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**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**AND**  
**INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

*Integrated Reading and Writing*

*INRW 0401 - Section 008*

**INSTRUCTOR NAME**

*Ms. Barbara Sanders*

**NOTE: This is a 16-week course.**

**COVID 19 Notice:**

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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**Course Description:**

This course integrates the critical reading and writing skills students need to comprehend and interact with college-level texts and to produce original college-level writing, in standard written English, through the processes of generating ideas, drafting, organizing, revising, and editing. It focuses on textbook reading and academic writing at a Lexile of 700 - 1000.

The course fulfills TSI requirements for reading and/or writing. Semester Hours 4 (3 lecture and a lab component lab).

**Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

Prerequisite: READ 0300 or credit by TSI assessment.

**Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

**This course requires a lab component.** Completion is required and the lab completion grade is part of the requirements to pass this course.

**Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Ms. Barbara Sanders

MCC E-mail: [bsanders@mclennan.edu](mailto:bsanders@mclennan.edu)

Office Phone Number: (254) 299-8925

Office Location: FOB – Room 116

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: Monday & Wednesday  
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Other Instruction Information: If needed and requested, additional conference time is available.

Connect Lab Instructor: Ms. Deborah Gernes

MCC E-mail: [dgermes@mclennan.edu](mailto:dgermes@mclennan.edu)

Back-up Connect Lab Instructor: Professor Linda Crawford - [lcrawford@mclennan.edu](mailto:lcrawford@mclennan.edu)

**Required Text & Materials:**

Title: Common Ground

Author: Lisa Hoeffner and Kent Hoeffner

Edition: 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Publisher: McGraw Hill Copyright 2019

ISBN: 978-1-260-10458-5

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**MCC Bookstore Website:** <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

**Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

- The hybrid portion of this class consists of homework time, chapter readings from the textbook and three major projects in this course, plus any other activities.
- Class time will be spent applying the concepts you have read about in the textbook.
- Lab time will be spent on McGraw-Hill Connect and other activities.

**Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

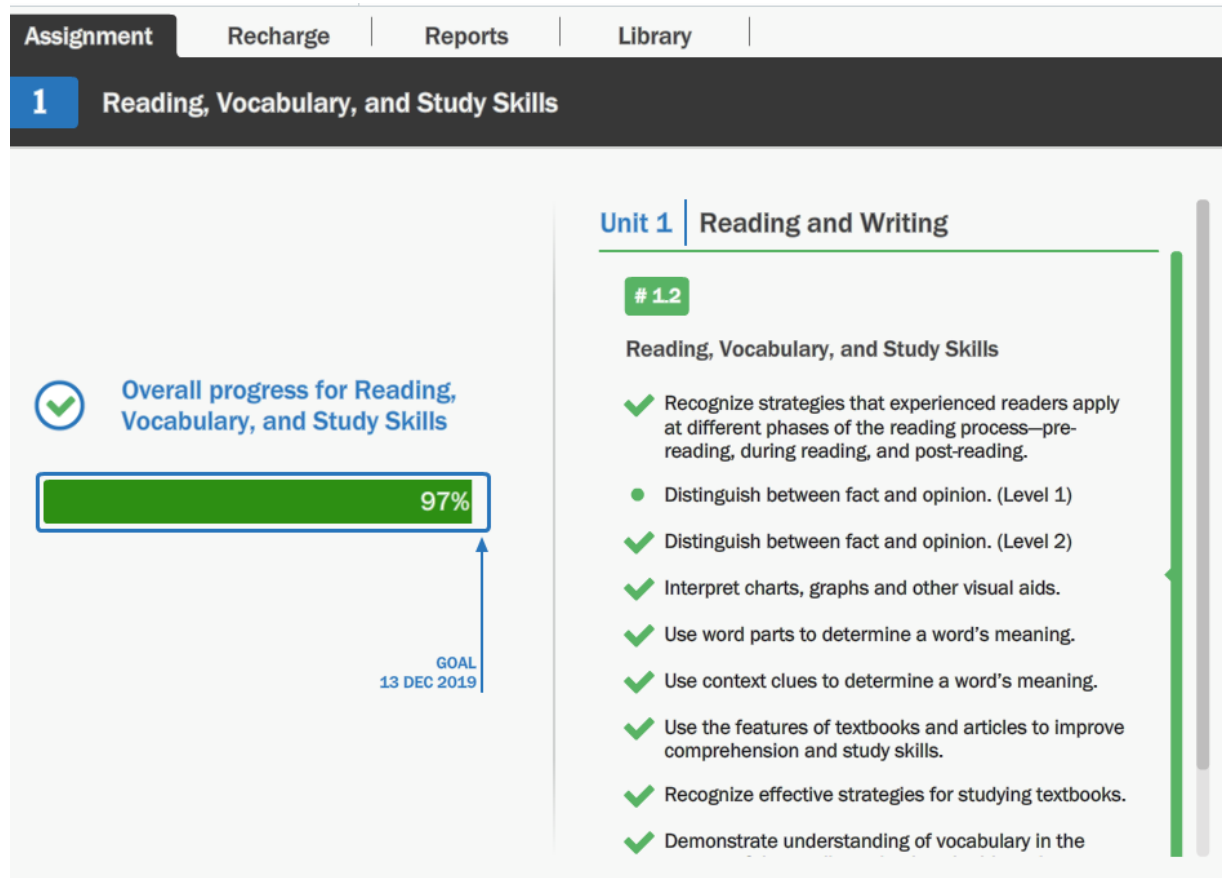
1. Locate explicit textual information, draw complex inferences, and describe, analyze, and evaluate the information within and across multiple texts of varying lengths.
2. Comprehend and use vocabulary effectively in oral communication, reading, and writing.
3. Identify and analyze the audience, purpose, and message across a variety of texts.
4. Describe and apply insights gained from reading and writing a variety of texts.
5. Compose a variety of texts that demonstrate reading comprehension, clear focus, logical development of ideas, and use of appropriate language that advances the writer's purpose.
6. Determine and use effective approaches and rhetorical strategies for given reading and writing situations.
7. Generate ideas and gather information relevant to the topic and purpose, incorporating the ideas and words of other writers in student writing using established strategies.
8. Evaluate relevance and quality of ideas and information in recognizing, formulating, and developing a claim.
9. Develop and use effective reading and revision strategies to strengthen the writer's ability to compose college-level writing assignments.
10. Recognize and apply the conventions of Standard English in reading and writing.

