

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

**ENG 1302.720: Composition and Literature**

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**Course Description:**

English 1302 presents the principal genres of literature—fiction, poetry, and drama—in conjunction with research techniques. The course requires analytical expository papers on literature, research exercises, supplemental readings, and examinations. Students enrolling in English 1302 will be expected to have a good command of standard written English. All papers prepared outside of class must be typed.

**Textbooks:**

*Literature*, X. J. Kennedy (latest ed.)

**Course Requirements:**

All students are expected to

1. read assigned literary works from the three literary genres studied;
2. complete writing assignments equivalent to two-three analytical papers from different genres;
3. write a research paper or complete a research project using an approved library;
4. take exams over each of the genres studied;

take quizzes over the assigned reading material;

participate in study groups and class discussions;

and take a final exam.

The course reading and composition assignments will be divided into three parts: short fiction, poetry and drama. You will write three expository essays outside of class, of which I will take your best two grades. *Each class will begin with a short quiz over the assigned reading material; missed quizzes may not be made up.* I will use approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of your quiz grades, discarding the lowest, to create one quiz grade at the semester's end.

There will be a research component, the type and minimum requirements of which I will discuss after we have finished the short story segment of the class. You will have the remainder of the semester to complete the research essay.

The final examination will consist of an essay much like the essays that you will have already written; however, the final essay will be written in class (open book) during the time scheduled for the final exam.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** 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 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 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

### **Learning Resources Center (Library)**

The LRC provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, ebooks) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials and the "Ask a Librarian" service provide additional help. The LRC has one of the largest collections of photographic resource materials in West Texas, including periodicals, video and slide/audio tapes and photographic books.

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