## ENGL 1020: English Composition II-Online

### Course Description:
This course is a continuation of ENGL 1010 and focuses on writing based on a variety of reading selections. An important component of ENGL 1020 is information literacy and writing from sources, by using MLA documentation. This is a three-credit hour course. Successful completion of ENGL 1010 is a prerequisite for this course. **Honors Option:** Students enrolled in this course as honor students must contact the instructor during the first week of classes. You will receive the guidelines for receiving honor credit for this course. **Important Online Course Note:** In this online course students must log in and participate in course assignments and discussions at least two days each week.

### Learning Outcomes:
The basic purpose of Composition II is to foster development of skills in reading, writing, and critical thinking skills taught in English 1010. Moving from expressive, personal writing forms to analytic, expository forms of public, academic writing, its main goals are to teach students to:

- Write essays that demonstrate mastery of the conventions of Standard English and basic organizational strategies.
- Demonstrate critical thinking and applied language skills through interpretive reading, analytical writing, and discussions.
- Acquire new vocabulary through analysis of assigned course readings.
- Read and edit their own writing both critically and analytically and make appropriate revisions.
- Read texts critically and analytically.
- Express an understanding of self and others through assigned reading, class discussion, and composition.
- Utilize research skills that include computer literacy and technology skills.
- Analyze poetry, drama, and/or fiction in written and oral form.

### Course Topics:
- Cause and Effect Analysis Essay
- Argumentation Essay
- Writing with Sources
- Researching and Documenting Essays
- Research and the Research Paper
- The novel

### Specific Course Requirements:
This section of ENGL 1020 is online. Students must come to campus once to take an exam, but the remainder of the coursework is completed online.
- Students are required to participate in course discussion topics and to log in to the class two days each week to check email and messages. Students who do not participate in class discussions or submit work for one week will be reported the following week to the Admissions Office as “stopped attending.”
- Students are expected to respond within three days to instructor email, and to complete quizzes, assignments, and exams by posted deadlines.
- It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor or the DSCC helpdesk of technical problems with this course.
- It is the instructor's responsibility to notify students of any changes in the course material, to grade assignments and post grades in a timely manner, and to be available to answer questions.
- There are no makeup dates for quizzes and exams unless previous arrangements have been made with the instructor. Late work is not accepted.
- All assignments must be submitted as Word documents through the Dropbox; assignments sent in email or other formats will not be graded.
- Students are required to submit assignments for the research project and to submit a final research paper following the format designated for the assignment.
Log-in dates, times, and pages visited are available to the instructor, so there is no question about dates of attendance. Last day of attendance will be the last day a student completes work for the class, not the last day of a log in.

**Required Textbooks:**

**Supplementary Materials:**
It is recommended that students taking online classes have a computer at home and a reliable Internet connection. It is possible to do your work through a computer lab at one of the DSCC locations, but students who have tried that option in the past find it difficult.

**Software Requirements:**
Students must have Microsoft Word. Students will also download for free the Respondus Lockdown Browser for taking quizzes and exams. Directions are posted in class content.

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**Office Hours and Email:**
Instructor Office Hours are posted in the class. Additional hours may be scheduled for student appointments and student conferences. I will respond to course e-mail from students within 24-36 hours Monday-Friday.

**Testing:**
All quizzes for this course will be given online. One exam is scheduled for on-site testing at a DSCC campus location. Students must make an appointment to schedule a time for the in-person exam. Students who need to make other testing arrangements should notify the instructor at the beginning of the semester. All exams and quizzes must be taken using the Respondus Lockdown Brower. There are no exam or assignment extensions unless arrangements have been previously arranged with the instructor.

**Grading:**
Grades for this course are based on a weighted system, which is a combination of quizzes, short writing assignments, discussion postings, essays, the research paper, and two exams. Your grades will be posted and available throughout the semester in the grade book in the online class.

- **Quizzes 15%**
- **Discussion Topics 10%**
- **Writing Assignments 10%**
- **Essays & Research 45%**
- **Exams 20%**

Academic Honesty: Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses, which may result in failure in the course. It is your responsibility to complete your own assignments for this class. Students must be prepared to defend any work that is suspected of plagiarism. Student papers will be submitted through Turnitin for a plagiarism report before they are graded. For more information refer to the "Academic Dishonesty" policy in the Dyersburg State Community College Catalog.

**Grading Scale:**
- 91-100=A
- 81-90=B
- 71-80=C
- 60-70=D
- Below 60=F
| **Deadlines:** | All writing assignments must be submitted by the date posted; late papers and assignments will not be accepted unless previous arrangements have been made with the instructor. Assignments will not be accepted as email attachments. Quizzes will be given online and have specific due dates. Discussions are open for a set period. |
| **Participation:** | Students must log into the course a minimum of two days each week and make discussion postings or reply to instructor questions. Students who have not logged into class for one week without contacting the instructor will be reported as “stopped attending.” |
| **Attendance:** | Regular class attendance is essential to student success in college. Absence from the classroom negatively affects student success and learning outcomes. Dyersburg State Community College has established an attendance policy, which is applicable to all students attending classes both in person and online. The DSCC Attendance Policy is posted in course content. |
| **Learning Resource Center (Library):** | This link takes you directly to the [DSCC Learning Resource Center](#). For information about books, interlibrary loans or other LRC information, call the LRC at 731-286-3361. These LRC links will be vital resources during the research portion of the course. |
| **Technical Assistance:** | For technical assistance with online classes, contact the [LRC Help Desk](#). The email address is helpdesk@dscc.edu. You may call the helpdesk at these numbers: Dyersburg Campus (731-288-7780), JNC (901-475-3177), Gibson County Center (731-222-5180). |
| **Students With Disabilities:** | Dyersburg State Community College is committed to providing a discrimination free environment for all students. Students with disabilities are encouraged to inform the College of any assistance they may need. Please notify your instructor or the ADA Coordinator at (731) 286-3242. |
| **Server Outages:** | The server on which DSCC’s online courses are hosted will be occasionally unavailable due to upgrades and or maintenance. Regularly scheduled outages will occur during the early morning hours of the second Sunday and third Tuesday of each month. There may also be unplanned downtime due to failures of one kind or another. Because the server is not located at DSCC, the college cannot directly correct these situations. You will need to contact your instructor(s) directly to make accommodations should an unplanned outage prevent you from taking a quiz or submitting an assignment. |
| **Syllabus Changes:** | From time to time during the semester it may be necessary to make changes to the material or due dates in the course syllabus because of weather problems or instructor assessment of student progress. Any necessary changes to the course syllabus will be sent to you by e-mail and posted within the online course material. |