San José State University Department of English & Comparative Literature English 2: Critical Thinking and Writing, Sections 3 and 7, Fall 2016

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Prerequisites:	GE Areas A1 (Oral Communication) and A2 (Written Communication) 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 frequently 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

Our course will explore monsters and the monstrous in myriad forms. We will explore the monsters we create, how we define monster, how monsters function, and why they are seemingly necessary. In defining monster, we will discover more about our own humanity, what it means to be human or monster, and how the boundaries of these categories often blur.

ENGL 2 Learning Outcomes (GELO)

Upon successful completion of the course, students 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 Learning Outcomes (CLO)

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

1. discuss complex ideas clearly, logically, persuasively;

2. state a clear position while taking into account other points of view, integrating both qualification and rebuttal as appropriate;

3. identify the different kinds of argument and the kinds of evidence appropriate to each one;

4. integrate research logically and ethically; analyzing, interpreting, synthesizing, and documenting information and ideas gleaned from reliable sources;

5. use appropriate paragraph and essay conventions to organize arguments into clear, readable logical sequences that are both coherent and persuasive;

6. control syntax, grammar, and punctuation to develop prose that is readable, logical, and clear;

7. identify formal argumentative structures (warrants, evidence, qualification, rebuttal, enthymemes and syllogisms) and distinguish common logical fallacies;

8. draw and assess inferences and recognize distinctions among assumptions, facts, inferences, and opinions.

ENGL 2 Course Content

<u>Diversity</u>: 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.

<u>Writing</u>: You will write a series of essays informed by research and articulating fully developed arguments about complex issues. Assignments emphasize those skills and activities in writing and thinking that produce the persuasive argument and the critical essay, 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.

<u>Logic</u>: 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.

<u>Reading</u>: 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.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbooks

Everything's an Argument, Sixth Edition, Andrea A. Lunsford and John J. Ruszkiewicz, Bedford/St. Martin's, 2013. ISBN: 978-1-4576-0606-9.

Monsters: A Bedford Spotlight Reader, Andrew J. Hoffman, Bedford/St. Martin's, 2016. ISBN: 978-1-4576-9030-3.

The Everyday Writer, Lunsford, electronic version available for free via your Canvas account.

Other Required Readings and Materials

You will view several videos on fallacies and cognitive biases available on YouTube. You will discuss content and take follow up quizzes. See the calendar for what videos to view and when.

ENGL 2 Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of fortyfive 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 <u>University</u> <u>Policy S12-3</u> at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf.

Written Assignments

Formal Writing Assignments: Students will write four formal essays: see the table below for types of essays, word count requirements, and how each essay aligns with the GE A3 and ENGL 2 course learning outcomes. One essay will be written in class, and three essays will be written out of class. The out-of-class essays will go through at least one revision before receiving a grade.

<u>In-class essays</u> must be written in class, on the day they are assigned. In-class essays may not be made up without at least one week's prior notice of the student's inability to attend class that day. Any request for a make-up is at the instructor's discretion. Requests must be made in writing at least one week in advance.

<u>Out-of-class essays</u> must be turned in on time and meet all requirements to receive full credit, including the following items:

- Out-of-class essays will be turned in on paper (hard copy) and uploaded to Canvas and routed through turnitin.com via Canvas.
- Late hard-copy essays will lose 10 points (10%) for each calendar day late, until the next class meeting. After the next class meeting, essay grade will automatically be F.
- Uploading essays late will result in up to a 10 point deduction (10%) in the essay grade, until the next class meeting. After the next class meeting, essay grade will automatically be F.
- All first drafts of essays for peer-review or instructor review must be uploaded to Canvas on time (48 hours prior to the in-class workshop or by the due date for a first draft [see specific assignments for details]). Uploading essays for peer review or instructor review late will result in up to a 10 point (10%) deduction in the essay grade.
- All peer-edited essays and first drafts must be turned in with the final draft. Failure to turn them in will result in a 10 point (10%) deduction in the essay grade.
- All pages of each essay must be stapled. Failure to staple pages of each essay will result in a 5 point (5%) deduction in the essay grade.
- All out-of-class essays will follow MLA guidelines for formatting and citations, which are included in *Everything's an Argument, The Everyday Writer* (available through Canvas), and at OWL online. (Find OWL's MLA resource here: <u>https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/</u>). Failure to follow MLA guidelines will result in point deductions on the essay grade.
- Read and closely follow all instructions for out-of-class essay assignments, which will be distributed via Canvas and discussed in class.

