Nursing in the Medical Center twice a month or on a requested basis. Distance Learning students are encouraged to visit the Career Services website for information regarding services provided. Location: Evans Hall Rm. 217. Phone: 936-261-3570
University Rules and Procedures

Disability Statement (Also See Student Handbook):
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, in Evans Hall, Room 317, or call 936-261-3585/3.

Academic Misconduct (See Student Handbook):
You are expected to practice academic honesty in every aspect of this course and all other courses. Make sure you are familiar with your Student Handbook, especially the section on academic misconduct. Students who engage in academic misconduct are subject to university disciplinary procedures.

Forms of Academic Dishonesty:
1. Cheating: deception in which a student misrepresents that he/she has mastered information on an academic exercise that he/she has not mastered; giving or receiving aid unauthorized by the instructor on assignments or examinations.
2. Academic misconduct: tampering with grades or taking part in obtaining or distributing any part of a scheduled test.
3. Fabrication: use of invented information or falsified research.
4. Plagiarism: unacknowledged quotation and/or paraphrase of someone else’s words, ideas, or data as one’s own in work submitted for credit. Failure to identify information or essays from the Internet and submitting them as one’s own work also constitutes plagiarism.

Nonacademic Misconduct (See Student Handbook)
The university respects the rights of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires campus conditions that do not impede their exercise. Campus behavior that interferes with either (1) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class, (2) the inability of other students to profit from the instructional program, or (3) campus behavior that interferes with the rights of others will not be tolerated. An individual engaging in such disruptive behavior may be subject to disciplinary action. Such incidents will be adjudicated by the Dean of Students under nonacademic procedures.

Sexual Misconduct (See Student Handbook):
Sexual harassment of students and employers at Prairie View A&M University is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any member of the university community violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Title IX Statement
Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is committed to supporting students and complying with the Texas A&M University System non-discrimination policy. It seeks to establish an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. If you experience an incident of sex- or gender-based discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty member about an incident of misconduct, the faculty member must report the basic facts of your experience to Ms. Alexia Taylor, PVAMU’s Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you privacy or confidentiality, there are individuals who can meet with you. The Title IX Coordinator is designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies and can assist you with understanding your options and connect you with on- and off-campus resources. The Title IX Coordinator can be reached by phone at 936-261-2123 or in Suite 013 in the A.I. Thomas Administration Building.

Class Attendance Policy (See Catalog for Full Attendance Policy)
Prairie View A&M University requires regular class attendance. Attending all classes supports full academic development of each learner whether classes are taught with the instructor physically present or via distance learning technologies such as interactive video and/or internet.
Excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, may result in a student’s course grade being reduced or in assignment of a grade of “F”. Absences are accumulated beginning with the first day of class during regular semesters and summer terms. Each faculty member will include the University’s attendance policy in each course syllabus.

**Student Academic Appeals Process**
Authority and responsibility for assigning grades to students rests with the faculty. However, in those instances where students believe that miscommunication, errors, or unfairness of any kind may have adversely affected the instructor’s assessment of their academic performance, the student has a right to appeal by the procedure listed in the Undergraduate Catalog and by doing so within thirty days of receiving the grade or experiencing any other problematic academic event that prompted the complaint.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Minimum Recommended Hardware and Software:**
- Intel PC or Laptop with Windows 7; Mac with OS X; Smartphone or iPad/Tablet with Wi-Fi
- High speed Internet access
- 8 GB Memory
- Hard drive with 320 GB storage space
- 15” monitor, 800x600, color or 16 bit
- Sound card w/speakers
- Microphone and recording software
- Keyboard & mouse
- Most current version of Google Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer or Firefox

**Note:** Be sure to enable Java & pop-ups in the Web browser preferences

Participants should have a basic proficiency of the following computer skills:
- Sending and receiving email
- A working knowledge of the Internet
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word (or a program convertible to Word)
- Proficiency in the Acrobat PDF Reader
- Basic knowledge of Windows or Mac O.S.

**Netiquette (online etiquette):**
Students are expected to participate in all discussions and virtual classroom chats as directed. Students are to be respectful and courteous to others on discussions boards. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated.

**Technical Support:**
Students should go to https://mypassword.pvamu.edu/ if they have password issues. The page will provide instructions for resetting passwords and contact information if login issues persist. For other technical questions regarding eCourses, call the Office of Distance Learning at 936-261-3283

**Communication Expectations and Standards:**
Emails or discussion postings will receive a response from the instructor, usually in less than 48 hours. Urgent emails should be marked as such. Check regularly for responses.

**Discussion Requirement:**
Online courses often require minimal to no face-to-face meetings. However, conversations about the readings, lectures, materials, and other aspects of the course can take place in a seminar fashion. This will be accomplished by the use of the discussion board. The exact use of discussion will be determined by the instructor.

**It is strongly suggested** that students type their discussion postings in a word processing application and save it to their PC or a removable drive before posting to the discussion board. This is important for two reasons: 1) If
for some reason your discussion responses are lost in your online course, you will have another copy; 2) Grammatical errors can be greatly minimized by the use of the spell-and-grammar check functions in word processing applications. Once the post(s) have been typed and corrected in the word processing application, it/they should be copied and pasted to the discussion board.
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<td>Priority Deadline to Submit Financial Aid Verification Documents for Summer 2020</td>
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<td>Priority Registration for all students Begins for the Summer and Fall Semesters</td>
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<td>Apr 27 - May 01</td>
<td>Memorial Day Holiday (University Closed)</td>
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<td>May 29</td>
<td>Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal Deadline</td>
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<td>Jun 26</td>
<td>Final Date to Apply for Summer 2020 Graduation (ceremony participation)</td>
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<td>Jun 30</td>
<td>First Class Day</td>
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<td>Jun 30 - Jul 09</td>
<td>Attendance Reporting Period. Students who do not attend class during this period will have their courses removed and Financial Aid reduced or cancelled.</td>
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<td>Late Registration- Late Fee Applies ($50.00)- Summer 2020 2nd 5-week session</td>
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<td>Application for Graduation-Degree Conferral only for Summer 2020 Graduation Begins (no ceremony participation or listing in the program)</td>
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<td>4th Class Day (Census Date)</td>
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<td>Withdrawal from Courses with Academic Records (&quot;W&quot;) Begins</td>
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<td>Jul 14</td>
<td>Financial Aid Refunds Begin- Summer 2020 2nd 5-week session</td>
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<td>Drop for Non-Payment of Tuition and Fees @ 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Final Day to Apply for Degree Conferral only for Summer 2020 Graduation (no ceremony participation or listing in the program)</td>
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<td>Final Day for Graduating Undergraduates to Submit Application for Tuition Rebate for Summer 2020</td>
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