

Saraland High School
University of Mobile Dual Enrollment English Composition II
EN 102 Effective English

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS

English Composition II will be an intensive writing course in which students will develop strategies, skills, and conventions of persuasion to produce multi-modal texts based on various works of literature and research. This course is designed to help students master analytical skills pertaining to the principles of rhetoric, persuasion, the writing process, credible research, logical fallacies, as well as literary criticism and analysis. **We will be covering all the AP English Literature and Composition standards.**

There is a \$25 course fee that goes to the University of Mobile. This will be paid through PayPams. PayPams should open for payment by August 26. Students will not receive college credit if this fee is not paid.

As a college course, novels covered may include mature content. The novels have been chosen because they cover a content and writing to guide students in mastering content standards.

This course requires independent reading. There will be unannounced quizzes and reading checks. This is a college course, and you will be treated as college students.

COURSE GOALS

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Understand the principles of rhetoric
- Develop audience awareness
- Critically analyze and respond to various literature and texts
- Evaluate and develop effective persuasive arguments
- Identify logical fallacies and how to avoid them in writing
- Implement the writing process effectively
- Compose various types of writing appropriate to task
- Compose daily and weekly written assignments based on works of literature read in class
- Complete 4 formal papers (with annotated Bibliographies) which must be turn in on Turnitin.com

REQUIARED MATERIALS

These items need to be brought to school every day:

- One inch binder
- Pens (Black, blue, and red)
- Pencils (Pencil sharpener)
- College ruled paper (lots of it!)
- Markers/colored pencils
- Highlighter

- *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (ISBN 978-1476738024)
- *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (ISBN 978-0486278025)
- *Oedipus Rex* (also called *Oedipus the King*) by Sophocles (ISBN 978-1416500339)
I have a class book set for *Oedipus Rex* and *Macbeth*. **You will be reading *A Man Called Ove* independently for homework. Please buy a copy of this book.**
- Other resources may need to be purchased throughout the semester

CLASS EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES

- **Be Here** –
 - You should be in your assigned seat when class starts. After receiving four tardies, you will be assigned 1 day of after school detention. If you know you will be late to class, you must bring a signed pass from the teacher you were with. No pass is an unexcused tardy. If you must leave the classroom for any reason, you must have permission and take a pass with you.
 - More than 5 absences per semester may result in loss of credit.
 - *Reminder: This is a college course in a high school setting, so the course work load will be comparable to the collegiate level. Furthermore, I expect you to conduct yourself in a similar manner.*
- **Be responsible** –
 - Be prepared for class; there will be no passes to lockers or vehicles. This includes having paper, book, homework, and writing utensil. If you forget your homework in your locker or vehicle, it will be considered late.
 - *Make sure to use the restroom before coming to class.*
 - **Due Dates** All assignments and projects are collected at the beginning of class on the due date. **When an assignment is due to Schoology, check the date and time the assignment is due and be sure to submit it by that time.** You must submit that assignment on time even if you are not at school. If a student is on campus at any time the day an assignment is due, the assignment must be turned in before you leave. This includes school-related activities. An "I" for "incomplete/missing" will be entered into PowerSchool for the student's grade until the assignment is received.
 - Students who miss class are responsible for collecting their incomplete/missed assignments.
 - **Absent Work Policy** Make-up work is the student's responsibility.
 - Students have three days to make-up an assignment after an any kind of absence. If the student fails to make-up the assignment in the allotted time a grade of zero will then be recorded for the assignment. Tests, assignments, and papers can be scheduled to be made up with me during my planning block.
 - Again, if a student has a "1" entered as a test grade or for an assignment, the student needs to make-up that test or assignment promptly.
 - Late homework will receive credit according to the late work policy.
 - **Late Work Policy** The deduction of points for late assignments is as follows:
 - Classwork (Formative Activities)
 - One day late -15%
 - Two days late -30%
 - Three days late -45%
 - Four days late -0%
 - Tests/Projects (Standard-Based Assessments)
 - One day late -50%

- Two days late -0%
 - No cell phones are permitted in class unless given specific instruction.
 - Dress Code You are expected to comply with the Saraland High School Dress Code Policy while in the classroom. No hoodies or jackets with hoods are allowed.
- **Be respectful** –
 - Although this is a college course, ALL rules in the student handbook will apply!
 - You are expected to be courteous and respectful to all students, teachers, and guests. There will be NO swearing, name-calling, or snide comments. Use kind words at all times. If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all. There will be no "horse playing" in the classroom. Keep your hands to yourself at all times. Listen and follow directions. Raise your hand before speaking and leaving your seat.
- **Be awesome!** –
 - Think for yourself
 - Work hard
 - Make memories

SUMMER READING

The two summer reading books for this class are *1984* by George Orwell and *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. For *Tuesdays with Morrie*, you will have a timed writing on **August 22**. For *1984*, you will complete an interactive journal which is due **August 29**.