Short Writing Tasks: Students will write several informal assignments, both in class and as homework, designed to provide practice in all the parts of the writing process and to provide bases from which to develop the formal writing assignments. These tasks will be assigned throughout the semester and will vary in content and length, but will add up to about 1000 words over the course of the semester. Some examples of short writing tasks are developing thesis statements; analyzing the structure of arguments, rhetorical appeals, and logic; identifying audiences and evidence for arguments; creating outlines for essays; reader responses and summaries; and sentence and paragraph revisions.

Reading Assignments

Readings are listed on the calendar section of the syllabus. Students are expected to complete the readings BEFORE coming to class on the day the readings are listed. There are three different types of readings we will focus on: writing skills and argument development, logic content, and thematic content.

Students are expected to ALWAYS bring their books to class from which there are assigned readings for that class meeting. Students are expected to participate in discussions of the readings and be prepared for quizzes. Participating in class discussions is a large portion of the participation part of the course grade, so keeping up with the readings is vital to earning full credit for participation. Because some of the readings will be provocative and challenging, both in content and form, students are expected to respectfully consider and discuss the readings, even if students disagree with the opinions expressed.

Workshops

The out-of-class essays will have workshops wherein students will offer valuable feedback to each other on the essays in progress. Feedback will include content, organization, and expression, and will be guided by the assignments' requirements.

- Workshops are mandatory.
- Workshop days are worth more in participation points than other class days and activities.
- A workshop protocol will be distributed and discussed prior to the first workshop.
- Workshops cannot be made up.

Homework

Homework will vary each week and will largely be made up of short writing tasks (see above description).

- Students must attend class the day homework is due in order to earn credit for homework.
- Homework will be assessed on a point basis (1-10 points per assignment) that will vary by type of assignment, and homework points will be part of the participation portion of the course grade.
- See the calendar for SWT homework assignments. Homework that is not included on the calendar will be assigned via Canvas or in class.

Class participation

Class participation is crucial to the learning experience. The better students participate in all activities, the more students will learn and the more interesting the class will become for all of us. I expect to hear from all students, even shy ones, so I will prod and expect students to engage in all activities. And while SJSU does not grade on attendance, participation is a part of the course grade. I track participation through a sign-in sheet that includes my notes on your participation for each class meeting.

- Your presence in class is necessary for participation, and all class activities count as participation.
- Class participation points cannot be made up.
- Points vary by activities, typically from 5 to 10 points per day, and are cumulative over the semester. The number of points earned will be divided by the total number of points available to be turned into a grade at the end of the semester.

Presentations

Students will create a multimodal presentation for one of the formal assignments. Please see the assignment and calendar for pertinent information.

Assignment Word Count and Learning Goals

Assignment	Word Count	GELO	CLO
Diagnostic Essay (in class)	350-500	4	1, 5, 6

Multimodal Presentation with Script/Explanation (in and out of	300-500	1-4	1, 2, 4-6, 8
class)			
Critical Rhetorical Analysis Essay (First and Final Drafts, out	1500 x2	1-4	1-8
of class)			
Argument Essay (First and Final Drafts, out of class)	1500 x2	1-5	1, 2, 4-6, 8
Reflective Letter Essay (First and Final Drafts, out of class)	500-600 x2	2-5	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8
Short Writing Tasks (in and out of class)	1000-1500	1-5	1-8

Grading Policy

Requirements for particular assignments will vary, but in all cases essay grades will reflect the paper's effectiveness, which is broken down into three major areas: content (this includes maturity and sophistication of thought), organization, and expression.

