

English 1301.S01

Composition I *The first course in academic college-level reading and writing*

Theron Francis *Writing about Football*



Location: MAB 200
Time: MTWTF: 9:50-11:25

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M through F
9 am through 1:20 pm

Required Text

Schulian, John, Editor. *Football, Great Writing about the National Sport*. Library of America, 2014.

Course Description

Composition and Rhetoric I is designed to make students effective and confident writers as well as active and engaged readers of complex texts (SLO 1, 7). The course covers the principles of rhetoric—the science of how language can be used most effectively to reach a particular audience in a given situation (SLO 1). Students in the class explore a range of modes—such as narration, analysis, and description—as strategies for writing in a variety of genres (SLO 6). The course provides the structure to practice the process of writing from inventing topics, to researching, conferencing, editing, and publishing (SLO 2). Grammar and punctuation are covered in order to improve student skills in editing (SLO 5). As students develop a more reflective awareness of grammar and rhetoric, they are better able think critically as they write (SLO 7). This course should help students more fully participate in both academic and public discourses (SLO 1). Student writing will be evaluated on the criteria of structure, style, mechanics and critical thinking (SLO 3,4,5,7).

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Students will be able to

1. Recognize different purposes, modes, and audiences in writing
2. Understand and practice steps in the writing process, including pre-writing, revising editing, and proofreading
3. Develop ideas fully and clearly in written assignments
4. Organize ideas effectively in written assignments
5. Recognize and practice conventional uses of grammar, mechanics, punctuation and diction
6. Construct narrative, expository, and analytical papers
7. Employ critical thinking skills when reading and discussing assigned works

Attendance Policy

Two absences are permitted during the semester. One letter grade will be subtracted from the Class Attendance percentage for each additional absence. **More than six (6) unexcused absences will result in the student being dropped from the course with a failing grade.** Absences resulting from required school activities, direct personal emergencies, or health issues will be excused--but you must notify the instructor within one week of the absence and make up any class work in a timely manner.

Projects and Grade Outline

Projects	Due Date	%	Points
I. Essay 1: Descriptive Essay, 4 pages	July 22	20	200
II. Essay 2: Narrative Essay, 4 pages	July 29	20	200
III. Essay 3: Analytical Essay, 4 pages	August 5	20	200
IV. Response Papers to Readings 20 short response papers, 10 points each	3-4 per week	20	200
V. Portfolio and Cover Letter	End of term August 14	5	50
VI. Final Exam	August 15	5	50
VII. Class Participation	End of term	10	100
		100%	1000 points

Blackboard

If you confront technical issues which interfere with your ability to use Blackboard, contact the LTAC (Lobo Technology Assistance Center) at 432-837-8888 or <https://techassist.sulross.edu>

Accommodating Students with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities that may warrant academic accommodations should contact me as soon as possible so that we may make arrangements to ensure the most hospitable and enhancing (cyber) learning environment as possible.

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact

Mary Schwartze, M. Ed., L.P.C., in Counseling and Accessibility Services,

Ferguson Hall, Room 112.
 The mailing address is P.O. Box C-122,
 Sul Ross State University,
 Alpine, Texas 79832.
 Telephone: 432-837-8691.
 E-mail: mschwartz@sulross.edu.

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Writing Center and Academic Learning Center

The Writing Center is located in MAB 102 and the Academic Learning Center is located in FH 213. Tutors are available to help you with any problems you may have with an assignment. Take advantage of this service any time you need help. The tutors are there for you. You may contact the Writing Center at extension 8270 and email writing@sulross.edu

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

Dishonest acts, such as plagiarism (using words or a specific author's ideas from another source without acknowledging the source) or collusion (having other people write parts of your paper for you), may result in an "F" on the assignment and may lead to a disciplinary hearing conducted through the office of the Dean of Students, which could result in suspension or expulsion from SRSU. If you have questions about whether your use of other sources (such as books, websites, friends, or Writing Center tutors) is fair or not, please ask before turning in the work that you have a question about.

Course Calendar

Dates	Activities	Project Due Dates	Resources and Notes
Week 1			
7.9 T	Introduce course		
7.10 W	Cope 17 Grammar		
7.11 Th	Gary Smith 47		
7.12 F	Deford 65		
Week 2			
7.15 M	Introduce Descriptive Mode Plimpton 102		
7.16 T	Jenkins112		
7.17 W	Silverman 155		
7.18 TH	Hemphill 203		
7.19 F	Descriptive Essay Peer Review		
Week 3			
7.22 M	Introduce Narrative Essay Cartwright 213	Descriptive Essay Due	

7.23 T	Price 229		
7.24 W	Reilly 246		
7.25 TH	More Grammar Narrative Essay Drafting		
7.26 F	Rhetorical Theory Narrative Essay Peer Review		Instructor initiated drop deadline for excessive absences
Week 4			
7.29 M	Bessinger 263 Introduce Analytical Essay	Narrative Essay Due	
7.30 T	Kram 272		
7.31 W	Berkow 294		
8.1 TH	Analytical Essay Drafting		
8.2 F	Analytical Essay Peer Review		
Week 5			
8.5 M	Richmond 314	Analytical Essay Due	Last Day to Drop with W
8.6 T	Thompson 341		
8.7 W	Telander 351		
8.8 TH	Introduce Portfolio		
8.9 F	Draft Portfolio Cover Letter		
Week 6			
8.12 M	Laskas 377		
8.13 T	Solotaroff 401		
8.14 W	Curtis 413 Last day of class	Portfolio Due	
8.15 TH	Final Exam		
8.16 F			Grades for graduating students due
Week 7			
8.19 F Final Grades Due			