SILENT SUSTAINED READING (SSR)

Select 2 books to read independently this semester. They should be books you have not read before. We will read for 20 minutes every Tuesday and Thursday. However, you will need to read outside of class. Please plan accordingly. The first book should be read by **October 11**. The second book should be read by **December 6**. On these days, you will have a group discussion or assignment in class about the book you read. These assignments might require preparation before coming to class. In that case, you will have ample notice of the assignment to adequately prepare. You are responsible for reading and being prepared for these assessments.

GRADING

Grades follow this scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or below

Points will be allocated to each assignment or test; however, grades will be weighted according to the following system:

- Standards-based Assessments 70%
- Formative Activities 30%

Grades will be posted on Schoology and updated once a week.

PLAGIARISM

You will be required to adhere to the University of Mobile's academic integrity policy and Saraland High School's cheating policy. All turned-in work (other than group assignments) is expected to be the original product of you, the individual student. Claiming another's work as your own is plagiarism. This includes turning in assignments that are partially or wholly taken without attribution from another student's work, from print sources, or from electronic sources. The penalty for plagiarizing any assignment is automatic failure of that assignment, and I will report any plagiarism or cheating to the administration. **All writing assignments will be submitted to www.turnitin.com to check for plagiarism. If students do not already have an account, they will need to create one in class.**

CHEATING AND GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STATEMENT

Cheating WILL NOT be tolerated. The school's disciplinary policy, as listed below, will be strictly enforced. This includes plagiarism and cheating on homework, tests, projects, etc.

1st Offense: Grade of zero given by teacher; admin referral

2nd Offense: Grade of zero given by teacher; removed from all dual enrollment classes; change of diploma status

Cheating includes any form of providing questions or answers. Both the parties will be punished. Showing someone your work counts as cheating. In some cases, using AI tools to generate essays also counts as cheating.

This course will allow—in some cases, even encourage—the use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI) techniques in some assignments. Unless otherwise indicated, the default is that this kind of use is prohibited. GAI use must be recognized and referenced. Academic misconduct will be the result of breaking this policy and could result in loss of credit for the assignment(s) as referenced in the cheating policy in the Saraland City Schools' Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to follow the requirements of each course or assignment.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

Fire Procedures: In the event of a fire, everyone will exit the classroom, go down the stairs opposite the elevators, exit the building through the lobby doors, walk across the street, and stand in the grass in alphabetical order. Stay together. I will take attendance to ensure everyone is together. If everyone is together, we will hold up our green card; if someone is missing or we accrued additional people, we will hold up the red card. If you are absent from the classroom during a fire evacuation, find the nearest teacher and tell them "My name is _____, and I am with you." Stay with them outside until given other instructions from an administrator.

Tornado Procedures: In the event of a fire, all students will grab a textbook to put over their heads, exit the classroom, go down the stairs at the end of the hall, go between Mrs. Randle and Mrs. Hyatt's rooms, and sit facing the wall with your textbook over your head. All students must be absolutely silent the entire time we are in the hallway as we listen for instruction from administrators.

Lockdown Procedures: In the event of a soft lockdown, we will make sure the door is locked, the curtain is down, and the blinds are closed. We will continue teaching as normal while we wait for further

instructions. In the event of a hard lockdown, we will make sure the door is locked, the curtain is down, the lights are off, and the blinds are closed. We will go to the corner next to the cabinets away from the door and hide silently while we wait for further instructions.

NEED TO REACH ME?

Feel free to talk to me in Room 221 if you have questions or concerns regarding your progress in my class. If you need to reach me after-hours, the best way is via email at **alange@saralandboe.org**.

SCHOOLGY

Download the Schoology app and Nearpod App on your phone. These will be helpful for you throughout the semester. Your Schoology login is:

Username: YourStateIDNumber@students.saralandboe.org (e.g. 1912345678@students.saralandboe.org)

Password: 8-Digit Birthdate (e.g. 01012005)

Make an account on Nearpod. We will use this every week for vocabulary.

REMIND MESSAGE

Parents/Guardians and Students, please sign up for my Remind messages.

Text @46264a to 81010

Please let me know if you have problems signing up. I send notifications and updates throughout the semester using Remind, and I want you to be in the loop! 😊

Please tear off and return the bottom portion of this sheet.

I am looking forward to a successful school year. I have developed this course outline to give you an idea of what we will be covering this semester. After reading the outline, please complete the information below. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at alange@saralandboe.org. You may also contact me through the school at 251-602-8970, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

By signing this course outline, I am stating that I have read and will comply with all aspects of this class. As a college course, novels may include mature content. By signing this, I agree to read the novels covered in the class.

Student's signature/Printed name

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