Instructor Information

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Course Information

We will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:50-12:05, in CHARTS 404. There will also be scheduled library visits.

Catalog Description
3 Credit Hours (3 hours lecture per week)

This course teaches principles and techniques of expository and persuasive composition, analysis of texts with introduction to research methods, and critical thinking.

PREREQUISITE: Completion of English 1311 (or an equivalent course) with a grade of “C” or better, and one of the following requirements:

- A score of 19 or above on the Reading section of the ACT
- A score of 78 or above on the ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension Placement test
- A score of 83 or above on the COMPASS Reading Placement
- Completion of READ 0300 (Foundations of Literacy) with a grade of “C” or better

Course Materials

Some sort of handbook is required. This is recommended as a handbook, though others suffice, as long as they have MLA 8:


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

Discipline Learning Outcomes

The English discipline in the Department of Languages and Communication, consistent with the College’s mission and the objectives of the School of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, encourages the success of its students in all technical fields and academic disciplines by promoting the following learning outcomes:

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze different contexts and audiences and then to act on that analysis in comprehending and creating texts.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze, synthesize, interpret, compose, and evaluate ideas, information, situations, and texts.
3. Students will use multiple strategies to conceptualize, develop, and finalize projects and adapt their composing processes to different contexts and occasions.
4. Students will develop knowledge of conventions, including linguistic structures such as grammar, punctuation, and spelling as well as citation and documentation, through practice in composing and revising.
5. Students will investigate significant literary and cultural developments as well as the interaction of various literary and cultural traditions and illustrate how literature reflects history, culture, and society.
6. Students will read and analyze texts and identify various techniques, genre characteristics, movements, methods, or themes.

Student Learning / Course Outcomes
ACTS #ENGL 1023
The student will:
1. Respond appropriately to various rhetorical situations, purposes, and audiences
2. Use writing and reading for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating
3. Integrate original ideas with those of others
4. Develop flexible strategies for generating, revising, editing, and proofreading
5. Use collaborative writing processes
6. Demonstrate knowledge of structure, paragraphing, tone, mechanics, syntax, grammar, and documentation

The course will continue English Composition I’s focus on voice, tone and style, awareness of audience, and various writing strategies, including peer review, drafting, editing, researching, and incorporating multiple sources. 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 at least four major compositions that address higher-order critical thinking skills (evaluation, analysis, and synthesis), including a research paper that incorporates material from quality sources.

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 this link: 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
We are a writing community and we benefit from the “listening ears” and feedback that our peers can provide. We learn from each other and we teach each other. Through collaborative processes, we improve writing and critical thinking. Therefore, attendance and participation are necessary for your success in this class. I make no distinction between excused and unexcused absences.

If something catastrophic occurs during the semester, you may meet with me face-to-face to discuss and I will consider revision of this policy; note that “something catastrophic” means your hospitalization or the death of an immediate family member.

If you exceed four absences, you must meet with me face-to-face to discuss attendance and to make a plan for future success in the class, before I can accept the next major assignment. If you miss five or six class sessions, your final grade will drop by 100 points (one letter grade). If you miss more than six class sessions, your grade will drop by 150 points, and you will risk earning a failing grade. If you arrive late to, or depart early from, class four times, it will count as one absence and may affect your grade; eight late arrivals or early departures will count as two absences, and so on.

Because attendance and participation are necessary to your success and to the community, attendance and active participation are part of class points. Late arrival or non-participation result in reduced or no points. Perfect attendance will result in bonus points. See Grading below for more about this.

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 lists 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.

Most importantly:

- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Consider all writing to be public writing.
- Use only your UA-PTC email account except (possibly) for your portfolio.
- Consider all instructor emails to be professional writing, and include your course number, your name, complete sentences, and a clear subject heading.
- Complete all readings and low-stakes assignments. They are directly connected to your writing success. Complete them on time.
- Attend class and actively participate. Active participation means appearing alert and contributing to the discussion and in-class activities.
- All major writing assignments and rough drafts must be typed.