- All essays and the oral presentation are graded on a traditional A-F scale, including +/-.
- Homework and participation are graded on a point basis, usually from 1-10 points per assignment and class activity. Points are cumulative and will be turned into a letter grade at the end of the semester based on the total number of points earned divided by the total number of points available.
- There is no extra credit in this course.
- Penalties for late assignments are listed under Formal Written Assignments and listed on the assignments themselves.
- Homework and participation may not be made up.
- Students must earn a C- or higher to pass the course.

Grading System to Determine Course Grade

Assignment	Word Count	Percent of Course Grade (out of 100% total)
Diagnostic Essay (in class)	350-500	0
Multimodal Presentation with Script/Explanation (in and out of class)	~ 300	15
Critical Rhetorical Analysis Essay, First and Final Drafts (out of class)	1500 x2	25
Argument Essay, First and Final Drafts (out of class)	1500 x2	25
Reflective Letter Essay, First and Final Drafts (out of class)	500-600 x2	15
Homework (Short Writing Tasks) and Participation	~ 1000	20

Grading A-F Scale: 93-100=A, 90-92=A-, 87-89=B+, 83-86=B, 80-82=B-, 77-79=C+, 73-76=C, 70-72=C-, 67-69=D+, 63-66=D, 60-62=D-, 0-59=F.

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.

My Professional Polices

Because I respect you and our work together, I will maintain the following policies:

- Though I enjoy my work and like to have fun, I take my work seriously, maintaining high academic standards and expectations, and offering you support and constructive criticism on your work in class and on your assignments.
- I will be on time and give you and the subject my full attention.
- I respect the diversity of people and ideas, even when there are disagreements.
- I return graded work in a timely manner, before the next major assignment is due.
- I am available during office hours so that you may see me about your work or other issues with the class.
- I expect the same respect for the class and for your work from you. The following items listed in Classroom Protocol are some specific expectations.

Classroom Protocol

In order to promote an atmosphere of inclusion that is supportive of all students and the learning process, these are my policies and expectations of students:

- You will respectfully respond to both the readings and your colleagues. This class focuses on provocative and challenging readings, and sometimes you may disagree with them or your colleagues' opinions. Your challenge in this class is to voice your own opinion in a convincing yet tactful and logical manner.
- You will be on time to class and stay the entire time. Arriving late or leaving early will result in decreased participation points.
- All electronic devices will be turned off and stowed before entering class, unless you have an exception from the AEC. Using electronic devices during class without prior permission will result in zero participation points for the day.
- You will not talk or text while someone else is speaking. Not only is this rude, but it is distracting to me and those around you. This behavior will earn you earn zero points for the day, and you may be asked to leave.
- You will come to class prepared to participate, having read the assigned readings for the day, completed any homework, and prepared questions or comments about the assigned readings. Failure to do so will be evident in your participation grade.
- You will bring your book(s) or printed excerpts from which we have assigned readings for the day to class, or you may be asked to leave class. Relying on others for material you are responsible for is an unfair imposition on your colleagues and will not be tolerated. (If you have difficulty in obtaining the required materials, let me know immediately.)
- If you miss a class, ask a classmate what you missed, including assignments, before contacting me.
- If you miss two or more consecutive classes due to illness or other serious issues, please contact me to let me know as soon as possible. Even a legitimate absence can become troubling if left undisclosed too long.

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/gup/syllabusinfo/

Students can also access University Policies at the English Department Webpage here: http://www.sjsu.edu/english/frosh/program_policies/index.html

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/.

English 2 / Critical Thinking and Writing, Fall 2016, Course Schedule

The schedule is subject to change with fair notice that will be communicated in class or on Canvas.

