

Faculty Information



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About Your Instructor

I am a former Odessa College student myself, and I earned my first degree, an Associate in Art, from the college. I also attended UTPB where I earned my BA in Humanities and my MA in English. My favorite author is Herman Melville, and my favorite novel is Moby-Dick. I've been working at OC for fifteen years, and prior to that I was a librarian/grad. student at UTPB.

My work experience, however, hasn't been limited to academics. For 25.5 years, I worked in the oil business for a company in Midland: Permian Basin Sample Laboratory. I'm proud to say that my company pioneered the use of computerizing geologic data collected from drilling samples. With the downturn (better known as the great oil bust in the 80's), I was left jobless and without a career! At that time, with the encouragement of my husband and daughter, I returned to my first dream, which was becoming an English teacher. Actually, my daughter and I attended UTPB together! I'm living proof that there is life after an oil bust!

This semester, our primary means of communication will be via email: cphilpott@odessa.edu. However, I do have office hours every day of the week, and I urge you to stop by for a visit. I've also included my home phone number in my contact information above. Please call if you need help!

Expectations for Engagement for Instructor:

As an instructor, I understand the importance of clear, timely communication with my students. In order to maintain sufficient communication, I will

- provided my contact information at the beginning of the syllabus;
- respond to all messages in a timely manner through telephone, email, or next classroom contact;
- and,

- notify students of any extended times that I will be unavailable and provide them with alternative contact information (for me or for my supervisor) in case of emergencies during the time I'm unavailable.

As an instructor, I understand that my students will work to the best of their abilities to fulfill the course requirements. In order to help them in this area, I will

- provide clear information about grading policies and assignment requirements in the course syllabus, and
- communicate any changes to assignments and/or to the course calendar to students as quickly as possible.

As an instructor, I understand that I need to provide regular, timely feedback to students about their performance in the course. To keep students informed about their progress, I will

- return classroom activities and homework within one week of the due date and
- provide grades for major assignments within 2 weeks of the due date or at least 3 days before the next major assignment is due, whichever comes first.

Textbook Information and Required Hardware Software

Textbook(s):

Quick Access Reference for Writers, 7th ed., Troyka and Hesse, Pearson, ISBN: 13:978-0-205-90361-0

Hardware:

Students need access to a computer with speakers connected to the Internet.

Software:

Students will need access to word processing software with full editing capabilities, such as some version of MS Word or Open Office by Apache (a free shareware program). Programs like Wordpad and Notepad will not work well for this course.

Websites: Students will use <https://blackboard.odessa.edu/> regularly.

Information About the Course

Course Description:

Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis on effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

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 Prerequisites:

ENGL 0370 passed with a "C" or better or a satisfactory placement score. (See page 145 of the Campus 2013-2014 Course Catalog.)

Course Topics:

Various expository academic essays with a focus on presentation, essay organization, appropriate language, and various grammar topics.

Grading

<i>Type of Assignment</i>	<i>Percentage/Points</i>	<i>Learning Objective</i>
Module One	10%	1,2,3,4,5
Module Two	15%	1,2,3,4,5
Module Three	15%	1,2,3,4,5
Module Four	20%	1,2,3,4,5
Participation/Daily Work	20%	1,2,3,4,5
Final Exam	20%	1,2,3,4,5
	100%	TOTAL

Grading Scale:

A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	0 - 59

Essay Grading Rubric

A = Excellent / outstanding / fluent / thought-provoking/original

Follows all instructions, addresses question(s) asked, carefully organized, contains an effective thesis, fluent style, clear and concise writing, few—if any—mechanical errors, shows thought and analysis, presents original insights independent of the teacher/text, in-depth and detailed, goes well beyond what was expected

B = Good / above average / clear well-organized

Follows all instructions, addresses question asked, contains a thesis, mechanical errors are not distracting to the reader, contains some detail, shows little thought or analysis independent of information supplied by teacher/text

