

San José State University
 Department of English & Comparative Literature
 English 2: Critical Thinking and Writing
 Sections 09 & 28
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 Class Days/Time: M/W (section 28) – 9:00-10:15 am
 M/W (section 09) – 1:30-2:45 pm
 Prerequisites: GE Areas A1 (Oral Communication) and
 A2 (Written Communication I) with grades of C- or better
 GE/SJSU Studies Category: GE A3 / Critical Thinking and Writing

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, and assignment instructions can be found on the Canvas learning management system course website. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU to learn of any updates.

ENGL 2 Course Description

General Course Description

ENGL 2 is an introductory writing course that focuses on the relationship between language and logic when composing arguments. Building on the skills acquired in ENGL 1A, you will learn to reason effectively and think rhetorically to invent, demonstrate, and express arguments clearly, logically, and persuasively.

Section-Specific Course Description

To provide focus and continuity, the themes of the class are *Literacy* and *Consumerism*. First, the terms will be defined. Then the exploration begins! You are expected to analyze from a variety of perspectives. To aid this, you will read the essay “Economy” from *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau. This is not only an in-depth analysis of literacy and consumerism, but the shift between the 19th and 21st century. Subjects such as high

technology, low technology, materialism, environmentalism, globalization, illiteracy, and others will be addressed.

This is a hands-on, brain and mouth-engaged course, not a “sit and learn”
and make me (Professor E) do all the work. Not happening! 😊
You are going to discover your own *articulate* opinion!
Think, think, think logically and write well! 😊

ENGL 2 Learning Outcomes (GELO)

Upon successful completion of the course, you will be able to

1. locate and evaluate sources, through library research, and integrate research through appropriate citation and quotation;
2. present effective arguments that use a full range of legitimate rhetorical and logical strategies to articulate and explain their positions on complex issues in dialogue with other points of view;
3. locate, interpret, evaluate, and synthesize evidence in a comprehensive way in support of one’s ideas;
4. identify and critically evaluate the assumptions in and the context of an argument;
5. distinguish and convey inductive and deductive patterns as appropriate, sequencing arguments and evidence logically to draw valid conclusions and articulate related outcomes (implications and consequences).

ENGL 2 Course Content

Diversity: SJSU studies include an emphasis on diversity. You will engage in integrated reading, writing, and oral assignments to construct your own arguments on complex issues (such as diversity and ethnicity, class and social equity) that generate meaningful public debate. Readings for the course will include writers from different ethnicities, gender, and class.

Writing: You will write an informed research paper articulating fully developed arguments about literacy and an analytical essay about consumerism. Both assignments emphasize those skills and activities in writing and thinking that produce informative and persuasive arguments, each of which demands analysis, interpretation, and evaluation. Writing assignments give you repeated practice in prewriting, organizing, writing, revising, and editing. This class requires a minimum of 6000 words, at least 4000 of which must be in revised final draft form.

Logic: You will learn methods of argument analysis, both rhetorical and logical, that will allow you to identify logical structures (such as warrants, evidence, qualification, rebuttal; enthymemes and syllogisms) and distinguish common logical fallacies.

Reading: In addition to being writing intensive, ENGL 2 is also a reading course. You will read a variety of critical and argumentative texts to help develop your skills for understanding the logical structure of argumentative writing.

Multimodal: You will be presenting your arguments orally to class both as an individual and as part of a group.

ENGL 2 Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, you are expected to spend a minimum of forty- five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Assignment Word Count and Learning Goals

Assignment	Word Count	GELO
In-class Essay 1: (diagnostic)	350-500	2,3,4,5
In-class Essay 2: Analysis of Economy (5 pts.)		2,3,4,5
Essay #1 Outline	1000	2,4,5
Essay #1: Initial	1500	1-5
Essay #1: Final draft (5 pts.)	2000	1-5
Essay #2: Outline	1000	1-5
Essay #2: Initial	1500	1-5
Essay #2: Final draft (5 pts.)	2000	1-5
Reading answers (5) (5 pts. each)	350-500	2,3,4,5
FINAL EXAM (10 pts.)		1-5
Participation (10 pts.)		
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE (60 pts.)		