All grammar, punctuation, and usage lessons will be added to the calendar via Canvas based on the needs of the class. Legend: R=Readings, D=Discussion, A=Activity, V=Video to view online, Bolded items=Assignment Due Dates, Underlined items=Assignments you receive that day, *EA=Everything's an Argument, M=Monsters*, SWT=Short Writing Tasks.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	August 24	Introductions, Thinking about Critical Thinking, Thinking about Monsters and the Monstrous
		V: Introduction to Critical Thinking at Wireless Philosophy on YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cum3k-</u>
		Wglfw&index=1&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzU2ChXr_FNgQKvVZbf3CwhX R: Class Syllabus
		D: All questions you have about the syllabus or the class
2	August 29	Assignment: Diagnostic Essay, 500 words
		R: EA, Chapter 1: Arguments, and M, Introduction
		D: Defining monster and brainstorming topics for your argument
		HW: Upload a photo of yourself to Canvas. Make sure your face is clearly visible.
2	August 31	Diagnostic Essay, in-class essay: Bring large examination booklet(s), pens, and any required items to write a fully developed essay in class.
3	Sept. 5	Labor Day—No School!
3	Sept. 7	Assignment: Critical Rhetorical Analysis Essay, First and Final Drafts, 1500 x2 words R: Student Sample Rhetorical Analysis Essay: Read the essay before class, and print and bring to class to discuss. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the essay?
		R: EA, Chapter 2: Pathos, and M, "Why We Crave Horror Movies," King
		D: Academic work expectations and standards, and also Pathos.
4	Sept. 12	R: <i>EA</i> , Chapter 3: Ethos, and <i>M</i> , "Why Vampires Never Die," del Toro and Hogan D: Assessing Ethos
4	Sept. 14	R: <i>M</i>, "My Zombie, Myself: Why Modern Life Feels Rather Undead," KlostermanSWT: Assess Klosterman's ethos and use of pathos, cite the source, and post to Canvas.D: Ethos, making analysis explicit, and MLA citations
5	Sept. 19	R: <i>EA</i> , Chapter 4: Logos, and <i>M</i> , "Monsters and the Moral Imagination," Asma D: Logos and thesis statements
5	Sept. 21	R: <i>M</i> , "Here Be Monsters," Genoways D: Logos
		SWT: Analyze Genoways' ethos and use of logos, cite the source, and post to Canvas.
6	Sept. 26	No class meeting: Independent Library Research Day! Watch the instructional videos and read the handouts for each item listed on the library

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		research page for English 2 and 1B: <u>http://libguides.sjsu.edu/c.php?</u> g=230312&p=3741454
		R: EA, Chapters 17-18: Research
		SWT: After viewing all videos and reading all relevant materials, write a brief proposal of the topic and argument you'd like to make this semester that has to do with monsters or monstrosity. Explain why you want to focus on this topic. This should be one to two paragraphs long. Post to Canvas.
6	Sept. 28	R: <i>EA</i> , Chapter 6: Rhetorical Analysis, and <i>M</i> , "Japan's Nuclear Nightmare: How the Bomb Became a Beast Called Godzilla," Brothers
		A: Conducting a rhetorical analysis, choosing the most effective and ineffective features to analyze
7	Oct. 3	Workshop: Critical Rhetorical Analysis Essay
		R: Review Student Sample
7	Oct. 5	DUE: Critical Rhetorical Analysis Essay, First Draft
		Assignment: Multimodal Presentation on Fallacies/Cognitive Biases
		R: EA, Chapter 14: Visual Arguments
		A: Sign-up for presentations
		D: Effective visual arguments and evaluating presentations
8	Oct. 10	R: EA, Chapter 5: Fallacies
		V: Fallacies, view these five videos on fallacies here at these links:
		formal and informal, https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=T_yFszI7Aso&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzWShEUtNiV1QhKG2cP9vbXg
		ad hominem, https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=wnbK76m6911&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzWShEUtNiV1QhKG2cP9vbXg&index=4
		and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBkj- AYYg7w&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzWShEUtNiV1QhKG2cP9vbXg&index=5
		false cause, https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=5A7hSaoRv0g&index=8&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzWShEUtNiV1QhKG2cP9vbXg
		begging the question, https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=IODR5mJMwOU&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzWShEUtNiV1QhKG2cP9vbXg&index=10
		D: Fallacies
8	Oct. 12	R: EA, Chapter 15: Presenting Arguments
		V: View the following videos about Cognitive Biases on Youtube:
		Cognitive Biases 101: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AK0GYBTNx5Q</u>
		Aliefs: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=TCBALVumrUQ&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzVgBHC2buGxvQNaspGxdMQY&index=1
		Pricing Bias: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=roRIPM3i0ZM&index=3&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzVgBHC2buGxvQNaspGxdMQY</u>
		Reference Dependence and Loss Aversion: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=LBNtChg4t4k&index=4&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzVgBHC2buGxvQNaspGxdMQY</u>
		Peak End Effect: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> v=RhyJGwNpEcw&index=6&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzVgBHC2buGxvQNaspGxdMQY

