

Hagerstown Community College Official Course Syllabus Document

(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:

ENG 102 – Composition and Literature (3 credit hours)

(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

INSTRUCTOR:

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course refines the writing process through the reading and interpretation of literature. Students learn manuscript presentation, inquiry, and research skills by writing a clearly documented research paper.

TEXTBOOK:

Kennedy, X. J. and Dana Gioia. *Backpack Literature: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry, Drama, and Writing*. 5th ed. Longman, 2010.

ISBN: 9780134586441; required.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the course the students should be able to:

- Formulate a thesis on a literary topic by evaluating research, effectively organizing ideas, incorporating accurate documentation using parenthetical documentation (MLA or APA) while including a complete and accurate Works Cited or References Page to avoid plagiarism while editing, revising, and proofreading their own work.
- Analyze and interpret a work of literature using textual evidence as support.
- Support claims (interpretations) with appropriate and pertinent evidence while employing suitable literary terms in discussions and/or writings along with recognizing historical, social, ethnic, and cultural diversity.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

This course may fulfill an English General Education requirement. These are the outcomes for that requirement:

- Write or deliver an organized, coherent, fully developed essay or speech that uses standard English and cites outside sources appropriately.
- Evaluate a piece of writing from either literature, current events, non-fiction essays, or a college textbook for logical flaws, rhetorical purpose, organization, and evidence for claims.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours

outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 112.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
In-class instruction, including activities, quizzes, and exams	37.5 hours	
Assigned readings and short reflection assignments		40 hours
Several shorter essays/projects amounting to roughly 8-10 pages of writing	Included in lecture time	20 hours for prewriting, writing, and revision
One documented essay amounting to roughly 4 or 5 pages of writing and research in the final draft, not to include worked cited pages roughly 3-5 pages of writing	Included in lecture time	15 hours for prewriting, writing, research, documentation, and revision
Total Hours	37.5 h	75 h

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

COURSE POLICIES:

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one’s own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one’s own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: “I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do.”

Inclement Weather Policy:

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

Services for Students with Disabilities:

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.