C = Average / adequate / competent / fair /unoriginal

Follows most of the instructions, addresses most of the questions asked, weak thesis, lacks clarity, mechanical errors are obvious but do not interfere with reader's understanding of the work; little if no detail, thought or analysis; THIS IS AVERAGE WORK FOR ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

D = Below average / inadequate / ineffective / unclear / under-developed

Follows only the most basic assignment requirements, addresses questions on a very general level, shows insufficient understanding of the material, significant mechanical errors make communication of ideas ineffective, no thesis, lacks organization, gross spelling errors

F = Failure / blocked communication / plagiarism or cheating / major errors / illiteracy / directions not followed / badly underdeveloped

Instructions were not followed, question was not addressed, no thesis, no organization, mechanical errors make work unreadable and/or incapable of being understood, some or all of the content was plagiarized, fails to address the given topic, minimal detail, thought, or analysis

Grading Policy:

Please understand that this is a required course for the World Language and Culture program in order to prepare you to write college level essays. Quality work and active participation is expected and not to be negotiated. As a general policy, grades will be taken in class. Any written assignments or tests will be graded outside of class. You can expect feedback on assignments within a week's time.

Please remember that this course is not self-paced. Every assignment has an assigned due date.

Due Dates: Essay assignments, grammar quizzes, etc., have assigned due dates. Daily work (journals, etc.) assignments not submitted by the assigned times and dates will receive a grade of 0. Late essay assignments will be penalized 5 points per day and will not be accepted after five days.

Cheating/Academic Dishonesty: Cheating on tests, assignments, etc., will result in a 0 for the first instance; subsequent behavior may result in an F in the course.

Plagiarism: The first instance of plagiarism will be assigned a grade of zero (0). The second instance will result in an F in the course. If you do not understand the term or have any questions, first refer to the information which follows in this syllabus. If you still have questions, contact me immediately.

Student Course Participation

As a student, I understand that I am responsible for keeping up with the course. To help with this, I will

- attend the course regularly and line up alternative transportation in case my primary means of transportation is unavailable;
- recognize that the college provides free Wi-Fi, computer labs, and library resources during regular campus hours to help me with completing my assignments; and,
- understand that my instructor does not have to accept my technical issues as a legitimate reason for late or missing work if my personal computer equipment or internet service is unreliable.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate quickly with the instructor any issue or emergency that will impact my involvement with or performance in the class. This includes, but is not limited to,

- missing class when a major test is planned or a major assignment is due;
- having trouble submitting assignments;
- dealing with a traumatic personal event; and,
- having my work or childcare schedule changed so that my classroom attendance is affected.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to understand course material and requirements and to keep up with the course calendar. While my instructor is available for help and clarification, I will

- seek out help from my instructor and/or from tutors;
- ask questions if I don't understand; and,
- attend class regularly to keep up with assignments and announcements.

As a student, I understand that I will have the opportunity to provide feedback on my experience in this course through an end-of-course Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI).

Course Policies

Disclaimer

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change in any part at the discretion of the instructor. Any changes will be in accordance with Odessa College policies. Students will be notified of changes, if any, in timely manner.

Original Effort

The work submitted for this course must be original work prepared by the student enrolled in this course. Efforts will be recognized and graded in terms of individual participation and in terms of ability to collaborate with other students in this course.

Digital Protocol

Cell phones must be placed on either *vibrate* or *silent* mode and are to be accessed in emergency cases only. The use of laptops or any other digital device is permitted in order to facilitate note-taking relative to instruction. Any written assignments will be submitted electronically on Blackboard. **The electronic recording of the time on Blackboard will be considered the time of assignment submission. Take necessary steps to ensure that your assignments are submitted on “Blackboard” time.** Back-up and/or additional copies of all assignments submitted is encouraged. **Computers/printers are available to OC students in the LRC (301-303); therefore, not having access to a computer due to technical issues (crash; corrupted files) will not be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing assignments.** If there is a loss of server connection with Odessa College due to maintenance, then an email will be sent to student with pertinent information and status reports. Assignments submitted electronically need to be **WORD documents (doc or docx).**

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class regularly. Attendance will be recorded using a “sign-in” sheet. Excessive absences will be grounds for disciplinary action, and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If you are more than 15 minutes late to class or leave class early without notifying the instructor, this will count as an absence.

