I. Instructor Information

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II. Catalog Description

3 Credit Hours (3 hours lecture per week)

Principles and techniques of expository and persuasive composition, analysis of texts with introduction to research methods, and critical thinking.

PREREQUISITE: Students enrolled in ENGL 1311 must meet one of the following requirements:
   • Completion of DEVE 0324 (Composition Fundamentals) with a grade of “C” or better and completion of DEVE 0316 (College Reading) with a grade of “C” or better
   • A score of 19 or above on the Reading and Writing sections of the ACT
   • A score of 75 or above on the COMPASS Writing Placement Test and a score of 83 or above on the COMPASS Reading Placement Test
   • A score of 83 or above on the ACCUPLACER Writing Placement Test and a score of 78 or above on the ACCUPLACER Reading Placement Test
III. Course Resources

Required textbooks:

IV. Institutional Learning Outcomes

UA-PTC supports a college-wide institutional learning assessment program which concerns effective instructional methods and promotes student learning achievement by assessing:

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Awareness
- Information Literacy
- Professionalism
- Quantitative Literacy
- Technology Literacy

For more information, please consult the following website: http://www.pulaskitech.edu/sla/mission.asp

V. Department/Program Learning Outcomes

The English department, consistent with the College’s mission and the Division’s objectives, encourages the success of its students in all technical fields and academic disciplines by promoting:

- Critical and creative thought
- Effective argumentation with a focus on tone, purpose and audience
- Academic Integrity
- Independent thinking and learning
- Written communication on a collegiate level
- Exposure to various cultures and subcultures
- The influence of culture on individuals and their work
- Collaborative study and writing

VI. Course Outcomes

The student will:
- Respond appropriately to various rhetorical situations, purposes, and
audiences
• Use writing and reading for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating
• Integrate original ideas with those of others
• Develop flexible strategies for generating, revising, editing, and proofreading
• Use collaborative writing processes
• Demonstrate knowledge of structure, paragraphing, tone, mechanics, syntax, grammar, and documentation

Composition I focuses on communicating ideas clearly. Students practice methods of drafting, including how to create a thesis and how to support and develop that thesis in a focused, thorough, and stylistically appropriate essay that demonstrates awareness of audience and the conventions of medium and genre. The class will focus on writing strategies such as invention, arrangement, drafting, and revision, including teamwork with the instructor and/or classmates in the writing process, fluency issues such as the use of transitions, and the correction of major usage errors. The class requires students to read texts critically and to practice good scholarship through the conventions of style and documentation. Students practice integrating summary, paraphrase, and quotation into their own original compositions. Students write a minimum of fifteen pages of formal writing to be divided among assignments, including a research paper that incorporates material from quality sources.

VII. Attendance Policy

Agencies granting financial assistance may be notified of the violation of the attendance policy by students receiving financial aid.

Attendance is taken starting the first day of the semester, with the exception of students who enroll after classes have started. Teachers have the right to count students as absent if they arrive late to class, leave class early, or go in and out of the classroom during class time. Teachers have the right to lower a student’s grade based on excessive absences.

Any student who misses two consecutive weeks of class may be administratively withdrawn from the class.

Any student who does not class within the first two weeks of class will be considered a “no show” according to the campus attendance policy and will be reported as such and dropped from the class.

Teachers have the right to enforce PTC’s administrative drop policy for days of
consecutive nonattendance. Such particulars as determined by the instructor are detailed in the paragraph below.

Each absence after SIX absences lowers your final grade for the class by TEN points. Mr. Loibner-Waitkus does not delineate between excused and unexcused absences, so use your six absences wisely. If you have SIX consecutive absences, you may be dropped from the class. There is no such thing as being late. If you aren’t present when attendance is taken, you will be considered absent.

VIII. Classroom Policies

The PTC Catalogue rules and regulations will be enforced in this class at all times.

Please consult the following website for more information: http://www.pulaskitech.edu/admission/web_catalog/

Professional behavior is required. Punctual attendance and intelligent participation are expected. Particulars as determined by the instructor are detailed in the paragraph below.

Students who sleep or are seen using (including rubbing on) cell phones in class will be counted absent for that day. Mr. Loibner-Waitkus will not tell you he’s counting you absent. He just will and will make a note in his records.

Appropriate behavior is expected for all communications, including any notes, email messages, or telephone conversations. Some guidelines for communication are included in this syllabus to help you.

