

**Advanced Composition**  
**English 3312**  
**Fall 2014**

**Split web**  
**Meet in D113 or the computer lab**  
**on the days noted in the schedule**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday, noon to 4:30**

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**Learning Objectives**

The goal of this course is to make you an effective writer. That means you should be able to present your ideas so that people will pay attention, especially when you are making a conscious effort to change their minds. Effective writing starts with a purpose and involves evidence, coherence, grammar, and style. After taking the course you should be able to:

- Decide on a purpose and make it obvious to the reader.
- Write effectively about topics in your chosen field.
- Find evidence in various ways and document it.
- Write in various formats, including convincing and persuading.
- Write grammatically and with an engaging style.

**Required Materials**

**Text**

Raimes and Jerskey, *Keys for Writers*

Handouts on Blackboard under course information

**Submitting assignments**

Submit your assignments to Blackboard.

**Punctuality**

All assignments must be submitted on time. I will read them eventually, but I do not feel responsible for seeing late assignments so you may not get helpful comments early enough to help on future assignments.

I shall read one paper at a time. In other words, if you fall behind, you must submit one paper at a time, and if you are too far behind, you will not have enough time to finish. Any paper I have not seen, I will treat as a rough draft and return it to you with my comments.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarized work will not be accepted. Plagiarism means turning in someone else's work for credit. We will discuss plagiarism as well as ways to avoid it by citing others' work correctly. If I find you have plagiarized work, I will drop you from the course with an F and turn your name over to the Dean.

**Distance Education**

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, library resources, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should submit online assignments through Blackboard or SRSU email, which require secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education

courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

### **Tentative schedule**

Assignment sheets will be posted under assignments. Discussion of the skills needed for each assignment, along with examples and analyses of the readings, is under course information.

#### **August 26**

Introduction to the course

Introduction to the personal reflection

Meet in room D113

#### **August 28**

**Due: Your personal reflection**

Research

Meet in the computer lab.

#### **September 2**

**CAAP Test**

**Due: Your annotated bibliography**

Meet in room D113

#### **September 5**

**Due: the outline of your factual report**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 factual outline

#### **September 8**

**Due: Your factual report**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 factual paper

**September 11 and 12**

Individual consultations on your factual report

**September 16**

**Due: syllogism exercise**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 syllogism

**September 18**

**Due: Your definition exercise**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 definition

**September 23**

**Due: outline of your classification argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 classification outline

**September 25**

**Due: Your classification argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 classification argument

**September 30**

**Due: Outline of your evaluation argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 evaluation outline

**October 2**

**Due: Your evaluation argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 evaluation argument

**October 7**

**Due: Outline of your comparison-contrast argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 comparison outline

**October 9**

**Due: your comparison/contrast argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 comparison outline

**October 14**

**Due: the outline of your causal argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 causal outline

**October 16**

**Due: the first draft of your causal argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 causal first draft

**October 21**

**Due: Second draft of your causal paper**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 causal second draft

**October 22 and 23**

Consultations on your causal argument

**October 28**

**Due: the final draft of your causal argument**

**EXAMple.**

Meet in Room D113

Note: This is not a mandatory meeting, but we will discuss the final examination.

**October 30**

**EXAMple**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 EXAMple

**November 4**

**Due: outline of your persuasive argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 persuasive outline

**November 6**

**Due: first draft of your persuasive argument**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 persuasive first draft

**November 11**

**Due: second draft of your persuasive paper**

Submit to my e-mail, [dwalden@sulross.edu](mailto:dwalden@sulross.edu). Subject line: English 3312 persuasive second draft

**November 17**

**Due: your power point presentation**

**November 20**

Consultations on your persuasive arguments

**November 25**

**Due: the final draft of your persuasive argument. Bring it to the class meeting for the oral reports.**

**Oral reports on your persuasive arguments**

Meet in Room D113

This is a mandatory meeting.

**December 2, if necessary**

**Oral reports on your persuasive arguments**

Meet in Room D113

This is a mandatory meeting.

**December 4**

**CAAP test**

Meet in Room D113

This is a mandatory meeting.

**December 9, 2-5 p.m.**

**Final examination online**

Meet in the computer lab