AVID

Dialectical Journaling
Cornell Notes
WICR

Grade Inquiry Policy

It is the responsibility of the student to keep track of assignment submissions and grades. At any point, you are welcome to meet with the instructor to discuss your academic progress. Contact the instructor to schedule an appointment.

General Course Requirements

1. Attend class and participate.
2. Contribute and cooperate with civility.
3. Submit assignments on time. (Daily assignments cannot be made up and must be completed on time. Essay assignments/Tests are due on the assigned due dates. Late essay assignments will be penalized ten points per day).

Incomplete Policy

An 'Incomplete' grade may be given only if:

1. The student has passed all completed work
2. If he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of an "I" will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.
3. An Incomplete form is submitted

Course Schedule

4. *(Tentative and Subject to Change)*

Date	Instructional Approach (* denotes a strategy adopted by AVID)	Topic	Assignment	Assignment Submission
Sept. 1	10-2-2 10-2 Dialectical Journaling WICR	Essay One	Various grammar/writing	Appropriate Blackboard module
Sept. 8	Same as above	Essay Two	Various grammar/writing	Appropriate Blackboard module
Sept. 17	Same as above	Essay Three	Various grammar/writing	Appropriate Blackboard module
Oct. 1	Same as above	Essay Four	Various grammar/writing	Appropriate Blackboard module
Oct. 15	Same as above	Final Exam	Various grammar/writing	Appropriate Blackboard module

General Education – Core Objectives (COs)

Description of Core Objectives (CO's)

Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Therefore, with the assistance of the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee, the Coordinating Board has approved guidelines for a core curriculum for all undergraduate students in Texas.

Through the application and assessment of objectives within the institution's core curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world; develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world; and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning. Appropriate Odessa College faculty periodically evaluates all of the courses listed in the descriptions on the following pages of this catalog and keys them to Odessa College's Institutional Core Objectives (COs), as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses*)

Odessa College's Core Objectives (COs):

1. *Critical Thinking Skills* - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. *Communication Skills* - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
3. *Empirical and Quantitative Skills* - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
4. *Teamwork* - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
5. *Personal Responsibility* - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
6. *Social Responsibility* - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Discipline Core Statement

Language and World Culture

ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, and ENGL 2311 meet the Communication Foundation component area because they focus on using writing to develop ideas and express them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. These three courses primarily focus on writing as a tool for communication, but include oral, aural and visual literacy skills as well.

● = Required Core Objectives

Foundational Component Area	SCH	CT	COM	EQS	TW	SR	PR
Communication	6	●	●		●		●

Courses in this category focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. Courses involve the command of oral, aural, written, and visual literacy skills that enable people to exchange messages appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Student Learning Outcome(s)	Core Objectives (CO's)
1,2,4	<i>Critical Thinking Skills</i> - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2,3,4,5	<i>Communication Skills</i> - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
	<i>Empirical and Quantitative Skills</i> - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
1	<i>Teamwork</i> - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
1,2	<i>Personal Responsibility</i> - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
	<i>Social Responsibility</i> - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of

	civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
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Program Level Outcomes

Program-Level Student Learning Outcome(s)	Course Learning Outcomes	Specific Assignment
Demonstrate knowledge of individual and collaborative writing processes.	1,2,3,4,5	All writing assignments
Develop ideas with appropriate support and attribution.	1,2,3,4,5	All writing assignments
Write in a style appropriate to audience and purpose.	1,2,3,4,5	All writing assignments
Read, reflect, and respond critically to a variety of texts.	1,2,3,4,5	All writing assignments
Use Edited American English in academic essays.	1,2,3,4,5	All writing assignments

Odessa College Policies

Tuition Discounts

The ***“First Course is Free”*** discount waives standard tuition and fees for the first 3 credit hours taken at Odessa College. The discount applies to high school graduates taking their first class at Odessa College as well as transfer students taking their first class at Odessa College.

