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**COLLEGE**

WACO, TEXAS

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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**COMPOSITION I  
ENGLISH - 1301 – 89**

**NOTE: This is an 6-week course.**

**DR. PEACHES HENRY**

# Freshman Composition I

## ENGLISH 1301

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### **Course Description:**

English 1301 focuses on developing the core skills of reading, critical thinking, writing, and researching. It emphasizes writing processes and outcomes and includes attention to standard language conventions. Semester Hours 3 (3 lecture)

### **Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

Prerequisite: Must have passed the writing section of the THEA or approved alternative test or credit for ENGL 0301

### **Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

None

### **Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Dr. Peaches Henry  
MCC E-mail: [phenry@mclennan.edu](mailto:phenry@mclennan.edu)  
Office Hours: via email or Zoom meetings  
Other Instruction Information:

### **Required Text & Materials:**

No required text

**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).

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#### 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](https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html)  
(<https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html>)

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 methods of teaching and learning for this course include online lectures, Yuja videos, written essays, and written assignments.

#### Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative writing processes.
2. Develop ideas with appropriate support and attribution.
3. Write in a style appropriate to audience and purpose.
4. Read, reflect, and respond critically to a variety of texts.
5. Use Edited American English in academic essays.

#### Course Outline or Schedule:

**Note regarding assignments:** All homework assignments are uploaded in Brightspace and should be accessed through Brightspace. All homework assignments should be uploaded as Word attachments via Brightspace. If Brightspace is down, you should email your work by the due date to [phenry@mclennan.edu](mailto:phenry@mclennan.edu).

**Note regarding changes to syllabus:** This schedule is subject to change. Students will be notified by any of the following methods: Brightspace announcement and emails on the MCC system. You must activate and use your MCC email account in order to receive emails about possible changes. **Even though your primary email might be one different from your MCC account, you must regularly check your MCC email as that is the one I will use to contact you.**

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**Note regarding due dates:** You will have specific due dates for all assignments in our class. However, you will not need to be online for a specific hour. For example, if you have an assignment due on a particular day, you will have until 11:00PM to submit the assignment. All due dates and times for the entire term are posted under the Assignments link under Assessments in Brightspace, so you can set up your calendar as soon as possible when the course begins.

**Note regarding late assignments:** Summer terms move quickly. Therefore, I do not accept late assignments. All assignments are due on the assigned due dates and times. Please go to the Assignments link under Assessments in Brightspace to see all due dates for assignments.

**Note regarding essay models:** For each essay you are assigned, I provide models. Reviewing the model for each essay will be very helpful to you. Please go to the Content link and view the essay models.

### Course Schedule

#### Profile Essay

##### **July 8-19:**

Review Instructions for Profile Essay or review the Yuja video of the Profile Essay Instructions

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Identify your subject and list your reasons for admiring/disliking him/her. **(Worth 25 points)**

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Thesis **(Worth 25 points)** & Introduction **(Worth 25 points)**

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Body Paragraph using Narrative Methods

**Profile Essay due on Thursday, July 19 by 11PM via the Brightspace link as a Word attachment (Worth 250 pts.)**

#### Review Essay

##### **July 20-July 26**

Review Instructions for Review Essay or review the Yuja video of the Review Essay Instructions  
**Identify the film you want to review for your essay.**

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Thesis **(Worth 25 points)** and Recap **(Worth 25 points)**

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**Assignment in Brightspace:** Write a paragraph explaining your own set of criteria for the movie you intend to review. **(Worth 25 points)**

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Write one paragraph of your review based on one of your criteria. **(Worth 25 points)**

**Review Essay due on Sunday, July 26 by 11PM via the Brightspace link as a Word attachment (Worth 250 pts.)**

#### **Problem-Solution Essay**

**July 27-August 11**

Review Instructions for Problem-Solution Feasibility Study or review the Yuja video of the Problem-Solution Feasibility Study Instructions

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Select a problem and accompanying article from the list provided. Read and take notes on the article you selected for your project. **This is not a formal piece of writing. Rather, it is simply your notes on the article. Thus, there is no formal format.** You need only submit your notes as a Word document via Brightspace. **(Worth 25 points)**

**Problem-Solution Project Summary due as a Word document via Brightspace by Thursday, July 30 by 11PM (Worth 75 points)**

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Identify the community feasibility issues that apply to your article. **If you are not located in Waco, your community will be the one in which you live.** Submit your issues as **list** in a Word document via Brightspace. **(Worth 25 points)**

**Assignment in Brightspace:** Write the introduction for your community feasibility analysis. **(Worth 25 points)**

**Problem-Solution Feasibility Analysis as a Word document via Brightspace link by Thursday, August 6 by 11PM (Worth 100 points)**

**Recommendations Essay (This is your final exam) due as a Word document via Brightspace link by Tuesday, August 11 by 9AM. (Worth 50 points)**

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#### **Course Grading Information:**

##### **Requirements and Points**

Daily Assignments	300
Profile Essay	250
Review Essay	250
Problem-Solution Summary	75
Problem-Solution Feasibility Analysis	100
<u>Final Exam: Problem-Solution Recommendation</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

#### **Course Grading Scale**

A = 900-1000 pts.

B = 800-899

C = 700-799

D = 600-699

F = 599 and below

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

([www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://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](#)

(<https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html>)

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

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by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit [mclennan.edu/disability](http://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

\* [Click Here for more information about Title IX](#)

([www.mclennan.edu/titleix](http://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](mailto: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.*