In addition:

- Listen to anyone who is speaking.
- Respect the writing and ideas of others. Do not post pictures or screenshots of peers’ work in social media platforms.
Don’t sleep or close your eyes in class.
Don’t use earbuds or headphones in class.
Don’t answer the phone or text or read texts in class. If you must take a phone call, observe professional etiquette and take it out of the class and make appropriate explanations before and after.
Don’t use laptops, tablets, or phones unless directed for our class activities.
If you bring snacks or drinks into the classroom, do not bring large, smelly, or noisy foods. Also, be responsible for all packaging, crumbs, and spills. No food or drinks are allowed in computer classrooms.
Only enrolled students may attend class; no visitors unless the instructor has invited them.

Grading Policy
Letter grades will be based on the following scale:

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Course Requirements

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<td>Project 2: Annotated Bibliography and Research-based Essay (related to your planned field of study)</td>
<td>37.5%</td>
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<td>Project 3: Analysis of Literature</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Project 4: We Teach (a group assignment)</td>
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<td>Final Project: Final Reflection and Portfolio</td>
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<td>Low stakes assignments, including online attendance and participation, games and worksheets, pre-writing, rough drafts, in-class work, peer reviews</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
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* Instructors have one week to provide feedback and post grades for all assignments unless otherwise noted by a departmental policy that has been approved by the Dean of the School.
**English faculty have two weeks to provide feedback and post grades for papers 1000 words or more.

Because attendance is so crucial, I will award five bonus points if you miss no assignments in the first eight weeks and five bonus points if you miss no assignments in the last eight weeks.

Good to know:
- If you miss a peer review assignment or workshop day, you will have to make it up by attending one tutoring session at the Collaboration Center (CHARTS third floor), before your rough draft or polished draft will be accepted.
• If you complete less than or equal to half of a major assignment, your work will not be graded until it is complete, and it may be subject to penalties relating to late work.
• If you turn in a draft in a format that cannot be read or opened, it will not be graded.
• Late work will not be graded for games and worksheets, rough drafts, in-class work, peer reviews, and reading quizzes. There will be one opportunity to make up the midterm exam.
• If you turn in a major assignment five minutes to twenty-four hours late, you will be able to earn only 90% of its total allowed points. If you turn in a major assignment later than one day, the total possible points will drop by 10% of the total allowed points for each twenty-four hour period.
• There will be two opportunities for revision of major assignments. At those times, students may submit a revised major assignment.

**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.

**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 UA-PTC Student Handbook, as it is your responsibility to demonstrate good scholarship in your writing.

All major assignments will go through Blackboard’s SafeAssign and will become part of the institutional database. If you plagiarize an assignment in any way, you will receive a 0% F on that assignment. If I discover plagiarism, I will contact you. At that time, we will meet face-to-face and have a conference and we will discuss additional penalties and your future work in the course.

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. https://www.uaptc.edu/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.

Tentative Course Schedule

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| Week 1 | Thursday, 1/10/2019 | First Day of classes  
Read syllabus and course policies. Complete first writing. Return to class with signed syllabus agreement and TYPED first writing. |
| | Tuesday, 1/15/2019 | Last day of add/drop/swap  
Writing due: Turn in syllabus agreement and TYPED first writing. Expect to be divided into groups and see assignment sheet for We Teach group presentations. |
| | Thursday, 1/17/2019 | Reading due: Banks essay; We Teach assignment sheet  
In-class: discussion of Banks essay organization |
| Week 2 | Tuesday, 1/22/2019 | Reading due: additional readings TBD, related to Project 1  
In-class: summary and response; attribution patterns |
| | Thursday, 1/24/2019 | Writing due: Summary and Response packet for Project 1 |

