McLennan

COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

COMPOSITION I

ENGLISH - 1301 - 009

CHRISTOPHER ROSE

Course Description:
Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis is on effective rhetoric al choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus in on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communication, and critical analysis.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:
TSI complete in Reading and Writing or equivalent.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:
Please have some way to store notes (other things) that we will take during class.

Instructor Information:
Instructor Name: Christopher Rose
MCC E-mail: crose@mclennan.edu
Office Location: LH 103
Office/Teacher Conference Hours: MW 11-12 am.

Required Text & Materials:
Title: The St. Martin's Guide to Writing
Author: Rise B. Axelrod and Charles R. Cooper
Edition: 12th
Publisher: Bedford / St. Martin's
ISBN:9781319104382

MCC Bookstore Website: http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/

Student Support/Resources:
MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources

and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

Minimum Technical Skills:
Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:
In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be contacted/notified through your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

* **Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace**
(**www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements**)
Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:
This course will rely on lecture, class work, group work, and discussion.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:
To practice and develop writing processes pertaining to invention, revision, organization, drafting through multiple drafts, editing, and adjusting for rhetorical context (purpose, audience, persona).
To discuss and share writing and reading with one another and develop a shared vocabulary for talking about writing.
To practice critical thinking processes such as abstracting, representing, incorporating, and synthesizing the ideas of others through writing.
To produce readable and interesting finished products that reflect appropriate academic textual conventions of presentation.

Course Grading Information:
Essay #1 (Literacy Narrative): 15%
Essay #2 (Concept Exposition): 20%
Essay #3 (Profile Narrative): 25%
Essay #4 (Position Essay): 35%
Daily Work/Quizzes/Etc.: 5%

Plagiarism on any of the essays will result in a 0 for that assignment. The term plagiarism, as defined by McLennan Community College, includes but is not limited to, the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials—this can also mean using one's own work turned in twice for two different courses.

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:
These essays compose the majority of the grades in the class. Before every paper is due, students will bring a <u>hard copy</u> of their paper to class for a peer-review session. At this session, each student will read three other papers, and then their paper will be read three times. The <u>hard copy</u> is worth 10% of the total grade for *that* paper. The final copies of each paper will be due online via brightspace—for each day late, <u>2 points</u> will be taken off the total grade of that paper.

Paper will be turned in both online and in person.

In order to complete other work, one must have missed due to an excused absence. "I overslept" is not a valid excuse—even though we do start at 7:30 a.m.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:
Students are expected to treat others as they themselves wish to be treated. For safety concerns or to aid the academic progress of others, disruptive students may be removed from class.

* **Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement**
(www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)
The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

* **Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy**
(www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies)
Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have guidelines specific to this course.

Accommodations/ADA Statement
Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide

classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:
>   disabilities@mclennan.edu
>   254-299-8122
>   Room 319, Student Services Center

* **Click Here for more information about Title IX**
(**www.mclennan.edu/titleix**)
We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students.

McLennan's Title IX webpage (http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/) contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence.

* *You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Chrome, or Safari) to print each link's information.*