



WACO, TEXAS

**COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**Integrated Reading and Writing
INRW 0401_102**

John DeVries

NOTE 1: This is an 8-week course.

NOTE 2: This is a Blended/Hybrid course.

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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 of the lab component is required and the lab completion grade is part of the requirements for this course.

HOW TO EXCEL IN THIS COURSE

Compile an exemplary attendance record
Complete all work assigned by instructor that is on Brightspace
Complete three major writing assignments
Participate in classroom discussions
Read and save all documents provided by our instructor
Complete all homework assignments (reading and writing)
Pass Grammar exams that measure mastery of textbook material
Pass Semester Reading Exam
Pass Semester Writing Exam
Exhibit deep intellectual curiosity
Exhibit good study skills
Enlarge your written and spoken vocabulary
Develop & expand ability to work independently on homework away from class

Instructor Information

Instructor Name: John DeVries
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Office/Teacher Conference Hours: Monday/Wednesday 11 AM – Noon or by appointment

Other Instruction Information:

Required Text & Materials

1. **Text:** *Common Ground*. Author: Hoeffner
2. **Software Access Card:** *McGraw-Hill Connect* Integrated Reading & Writing Access Card. The access card and textbook will be packaged together and are available in the MCC Bookstore. This software access card will be used to complete computer lab assignments.

NOTE: If you purchase your text/card from MCC, you will find a small access card in the packet. Do not throw away this card! It contains the access code you will need to get into the online work.

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

Above is a link to the [MCC Bookstore](http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/). **To complete the lab, you will need the CONNECT access code that comes with the purchase of the book.**

Student Support/Resources

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom: 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/>**

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 understand 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](http://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements)
(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

- 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 in the textbook.
- Lab time will be spent on McGraw-Hill Connect and other activities.

Lecture, classroom discussion, essay interpretation, poetry interpretation, written papers, Exams, quizzes, English Lab, tutorial software

Course Objectives and/or Competencies

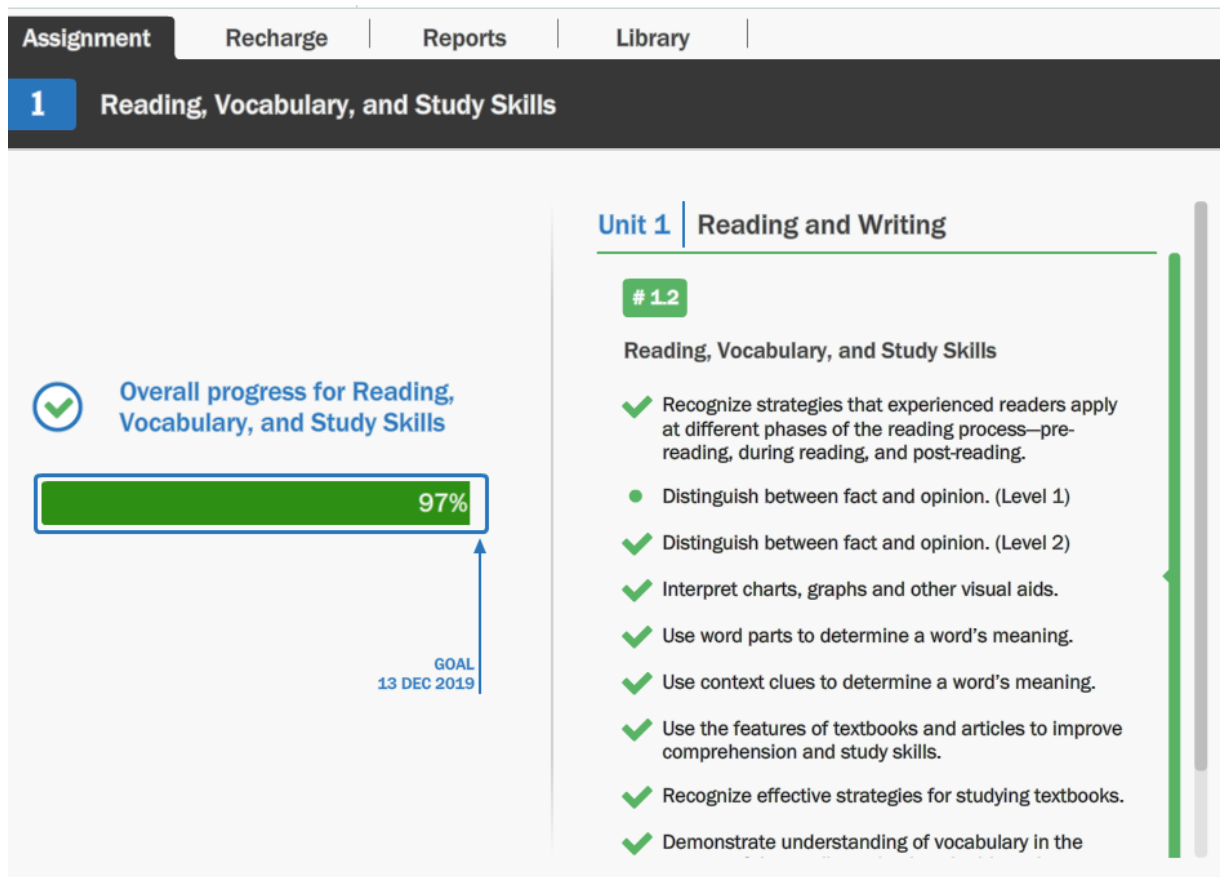
- Locate explicit textual information; describe, analyze, and evaluate the information within and across multiple texts of varying lengths.
- Comprehend and use vocabulary effectively in oral communication, reading, and writing.
- Expand your vocabulary.
- Identify and analyze the author's message across a variety of texts.
- Describe and apply insights gained from reading and writing a variety of texts.
- Compose a variety of texts that demonstrate reading comprehension, clear focus, logical development of ideas, and use of appropriate language that advance the writer's purpose.
- Produce paragraphs and brief compositions in Standard English prose.
- Recognize and apply the conventions of Standard English in reading and writing.
- Improve our punctuation mechanics.
- Improve our spelling proficiency
- Develop disciplined lifetime habits of daily reading and writing for pleasure