The ***“Academic Progress Discount”*** provides a 10% tuition discount upon completion of 30 credit hours until reaching 45 credit hours. It provides a 20% discount upon completion of 45 credit hours until reaching 60 credit hours. Student must maintain a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible for the discount.

Academic Policies

Note that the OC Student Handbook states (page 32) that “[i]n cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to impose appropriate scholastic penalties. Complaints or appeals of disciplinary sanctions may be filed in accordance with the college due process procedure. Copies of the college due process procedure are available in the office of The Director of Student Life (CC104).”

For more information on your rights and responsibilities as a student at Odessa College, please refer to the following: *The 411 of OC: Student Handbook; Student Rights & Responsibilities*
<http://www.odessa.edu/dept/studenthandbook/handbook.pdf>

Scholastic Dishonesty

Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion.

"Cheating on a test" shall include:

- Copying from another student's test paper
- Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.
- Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
- The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.
- Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one's self, to take a test.
- Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.
- "Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work.
- "Collusion" shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. (Source: *Odessa College Student Handbook*)

Special Populations/Disability Services/Learning Assistance

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in

this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Odessa College affirms that it will provide access to programs, services and activities to qualified individuals with known disabilities as required by **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)**, unless doing so poses an undue hardship or fundamentally alters the nature of the program or activity. Disabilities may include hearing, mobility or visual impairments as well as hidden disabilities such as chronic medical conditions (arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disorders, lupus, seizure disorders, etc.), learning disabilities or psychiatric or emotional disabilities. A student who comes to Odessa College with diagnosed disabilities which may interfere with learning may receive accommodations when the student requests them and submits proper documentation of the diagnosis. A Request for Accommodations form and guidelines for beginning the request process are available in the OC Help Center or on the Odessa College web site at <http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm>. The college strives to provide a complete and appropriate range of services for students with disabilities such as assistance with testing, registration, information on adaptive and assistive equipment, tutoring, assistance with access and accommodations for the classroom where appropriate. For information regarding services, students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services in the OC Help Center located in the Saulsbury Campus Center or call 432-335-6433. (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 52*)

Dropping a Course or Withdrawing from College

Students wishing to drop a non-developmental course may do so online using WebAdvisor, at the Wrangler Express, or Registrar's Office. A student wishing to drop a developmental course or withdraw from college should obtain a drop or withdrawal form from the Wrangler Express or the Registrar's Office. Students are encouraged to consult with instructors prior to dropping a class. Students may not completely withdraw from the college by use of the Web. Students must drop a class or withdraw from college before the official withdrawal date stated in the class schedule. Students who are part of the Armed Forces Reserves may withdraw with a full refund if the withdrawal is due to their being ordered into active duty. A copy of the student's orders must be presented to the Registrar's Office at the time of the withdrawal. For details, please contact the Office of the Registrar. **No longer attending class does not automatically constitute withdrawal from that class, nor does a student's notification to an instructor that the student wishes to be dropped. Failure of a student to complete the drop/withdrawal process will result in a grade of "F."** (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 36*)

Student Support Services and Technical Support

Blackboard Support

I can't log into my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at

https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm. The SSC can provide you with your Blackboard login name. If you are not sure what your password is, they can reset your password.

I'm having a problem in my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

For any problem that you have in your online course, always contact your Instructor first. Refer to the Instructor's Contact Information area of the Syllabus for their preferred method of contact and the expected response time.

Additional Blackboard Help Resources:

Service	Assistance Provided	Available
Blackboard Help for Students	Website with a searchable list of topics on how to navigate and use Blackboard for online courses.	Online Click here.
Blackboard On Demand Learning Center for Students	This website provides an extensive list of short tutorial videos for student activities performed in Blackboard.	Online Click here.
Blackboard Collaborate: First Time Users	If you have never used Blackboard Collaborate before, this website provides a system requirements check, configuration instructions, and training and resources area.	Online Click here.
Blackboard Collaborate: Essentials for Participants	This website provides essential information for Participants of Collaborate sessions. Any Collaborate user, whether first-time or experienced, would benefit from reviewing the information here.	Online Click here.

