

**Department:**

English

**Course Description:**

This is the second of a two-course sequence in college English composition. The course will continue to emphasize improving the ability to organize and express thoughts in clear, effective writing. The course will use literature study as a basis for improving and extending research, critical analysis, and writing skills. The forms, elements, and techniques of literature will be examined in terms of how literature affects readers.

**Course Competencies:**

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents. (Kansas Regents Shared Number Course and Title: **KRSN Course ENG 1020 English Composition II.**)

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Compose a variety of texts addressing specific audiences.
2. Craft a sustained, well-supported argument
3. Apply research strategies including finding, evaluating, analyzing, and synthesizing sources.
4. Employ an appropriate documentation style.
5. Demonstrate the ability to read and think critically about texts.

**Course Content:**

- A. Fiction, Poetry, Drama, and Nonfiction
  1. Critical reading and understanding the text
  2. Responding and understanding themes
  3. Writing critically and applying critical vocabulary
- B. Research Methods
  1. Developing an assertive thesis
  2. Finding, evaluating, and summarizing primary and secondary sources in the form of an annotated bibliography
  3. Refining the argument
  4. Properly support a thesis with relevant evidence
  5. Documenting primary and secondary source material
  6. Revising

**Learning Assessments:**

Course competencies will be assessed by essay assignments (including drafts and revisions), in-

class writing or exercises, written responses to reading assignments, level of active participation in class or group discussions, exams, quizzes, annotated bibliography, and a final written essay of at least four (4) pages that demonstrates the use and integration of both primary and secondary scholarly sources.

## **Instructional Materials:**

Textbooks: Mays, K. (2018). *The Norton Introduction to Literature*. (Shorter 13<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company. ISBN-13: 978-0393664942

Lunsford, A. (2018). *EasyWriter*. (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martin's. ISBN-13: 978-1319149505

### **Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on Documented Disability or Medical Condition**

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students **must** complete the "Disabilities Self-Identification Form" on our [Disability Services website](#).

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.

### **A Note on Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct**

Highland Community College seeks to assure all community members learn and work in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Title VII, Title IX, and College policy prohibit harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct. Highland Community College encourages anyone experiencing harassment, discrimination or sexual misconduct to talk to report to the Vice President for Student Services, the Human Resources Director or complete an [online report](#) about what happened so that they can get the support they need and Highland Community College can respond appropriately.

There are both confidential and non-confidential resources and reporting options available to you. Highland Community College is legally obligated to respond to reports of sexual misconduct, and therefore we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of a report, unless made to a confidential resource. Responses may vary from support services to formal investigations. As a faculty member, I am required to report incidents of sexual misconduct and thus cannot guarantee confidentiality. I must provide our Title IX coordinator with relevant details such as the names of those involved in the incident. For more information about policies and resources or reporting options, please review our [Equity Grievance Policy](#).