How Connect (the lab) Works

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- 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 are encouraged to 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. Please DISREGARD any dates you see in the Connect lab work online.



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Course Outline

Weeks 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting Started with the Course• Getting Started with Lab and Connect• Critical Thinking Skills and Success Strategies (Chapter 1)• Annotating Texts and Developing Vocabulary (Chapter 2)• Individualized Spelling/Vocabulary/Grammar Assessment• Begin Informative Reading and Writing Project #1• Identify Topics• Outlines• Thematic Readings
Weeks 3 and 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading and Writing Processes• Main Ideas• Sentence Combining• Revising & Editing• Write clear and correct Sentences• Reading Comprehension through Annotation• Thematic Readings• Submit Project #1
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Ideas and Supporting Details• Punctuation, Capitalization, and Mechanics• Forms of Speech• Begin Informative Reading and Writing Project #2• Thematic Readings
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting Details, continued• Text Patterns• Spelling and Word Choice• Submit Reading/Writing Project#2• Begin Informative Reading and Writing Project #3• Thematic Readings
Weeks 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategies for Reading and Writing Exams• Submit Reading/Writing Project 3• In-class Reading and Writing work• Thematic Readings
Week 8	Take both parts of the final in the classroom with the lecture instructor.

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Course Grading Information

Students' grades will be determined in the following manner:

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

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.

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

In most instances, late work will not be accepted. However, emergencies can arise. If you have a critical emergency that delays submission of an assignment, please contact Mr. DeVries.

EVERY student should strive to be present at each class session. Each class is crucial ! There is a STRONG correlation between attendance and academic success. Please contact Mr. DeVries via email or telephone call/text on the day of the class if circumstances compel your absence.

Students who miss 25% of our class sessions will be removed from the course. Exceptions can be made in critical emergency situations.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum to include respecting other students and the instructor, exercising regular attendance, communicating in a polite and respectful manner, and maintaining an attitude that takes complete advantage of this education opportunity. These expectations also apply to online learning (English Lab). In the 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.

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 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, you may receive a response the same day you send your email. After 48 hours, if no response is received, please resend the message. Emails must be written in Standard English, not text messaging language. We expect emails to be clear and understandable.

Mr. DeVries (Lecture Instructor) WELCOMES communication with all students via email, telephone conversation/text, conversations before or after class, or in person meetings scheduled by appointment or regular office hours. Mr. Hoxworth (English Lab Instructor) also welcomes communication with all students via email, telephone conversation, or in person meetings scheduled by appointment (rhoxworth@mclennan.edu)

* [Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement](#)

(www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)

The above link 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 MCC policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have guidelines specific to this course.

Instructor's Drop Policy

A student will be dropped if he or she is absent for 25% or more of the course. Lab participation is also measured. A student who fails to complete 2 or more Connect modules by their due dates will be withdrawn. 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.

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](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix)
(www.mclennan.edu/titleix)

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can 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.*