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		The G.I. Joe Fallacy: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=sO9xwAyeWX0&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzVgBHC2buGxvQNaspGxdMQY&index=7</u> SWT: Write a response in 1-2 paragraphs to one of the videos you viewed. What did you learn about biases and what question(s) do you still have? Post to Canvas. D: Biases
9	Oct. 17	Presentations!
9		Turn in the written portion of the assignment when you present.
9	Oct. 19	Presentations!
		Turn in the written portion of the assignment when you present.
10	Oct. 24	DUE: Critical Rhetorical Analysis Essay, Final Draft
		Assignment: Argument Essay, First and Final Drafts, 1500 x2 words R: Student Sample(s) D: Academic Argument Expectations and Standards
10	Oct. 26	R: <i>EA</i> , Chapter 7: Structuring Arguments
10	000.20	SWT: Write your working thesis and what you believe the most reasonable opposing view is. This should be at least two sentences. Post to Canvas.
		D: Logic, Audience, Opposition, Assumptions, Concession
11	Oct. 31	R: <i>EA</i> , Chapter 9: Arguments of Definition, and <i>M</i> , "Nation and Race," Hitler A: Analyzing logic and bias in definitional arguments
11	Nov. 2	R: <i>EA</i> , Chapter 10: Evaluations, and <i>M</i> , "(Un)Safe Sex: Romancing the Vampire," Backstein
		SWT: Explain what kind of argument you plan to make and why you chose this kind. This should be at least a paragraph long. Post to Canvas.
12	Nov. 7	Workshop: Argument Essay R: Review Student Sample(s)
12	Nov. 9	DUE: Argument Essay, First Draft
		R: <i>EA</i> , Chapter 13: Style
		SWT: Revise sentence structure and/or diction and edit punctuation in your argument in
		class.
12	NT 14	A: Revising for clarity and style
13	Nov. 14	R: <i>EA</i> , Chapters 19-20: Using and Documenting Sources and <i>M</i> , "Monstrous Beginnings," Poole
		D: Effective evidence
13	Nov. 16	R: <i>M</i> , "Why Modern Monsters Have Become Alien to Us," McCormick
		SWT: How do you establish your ethos and how do you use pathos in your argument? Explain. This should be 1-2 paragraphs long. Post to Canvas.
		D: Balancing pathos, ethos, and logos; the importance of audience and purpose
14	Nov. 21	Assignment: Reflection Letter Essay, First and Final Drafts, 500-600 x2 words R: Syllabus GELOs A: Effective introductions and conclusions; bring a copy of your introduction and

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
		conclusion of your Argument Essay to class to work with. D: Self-reflection and assessment, English 2 GELOs, recognizing growth, introductions and conclusions
14	Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday—No class!
15	Nov. 28	DUE: Argument Essay, Final Draft A: Self-reflection, progress and challengesSWT: Self-reflection, in class
15	Nov. 30	 R: Review <i>EA</i>, Chapter 10: Evaluations and the syllabus GELOs D: Criteria, GELOs for English 2, self-assessment, recognizing progress and challenges A: Using evidence to support claims; bring your Critical Rhetorical Analysis and Argument essays to class to work with.
16	Dec. 5	Workshop: Reflection Letter Essay
16	Dec. 7	DUE: Reflection Letter Essay, First Draft D: Assumptions about standards and assessment
17	Dec. 12	A: Examining and meeting expectations, long-term projects and progress D: Future of your academic studies and how monster studies, critical thinking, and writing benefit you.
Final Exam	Thursday Dec. 15, 7:15-9:30 (Section 3) Friday, December 16, 9:45- 12:00 (Section 7)	DUE: Reflection Letter Essay, Final Draft