**How Connect (the lab) Works:**

- Students will login to BrightSpace and go to this course. They will click on Connect Lab and follow the instructions there to get started. In the lab, students will have thirteen units to complete. Students are expected to complete each of the units by the due dates. They will find in the Connect Lab area in BrightSpace.
- Students should try to achieve a 100 on each unit and definitely no less than 70. A unit with less than a 70 grade will not be counted toward having an overall completion grade

of 70. Students may work ahead on lab work. Students who do not complete the entire unit need to put in extra time to keep up.

This example (from Connect lab) shows you how to see the progress you've made on a lab assignment. In this case the assignment is "Reading, Vocabulary, and Study Skills" and the student has achieved 97.



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**Course Outline or Schedule:**

<b>Week 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Getting Started with the Course</li><li>• Critical Thinking and Success Strategies (Chapter 11)</li><li>• A Pathway to Success (Chapter 1)</li><li>• Getting Started with Lab and Connect</li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	Reading and Writing Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individualized Grammatical/Spelling Assessment</li><li>• Basic Sentence Structure</li><li>• Annotating Texts and Developing Vocabulary (Chapter 2)</li><li>• Writing Style Characteristics (Chapter 11)</li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	Reading and Writing Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Begin <b>Informative Reading and Writing Project #1 (Chapter 13)</b></li><li>• Sentence Combining (Chapter 3)</li><li>• Sentence Structure</li><li>• Main Ideas</li><li>• MLA Formatting</li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 4</b>	Reading and Writing Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main Ideas</li><li>• MLA Formatting (continued)</li><li>• Pre-Reading and Prewriting Strategies (Chapter 4)</li><li>• Additional work time to complete and submit <b>Reading and Writing Project #1 (Chapter 13)</b></li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>

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<b>Week 5</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annotating</li><li>• Paragraphs</li><li>• Main Ideas (Chapter 5)</li><li>• Supporting Details (Chapter 6)</li><li>• Submit <b>Reading and Writing Project #1</b> by end of the week</li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 6</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supporting Details (Chapter 6 &amp; 10 continued)</li><li>• Parts of Speech</li><li>• Working With Verbs</li><li>• Grammar and Mechanics</li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 7</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outline Basics (Chapter 8)</li><li>• Using outlines to organize your writings</li><li>• Writing Good Sentences</li><li>• Begin <b>Reading and Writing Project #2 (Chapter 14)</b></li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 8</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Editing and Revising (Chapter 9)</li><li>• Prereading and Prewriting</li><li>• Identifying parts of speech</li><li>• Spelling and word choice</li><li>• Additional work time to work on <b>Reading and Writing Project #2</b></li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>