Student E-mail Support

How do I set up, access, or update my Odessa College Student E-mail account? Go to this website and follow the directions on the page: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>.

I can't access my student email! I forgot my password!

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm. They can provide you with assistance in accessing your student email (created by OC) and can also assist with resetting your student email password. Make sure to have your student ID number available!

Your Blackboard login name is associated with your OC created student email account. All Correspondence for this course will be submitted using your Odessa College student email address.

Support for Students with Disabilities

How do I contact the Office of Special Populations?

Main Number	432-335-6861
Campus Location	Saulsbury Campus Center
Email	Becky Rivera-Weiss - brivera@odessa.edu
Website	To find out more about services provided by the Special Populations office, please visit: http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm

Learning Resources Center (LRC; Library)

How do I contact the Learning Resource Center?

Main Number	432-335-6640
FAQ Service	LibAnswers: http://libanswers.odessa.edu
Contact a Specific OC Librarian	Pat Quintero at 432/335-6350 or pquintero@odessa.edu Donna Clark at 432/335-6645 or dclark@odessa.edu Carolyn Petersen at 432/335-6641 or cpetersen@odessa.edu
LRC Services and Guidelines Website	https://www.odessa.edu/dept/library/services/index.htm

Equipment and Services Provided:

The Murry H. Fly Learning Resources Center (LRC) supports the college's curriculum resulting in a primary emphasis on each student's individual study and research needs. The faculty and staff work with the LRC's Technical Services and Public Services Departments in choosing materials to support all college programs. More than 59,000 books, 50,000 electronic books, 350 current periodicals, 6,700 media holdings, eight newspapers, and 60 databases are available to enhance the educational process.

Equipment/Services Available	Used For	Available
Books, videos, CDs	Research	On Campus and Online
Specialized databases not available online for free	Research	On Campus and Online
Magazines, newspapers, & scholarly journals	Research	On Campus and Online
Computers	Research & word processing	On Campus
Selected textbooks for short-term use	Course work	On Campus
Trained staff	Answer "where do I find...?"	On Campus and Online

Tutorials	Tips for research strategies	On Campus and Online
Photocopiers, VHS/DVD players, FAX service	For course work	On Campus
Quiet study areas	For course work	On Campus

Student Success Center (SSC) / AVID Center

How do I contact the Student Success Center?

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be served as soon as possible.

Main Number	432-335-6673
Campus Location	1st floor of the Library
Website with Additional Help and Information	http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/
Live Online Assistance / Chat	Click Here <i>(If no one is currently available, please put your email and question(s) in the appropriate areas of the form and hit 'send.' Your question(s) will be addressed as soon as an SSC staff member becomes available.)</i>

Equipment and Services Provided:

The purpose of the Odessa College Student Success Center is to provide assistance to students in meeting their academic and career goals. The SSC strives to continually provide new and updated resources that will empower all Odessa College students to succeed at OC and beyond.

Equipment/Services Available	Used For	Available
Tutoring by CRLA & Avid trained tutors	Understanding course work and motivation	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Student Information Seminars (SIS)	Demo email, Blackboard and SSC resources	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Study Skills	Tools needed to succeed	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Basic Technology	To navigate classes, email, etc.	On Campus and Online

Plato Web	Practice for TEAS test and basic math, science, etc.	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Project T.I.E.	Practice for GED/COMPASS	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Student Orientation/Tour	Show individual students where their classes will be. SIS presentation	On Campus
M.O.R.E. Mentoring Program	Networking, tips to navigate college life successfully	On Campus Click here for more information.
Smart thinking	Online tutoring service. Connect with an e-structor and interact with a live tutor.	Online Click here for more information.

Veterans Support

How do I contact the office for Veteran's Outreach?

Main Number	432-335-6833
Campus Location	Saulsbury Campus Center
Email	Gloria Rangel - grangel@odessa.edu
Website	To find out more about services provided by the Veteran's Outreach office, please visit: http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/veterans/index.htm