IX. Grading

Letter grades will be based on the following scale:

- 90 to 100%—A
- 80 to 89%—B
- 70 to 79%—C
- 60 to 69%—D
- 0 to 59%—F

You will write ten one-page reading responses worth ten points each and five essays (two in-class essays and three outside-of-class essays) worth 100 points each. Your final grade will be determined by dividing your total score in the class by 600.
Assignments are due at the start of class. You will lose 10 points for each class day an essay is late. Reading responses will not be accepted late.

X. Academic Integrity

It is expected that all students who attend UA-PTC conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the college experience. Academic integrity is a vital component of collegiate behavior. The PTC catalogue states, “The gaining of knowledge and the practice of honesty go hand-in-hand.”

The catalogue also states, “The responsibility and authority of initiating discipline arising from violations of the rules against dishonesty during the process of the course are vested in the instructor of that course.”

The complete Academic Integrity Policy can be found in the UA-PTC code of conduct.

Please be very specific about your plagiarism policy. Vague plagiarism policies may not hold up on appeal.

XI. Accommodation Policy

Services for Students with Disabilities: UA-PTC is committed to fulfilling all federal requirements as stated in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Accommodations are available to students who have documented disabilities. Students who request accommodations must register with the Coordinator of Disability Services in Counseling Services (501-812-2220 or www.pulaskitech.edu) prior to the semester of planned enrollment, and must provide recent documentation of medical, educational, and/or psychological records.

Students who need accommodations should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course. Accommodations will only be provided if the instructor receives a letter of approved accommodations from the Coordinator of Disability Services. Failure to provide sufficient notification may result in a delay of services.

XII. Sexual Misconduct

No person at UA-Pulaski Technical College will, on the basis of gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct under any education
program or activity. All college administrative policies and procedures regarding sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct are in compliance with Title IX. Students who feel they are victims of sexual misconduct should contact the PTC Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Michelle Anderson, Dean of Students
Campus Center Building Room 212
501-812-2756
manderson@pulaskitech.edu

Additional information, including the UA-PTC sexual assault policy, procedures, and resources may be found online at http://www.pulaskitech.edu/sexual_misconduct_awareness/.

XIII. Course Evaluations

Students may be asked to evaluate their instructor and course near the end of the semester. These student evaluations are very important to the improvement in the quality of instruction and course materials. All results are anonymous and shared with the faculty only after the semester is over and grades have been posted.

XIV. Information Literacy

UA-PTC is committed to the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education as established by the Association of College and Research Libraries and endorsed by the National Forum on Information Literacy. Therefore, all courses will incorporate an information literacy component so that, by graduation, all students will be able to recognize the need for information, then locate, evaluate, synthesize, and communicate information in an ethical manner. Information literacy encompasses critical thinking, research, media, technology, health, business, and visual literacy skills to produce lifelong learners who can make informed decisions in the workplace and in their personal lives.

XV. Course Schedule

See provided course calendar.

Disclaimer: This calendar is a guide for the semester. The instructor reserves the right to amend the calendar as necessary.
XVI. Plagiarism

It is expected that all writing that you submit in a class is your own original work, and that any sources of information that you consult are fully cited and properly integrated into your writing.

Regardless of intent, any paper that contains any form of plagiarism will earn a 0% for the assignment. Most plagiarism is accidental and results from mishandling of research or inadequate citations. Examples of accidental plagiarism include:

• word-for-word copying from any source without the use of quotation marks;
• failure to completely cite all quoted, summarized, or paraphrased material from a presented source;
• improper paraphrasing (i.e., paraphrased information that retains the grammatical structure and/or vocabulary of the original source).

In the case that any student plagiarizes information with the intent of cheating on a writing assignment, the instructor may choose a more severe penalty at their discretion. Examples of blatant plagiarism include:

• submitting any amount of material from the Internet or another outside source as if it is the student’s original composition;
• copying material from a source with no attempt at using quotation marks and/or citation of the source;
• paraphrasing material from a source with no attempt at documentation of the source;
• reuse of material from previous classes without the instructor’s express permission;
• simultaneously using material from another class without the permission of both instructors involved;
• buying papers;
• letting others write part or all of a paper; and
• all other instances in which the student attempts to circumvent creating an original composition for that assignment and/or attempts to deceive the audience about the sources used when composing the assignment.

You should review the information about plagiarism in textbooks and the Academic Integrity Policy in the PTC Student Handbook, as it is your responsibility to demonstrate good scholarship in your writing.