Participation

A healthy percentage of your grade relies on your classroom participation. This does NOT mean showing up and sitting in the seat and saying nothing! That is attendance.

Participation, as graded in my classroom, involves actively engaging in **all classroom discussions** in a thoughtful way. Being able to articulate your understanding of arguments as well as formulating your own opinions is an important way to demonstrate internalization of course material. Besides, I need to hear your voice!

TOTAL POINTS FOR THE SEMESTER: 60 pts.

Grading Policy – PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!

Requirements for particular assignments will vary, but in all cases essay grades will reflect the paper's effectiveness, which I have broken down into three major areas: content (this includes maturity and sophistication of thought), organization, and expression. All assignments, quizzes, and exams are graded on a traditional A-F scale; therefore, the following are the criteria by which essays are typically evaluated in first-year writing courses:

An “A” essay is organized and well-developed, demonstrating a clear understanding and fulfillment of the assignment, written in a unique and compelling voice. It will show the student's ability to use language effectively with a solid command of grammar, mechanics, and usage.

A “B” essay demonstrates competence in the same categories as an “A” essay, but it may show slight weakness in one of these areas. It will respond to the topic suitably and may contain some grammatical, mechanical or usage errors.

A “C” essay will complete the requirements of the assignment, but it will show weaknesses in fundamentals, such as development. It may show weakness in mastery of grammar, mechanics, usage, or voice.

A “D” essay will neglect to meet all the requirements of the assignment or may be superficial in its treatment of the topic. It may lack development or fail to stay on topic. It may contain grammatical, mechanical, and/or usage errors that interfere with reader comprehension.

An “F” essay does not fulfill the requirements of the assignment (which includes word count!).

5 =	A+
4.5 =	A
4.25 =	A-
4 =	B+
3.5 =	B
3.25 =	B-
3 =	C+
2.5 =	C
2.25 =	C-
2 =	D+
1.5 =	D
1.25 =	D-
1 =	F

Late Papers:

No late papers will be accepted unless arranged with me 24 hours before the due date. If you must miss class, even due to illness or last-minute emergency, it is your responsibility to problem solve: have a hardcopy of the assignment delivered to me! Do not ask to email assignments either. **NO EMAIL COPIES OR HANDWRITTEN COPIES ACCEPTED.** In addition, **Computer excuses are not acceptable in this class.**

A late paper will automatically receive a grade of 0. When the assignment is turned in, the zero will be factored into the overall grade as an F.

Essay Format:

MLA FORMAT REQUIRED.

1. Typed and double-spaced!
2. Times New Roman, 12 pt. font
3. 1-inch margins
4. Works Cited page

I will revisit this the first week of class, so take notes! Points will be deducted for failing to follow instructions.

Classroom Protocol

Here's the scoop: You are, by the State of California, deemed an adult; therefore, show up prepared to participate in the class, think critically, and be fully engaged with the discussion for the day. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Attendance:

University policy F69-24: "Students should attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed therein, but because active participation is frequently essential to ensure maximum benefit for all members of the class." A healthy part of your grade comes through your participation in course discussions. While I'm not grading you on attendance, and there may be days on which I do not actively take role, it should go without saying that it is impossible to receive full points for participating if you are not in attendance.

Cell Phones:

NO USE IN CLASS UNLESS I DIRECT. Class is an hour and fifteen minutes. Any student caught texting will be asked to leave class and will receive zilch credit for the day's participation.

Lateness:

Each semester, students approach me regarding travel dates at the end of the semester or during the semester. Be aware that your education is a priority. However, I am not a baby sitter. Should you choose to leave instruction for any reason, this choice is yours. Travel, holidays, or family plans **are not acceptable reasons** to miss any class period, including the final exam period.

Final Exam:

I will not allow late admittance to the classroom once the final exam period has begun.

Extra Credit:

TBA

Required Texts/Readings—Paperback only! NO DIGITAL COPIES.

One Hundred Great Essays –5th edition

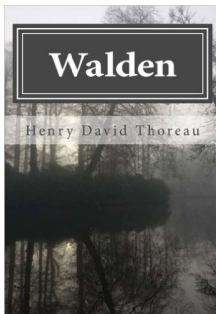
Author: DIYANNI

ISBN: 9780321872630

Publication Date: 11/09/2012

Publisher: PEARSON

And...



