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Course Information

ENGL 0111-36S, 9:25 – 10:15 AM

Catalog Description

This course provides practice in writing from paragraph construction to essay writing and an overview of correcting and identifying common writing errors. ENGL 0111 is to be taken concurrently with ENGL 1311. Prerequisites: a score of 18 or less on the English section of the ACT, a score of 82 or less on the Accuplacer Sentence Skills section, or a score of 79 or less on the COMPASS Writing Skills Placement. This course requires an online learning component. The final grade will be A, B, C, or NC (no credit). 2 contact hours. (1 credit hour)

Course Materials

- Flash drive
- ENGL1311 textbook, Everyone’s an Author

Mission Statement

University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College provides access to high-quality education that promotes student learning and enables individuals to develop to their fullest potential.

Institutional Learning Outcomes and General Education

UA-PTC supports a college-wide institutional learning assessment program which concerns effective instructional methods and promotes student learning achievement by assessing:
1. Communication
2. Critical Thinking
3. Cultural Awareness
4. Information Literacy
5. Professionalism
6. Quantitative Literacy
7. Technology Literacy

For more information, please consult the following website: https://uaptc.edu/sla

Department / Program Learning Outcomes

The Languages and Communication 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:

1. Critical and creative thought
2. Effective argumentation with a focus on tone, purpose and audience
3. Academic Integrity
4. Independent thinking and learning
5. Written communication on a collegiate level
6. Exposure to various cultures and subcultures
7. The influence of culture on individuals and their work
8. Collaborative study and writing

Student Learning / Course Outcomes

1. Students will identify major and minor grammatical errors.
2. Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills in their composition.
3. Students will develop a written essay using analytical skills for the final paper of the course, demonstrating a clear understanding of purpose, audience, usage and style, exhibiting appropriate sentence structure.
4. Students will demonstrate academic integrity.

Composition Review students will improve their usage skills through grammar workshops in the following areas: run-on errors, comma usage, fragments, apostrophe use, verb tense, and frequently misused words. Composition Review will require at least five readings and at least five half-page journal responses aimed at improving students’ critical-thinking skills and analytical skills. The course will require a two-page final analytical paper; students will also be required to submit a formal rough draft through Safe Assign to ensure academic integrity. All compositions in the course will be submitted in MLA format.
Policies

Report a Complaint or Concern

UA-PTC takes very seriously complaints and concerns regarding the institution. Most complaints or concerns of a specific nature should be initiated and resolved at the campus level through normal college processes whenever possible. UA - Pulaski Technical College receives and resolves complaints using a variety of methods. To report a complaint or concern, please follow the link below.

https://www.uaptc.edu/report-a-concern-complaint

UA-PTC Attendance Policy

Education at UA-PTC requires students’ active involvement in the learning process. Thus, students are expected to attend all classes and actively engage in all learning assignments and/or opportunities provided in their classes. Class attendance should be treated as mandatory by all students as attendance will be taken by all instructors during the first two weeks of class. Additionally, a written policy on student attendance that is tied to course objectives and included in a course syllabus will be provided for each course by instructors.

Departmental Attendance Policy

Students are withdrawn from the course when marked “absent” after the first 11 days of classes.

Course Policies

The UA-PTC Catalog rules and regulations will be enforced in this course at all times. Please consult the following website for more information: https://www.uaptc.edu/catalog

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

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.
Grading Policy

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

Journal 1: "The Love of My Life"  15%

Do Jeremy and China love each other?
Use the text to explain your answer. Use at least two quotes from the text to support your answer.

Journal 2: 3½ minutes, 10 bullets  15%

Take notes while watching the film and while you’re reviewing the film with peers. What are your views on the incident? Use one of the research terms, like Stand Your Ground, or Implicit Bias, to compose a two-paragraph response to the film surrounding your chosen topic.

Journal 3: Everyone’s an Author  15%

Choose one of your writing samples from any of the essays you’ve read in the text.
“The Logic of Stupid Poor People”
“The Look”
“The Talk”
“Why Colleges Shower Their Students with A’s”
“Oppressed Hair Puts a Ceiling on the Brain”
“The Money”

Choose any question and answer in two paragraphs. Narrative paragraphs are encouraged.
Journal 4: Revenge short fiction

Explain what you find are the most significant parallels in the stories or differences between the two short stories in two clear paragraphs.

Remember you are writing two paragraphs. Your paragraphs must be focused. You don’t need to overdo it by trying to cover both differences and similarities. Choose on and stick with it.

Journal 5 15%: The Argumentative Research Essay

The purpose of research is to discover and learn new things, new ideas, policies, etc.. Answer the following questions to build your fifth journal.

Why did you choose your topic? What is your argument? What did you learn? Based on what you’ve learned, is there a solution, a proposal, a recommendation to make something better, more efficient or to get rid of a thing entirely? Most importantly, what did you discover in your research?

Analytical 25%:

This final journal is a summation of everything you’ve done in this section so far. You’ll choose any essay from the text. Read it, analyze and then respond to one of the first four questions. Your essay must be five paragraphs long. It must have a clear thesis, supporting details from the text. You must cite and use in-text citations.

Upload each essay to blackboard on its due date.

**In an online class, eligibility for Financial Aid is based on student participation. Logging into the course does not constitute participation. For purposes of roster certification, students must complete a gradable attendance artifact.

You are responsible for six pieces of writing in this section. The first five documents are reading responses and two paragraphs long.

The final essay is five paragraphs long.

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 UA-PTC catalog states, “The gaining of knowledge and the practice of honesty go hand-in-hand.”
The catalog 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 is in the UA-PTC code of conduct.

*Plagiarized work earns an F. Plagiarized work risks an F/NC for the semester.*

**Accommodation Policy**

Services for Students with Disabilities: UA-PTC is committed to fulfilling all federal requirements as stated in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the American with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Accommodations are available to students who have documented disabilities. Students who request accommodations must register with the Disability Services Office (Main Campus: 501-812-2738 or South Campus: 501-812-2862) and must provide current and relevant documentation.

Students requesting accommodations should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course or as soon as accommodations are approved. It is the student's responsibility to provide their Accommodation Letter to the instructor. Accommodations are not retroactive and will only be provided once your instructor receives the Accommodation Letter.

**Student Code of Conduct**

All students are expected to abide by the UA-PTC Student Code of Conduct. For the full Student Code of Conduct, access the most current version of the UA-PTC Academic Catalog. [http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2018-19-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=998b87d7_2](http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2018-19-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=998b87d7_2)

**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 UA-PTC Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Michelle Anderson, Director of Student Life and Leadership  
Campus Center Building Room 216  
501-812-2756  
manderson@uaptc.edu

**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.

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.

Final Exam Schedule:
Disclaimer: This schedule is a guide for the semester. The instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule as necessary.
Course Agreement Form

Read, complete, and return to instructor:

I have read the course syllabus for Anissa Raiford-Ford’s class at UA-Pulaski Technical College, and I understand its content. I also understand the rules for the class, and I will follow and abide by these rules, including those relating to attendance, assignments, grading criteria, plagiarism, and behavior.

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