Tip: To know what your homework is, read ahead to the next date(s). USE YOUR CHECKLISTS. You must read the assignment sheets and “content” directions to successfully complete all assignments.
| Week   | Tuesday, 1/29/2019 | Writing due: rough draft of Project 1.  
Reading due: TBD  
In-class: peer review of Project 1 |
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|        | Thursday, 1/31/2019 | Group 1: We Teach is due.  
In-class: TBD |
| Week 5 | Tuesday, 2/5/2019  | Writing due: bring in most recent draft of Project 1.  
Reading due: Final Portfolio assignment sheet and sample portfolio. |
|        | Thursday, 2/7/2019 | In-class: portfolio building |
|        | Sunday, 2/10/2019  | Writing due: polished draft of Project 1. |
| Week 6 | Tuesday, 2/12/2019 | Writing Due: Portfolio Check I |
|        | Thursday, 2/14/2019 | Group 2: We Teach is due.  
Reading due: Project 2 assignment sheet; TBD |
|        | Tuesday, 2/19/2019 | In-class: TBD; library research. |
|        | Thursday, 2/21/2018| Reading due: Everyone’s an Author pp. 538-573; skim to understand in-text citations in MLA and developing Works Cited pages. Note: you will find this reading in your folder. |
|        | Tuesday, 2/26/2019 | Reading due: Everyone’s an Author pp. 514-518, 527-534; skim to understand quotes and avoiding plagiarism. Note: you will find this reading in your folder.  
In-class: research; audience awareness, pre-writing for Project 2; work with attributive tags and external sources and introduction to annotated bibliography.  
Writing due: Summary and Response worksheets for three of your sources. |
| Week 8 | Thursday, 2/28/2018| In-class: tools for research  
Group 3: We Teach is due. |
|        | Tuesday, 3/5/2019  | Reading due: TBD  
Writing due: 12-entry Annotated Bibliography  
In-class: pre-writing for Project 2 |
|        | Thursday, 3/7/2018 | Reading due: TBD  
In-class: pre-writing for Project 2; logical appeals. |
| Week 9 | Tuesday, 3/12/2019 | Reading due: TBD  
Writing due: Portfolio Checklist II.  
In-class: pre-writing for Project 2; logical appeals. |
|        | Thursday, 3/14/2019| Optional writing due: Optional Revision I. |
| Spring Break: March 18-22 | | |
| Week 11 | Tuesday, 3/26/2019 | Reading due: TBD  
In-class: conferences with instructor  
Writing due: rough draft of Project 2. Peer Review Day. |
|        | Thursday, 3/28/2019| Writing due: peer review of Project 2  
In-class: TBD |
|        | Sunday, 3/30/2019  | Writing due: polished draft of Project 2 |
| Week 12 | Tuesday, 4/2/2019  | In-class: TBD  
Reading due: assignment sheet for Project 3; additional TBD, related to Project 3 |
|        | Thursday, 4/4/2019 | In-class: TBD; analysis of literature |
| Week 13 | Tuesday, 4/9/2019  | In-class: pre-writing Project 3  
Group 4: We Teach is due. |
|        | Thursday, 4/11/2019| In-class: pre-writing Project 3 |
|        | Tuesday, 4/16/2019 | Writing due: rough draft Project 3. Peer Review  
Wednesday, 4/17/2019  Last Day to Withdraw from Classes |
|        | Thursday, 4/18/2019| Group 5: We Teach is due.  
In-class: conferences |
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| **Weekly Activity** | **Details** |
| Week 15 | |
| Sunday, 4/21/2019 | Writing due: polished draft of Project 3 |
| Tuesday, 4/23/2019 | In-class: evidence and assertion; pre-writing for reflection |
| Thursday, 4/25/2019 | In-class: conferences; pre-writing for reflection or revision |
| Week 16 | |
| Tuesday, 4/30/2019 | Optional Writing: make-up We Teach is due. In-class: pre-writing for Portfolio; pre-writing for reflective memo. |
| Thursday, 5/2/2019 | Last Day of Classes. In-class: pre-writing for Portfolio; pre-writing for reflective memo. Optional Writing due, by 11:59 p.m., in Blackboard: Optional Revision II. |
| Finals week: May 4-10 | |
| Tuesday 5/7/2019 | TR 1312 class has final 10:30-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, 5/7. |

**Final Exam Schedule:** TR 1312 class has final 10:30-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, 5/7. Reflective Memo and final portfolio link are due in Blackboard at 10:00 a.m. The portfolio will be presented to the class during the time allotted for the final exam.

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 Jennifer Atkins-Gordeeva's Composition I (ENGL 1312) class at 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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