Order this paperback (2011) from Amazon, or check with Recycled Books in Santa Clara. NO DIGITAL COPIES acceptable. Have this book by the first day of class.

And...

“Love is a Fallacy”—an article I will post on Canvas.

University Policies

“University Policies: the link below contains university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc.”

<http://www.sjsu.edu/english/frosh/program_policies/index.html>

English 2, Spring 2017 Course Schedule

The schedule is subject to change with fair notice by me either in class or via CANVAS.

Canvas: <http://www.sjsu.edu/at/ec/canvas/index.html>. Materials such as the syllabus, announcements, some readings, will be posted on Canvas. Be sure to check your account daily. NO GRADES WILL BE POSTED ON CANVAS. SET UP A MEETING WITH ME TO GO OVER YOUR GRADE.

Note:

1. When “Read” appears in the syllabus, this means to have the reading assignment complete by the time of that particular class.
2. WORD COUNT must be at the end of each typed writing assignment for this class—mandatory.

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	Jan. 30	Attendance, expectations, and MY pet peeves.
1	Feb. 1	In-class Essay #1 (diagnostic. Bring a green book and a pen!
2	Feb. 6	MLA format, rhetorical appeals, grammar, word choice
2	Feb. 8	Read “Introduction” of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> . Mechanics: introductions, conclusions, thesis statements, purpose
3	Feb. 13	Print, read, and bring to class “Love is a Fallacy” (posted on Canvas). Create vocabulary list (group work in class)
3	Feb. 15	Mechanics: Fallacies—the death of an argument; memes and isms
4	Feb. 20	Assign Essay 1 (research paper)—Topic: Literacy. Will brainstorm in class. Mechanics (research, sources, outline, prewrite)
4	Feb. 22	Read, “The Fallacy of Success” (95) of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> . Discuss reasoning/structure/organization, etc.
5	Feb. 27	Reasoning: To Critically Write or Babble? Read Thoreau’s “Reading,” (94) of <i>Walden</i> . 300-500 word response. Must be typed and in MLA format.
5	Mar. 1	Bring to class a thesis statement and list of sources for Essay 1. Group work day
6	Mar. 6	Read “Learning to Read and Write” (133) of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> . 300-50 word answer to #2 at end of reading. Must be typed and in MLA format. Group work. Outlines due.
6	Mar. 8	Hunting for Fallacies! Bring a jacket!
7	Mar. 13	Read “Into the Electronic Millennium” (60) of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> . 300-500 word answer to #3 at end of reading. Must be typed and in MLA format.
7	Mar. 15	Read “The Decay of Friendship” (283) of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> —

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
		important discussion and group work.
8	Mar. 20	Initial draft of Essay 1 due (upload to Canvas).
8	Mar. 22	Vocabulary test!
9		SPRING BREAK!
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10	Apr. 3	Essay 1 Final draft due (upload to Canvas AND a hard copy to me due today! No excuses. No hard copy will result in 0 credit).
10	Apr. 5	Assign Essay 2 (analytical paper)—Topic: Consumerism. Will brainstorm in class.
11	Apr. 10	Read “Economy” (1-73) of <i>Walden</i> . Make sure to highlight and note in the text book! I will check. ☺ In-class essay based on the reading.
11	Apr. 12	Thesis statements due, including a list of evidence from the text to support and refute the thesis statement. Group work.
12	Apr. 17	Read “The Company Man” (207) of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> . Might be a pop quiz given.
12	Apr. 19	Outlines due.
13	Apr. 24	Read “No Man Is an Island” (123) of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> . 300-500 word answer to #3 at end of reading. Must be typed and in MLA format.
13	Apr. 26	Vocabulary Test!
14	May 1	Initial draft due (upload to Canvas).
14	May 3	Read “Living Like Weasels” (118) of <i>One Hundred Great Essays</i> . 300-500 word answer to #3 at end of reading. Must be typed and in MLA format.
15	May 8	Discuss any issues/questions regarding Essay 2 final draft.
15	May 10	Essay 2 due (upload to Canvas AND HARD COPY to ME!).
16	May 15	Discuss requirements for the FINAL. FINAL DATE TBA.