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<b>Week 9</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Punctuation and Mechanics (continued)</li><li>• Text Patterns and Purposes (Chapter 7)</li><li>• Signal Word Usage Writing</li><li>• Outlines (Chapter 8)</li><li>• Additional time to work on <b>Reading and Writing Project #2</b></li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 10</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using Punctuation Correctly</li><li>• Transition Word Usage</li><li>• Submit <b>Reading and Writing Project #2</b> by end of the week</li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 11</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sentence construction</li><li>• Vocabulary</li><li>• Editing Writings</li><li>• Begin Informative <b>Reading and Writing Project #3 (Chapter 14)</b></li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 12</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Punctuation</li><li>• Revising Writings</li><li>• Additional time to work on <b>Reading and Writing Project #3</b></li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>
<b>Week 13</b>	<p>Reading and Writing Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outlines (Chapter 8)</li><li>• Identifying the Subject</li><li>• Correct Verb Usage</li><li>• Thematic Readings</li></ul>

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<b>Week 14</b>	Reading and Writing Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prewriting</li><li>• Editing</li><li>• Punctuation</li><li>• Additional time to work on and complete <b>Reading and Writing Project #3</b></li></ul>
<b>Week 15</b>	Reading and Writing Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revising</li><li>• Correct Grammar Usage</li><li>• Strategies for Reading and Writing Exams (Chapter 15)</li><li>• Submit <b>Reading and Writing Project #3 by due date</b></li></ul>
<b>Week 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategies for Reading and Writing Exams (Chapter 15)</li><li>• Review of Reading and Writing Processes</li></ul> <p><b>Take both parts of the final exam in the classroom with the lecture instructor</b></p>

**Course Grading Information:**

Students' grades will be determined in the following manner:

Three Integrated Reading and Writing Projects	<b>Project #1</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Project #2</b>	<b>15%</b>
	<b>Project #3</b>	<b>15%</b>
Connect Work		<b>20%</b>
Daily Work/Homework (Exercises, tests, quizzes, vocabulary/punctuation/grammar, activities, etc.)		<b>20%</b>
Final Exam		<b>20%</b>
		<b>Total 100</b>

**Final Exam.** The final exam consists of two related sections: Part 1 (Reading) and Part 2 (Writing). The lecture instructor will administer both parts during the designated final exams week.



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**Eligibility to take the Final Exam.** A student must have an average of 70 or higher in the Connect lab to be eligible to take the final exam.

**Lab Grades.** At the end of the semester, each student will receive a lab grade. The lab grade will be an average of the scores for each of the Connect modules.

**Course Grades:**

Course average of 90 – 100: Grade of A

Course average of 80 – 89: Grade of B

Course average of 70 – 79: Grade of C

Course average of 0 - 69: Grade of NC (no credit)

The grade of “I”—incomplete—is not available in INRW.

**Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

Your assignments are due at the specified times. **Late submissions will lose a minus 5 points per day no matter what the reason. Essays will lose 10 points per day of lateness. You might have a good reason for being late and I might accept your work, but you will still lose the points unless you have documentation of extenuating circumstances.** If you have an emergency situation that prohibits you from making progress in the course, contact me immediately to discuss the best course of action. Documentation will be required.

**Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum to include respecting other students and the instructor, exercising prompt and regular attendance, communicating in a polite and respectful manner, and maintaining an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the educational opportunity. These expectations apply to online learning as well (lab). In the face-to-face classroom, discriminatory comments, talking, texting, cell phone usage, profanity, and any type of threatening/disruptive communication will be grounds for an instructor-initiated withdrawal of students and/or referral to McLennan Community College’s discipline officer. These behaviors are unacceptable in an online learning environment as well.

**Communication:**

**Students should use MCC email for communication with both instructors.** MCC has a spam control and outside email addresses may not get to us. You may also call us at the phone

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numbers we have shared with you. This message will also go to the lecture instructor's email. While it is appropriate to wait up to 48 hours for a response to a message, you may receive a response the same day you send your email. After 48 hours, if no response is received, you should resend the message to make sure it did not go to the spam folder. Email must be written in Standard English, not text messaging language. (We are not grading your email messages, but we do expect you to write in such a way that your message is clear and understandable.)

**[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)**

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

**Instructor's Drop Policy**

The college requires instructors to take attendance. A student will be dropped if he or she is absent for 25% or more of the course. Lab participation is also measured. Students, whether present or absent, whether face-to-face or online, are responsible for all material presented or assigned for a course and will be held accountable for such materials in the determination of course grades and withdrawals.

\* 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.

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## ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

### **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. For additional information, please visit <https://www.mclennan.edu/disability/>.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu)

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

### **Title IX:**

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](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <https://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/incidentLandingPageV2-MCC.asp>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at <https://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>. It 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.

**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 or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing [SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu](mailto:SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu). Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

**MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:**

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at [https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

**MCC Academic Integrity Statement:**

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity/> for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

**Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:**

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

**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 notified via 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.

**Email Policy:**

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy regarding college email, which can be found at <https://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/student-email/>.

**Instructional Uses of Email:**

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

**Email on Mobile Devices:**

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email [Helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:Helpdesk@mclennan.edu) for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

**Forwarding Emails:**

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email [helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mclennan.edu).

**Disclaimer:**

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.