Course Description
This is a course in critical thinking and writing across the curriculum, including the research process and the research paper. Prerequisite is successful completion of English 1301 or its equivalent.

Email and Office Hours
Besides being available during class to answer questions, office hours will be offered Monday-Friday before or after school by appointment. Drop-ins are welcome unless other responsibilities, such as cafeteria or bus duty, make me unavailable. I can also be contacted via email at elizabeth.bump@lubbockisd.org and through Remind.

Required Text
*The Language of Composition* 3rd edition is the main textbook that will be used in this course. A class set will be available, and students will have access to an electronic copy of the textbook as well. All other reading materials will be provided in class and/or available online.

Required Supplies
Wide ruled notebook paper, composition notebook, highlighters, pencils, blue or black pens, and a folder

Academic Integrity
Academic integrity is taking responsibility for one’s own class work, being accountable, and demonstrating ethical behavior and intellectual honesty. Being academically honest is a choice each student must make. Ethical behavior and intellectual honesty are integral in building trust and reaching the highest level of academic endeavor. Academic integrity is the foundation of education. Each student and instructor is responsible to build an academic and professional career on intellectual honesty. (Refer to the ASU policy below for more information.)

General Policies and Student Classroom Expectations

Plagiarism
Under no circumstances is plagiarism condoned or allowed. Students are expected to develop and create their own individual responses on each assignment. Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following. (See below for ASU policy.)
1. Turning in an assignment that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student or an online term paper generator or mail order provider
2. Cutting and pasting information from a resource without giving proper acknowledgment of the source
3. Using direct quotations or paraphrasing without giving proper acknowledgment of the source
4. Missing, forgetting, or intentionally mis-citing or not citing sources
5. Recycling old papers written by self or other students (All work must be original for this class.)
6. Any other intentional or unintentional copying or use of another’s ideas being passed as your own

Cheating
Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an exam by stealing or collaborating with other students to provide the exam outside of the instructor’s knowledge
2. Discovering or searching for test content before an exam is given
3. Using an unauthorized resource during a test
4. Copying another’s work during a test, quiz, or regular class assignment, or sharing your work with another student
5. Rewriting another’s work to either turn in as your own, or to aid another student by changing her original content
6. Taking pictures of tests, quizzes, or assignments in order to share with other students or use in any unauthorized manner

Classroom Behaviors
To ensure a positive learning environment, mutual respect between instructor and students is expected. Students are expected to be respectful and kind to one another, the instructor, an observer, and any substitute that may be present in the classroom.

Nondiscrimination Policy
It is the policy of this instructor not to discriminate on any basis including age, race, disability, gender, religion, or sexual preference.

Diversity Policy
It is the policy of this instructor to establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Being exposed to differing points of view creates understanding and respect for multiple perspectives and outlooks.
**Attendance Policy and Late Work**  
Regular class attendance is expected. Students are responsible for all class content and assignments regardless of circumstances. Known upcoming absences for extra-curricular activities or doctor appointments should be discussed with the instructor prior to the absence. All attendance and late work policies are per the high school student handbook. (See below regarding ASU policy about religious days.)

**Grading Percentages and Requirements**  
This course will include research, reading assignments, class discussions, presentations, multiple choice responses to texts, short answer responses to texts, essays, journal entries, and exams. Grades are calculated by an average of all graded assignments. No assignments will be dropped, and no extra credit will be given.

**Written Assignments**  
This is a writing intensive class. Be prepared for several lengthy written assignments along with smaller writing assignments.

**Student Learning Expectations and Outcomes**

1. Use the writing process as a form of learning, critical thinking, and communicating.
2. Communicate in writing effectively with audiences from a variety of disciplines.
3. Locate, evaluate, and integrate resources from the ASU library into your writing, including RAMCAT and other databases.
4. Conduct a methodical research process to complete an academic research essay.
5. Practice source attribution, synthesis, and citation style properly for academic research purposes.
6. Develop skills in expressing yourself in writing.
7. Learn how to find and use resources for answering questions or solving problems.
8. Learn to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.

**Angelo State University Policies**

**Student Disability Services**  
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at www.angelo.edu/ADA. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is Dr. Dallas Swafford, Director of Student Disability Services. Dr. Swafford may be reached via email at dallas.swafford@angelo.edu, by phone at 325-942-2047, or in person at Houston Harte University Center, 112.

Title IX
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form
Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.miller@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to
speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

**General Policies Related to This Course**

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:
Angelo State University Student Handbook
Angelo State University Catalog

**Incomplete Grades**

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

**Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU's Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one's own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.
Copyright Policy

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

Student Learning Outcome Alignment

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<td><strong>Critical Thinking</strong></td>
<td>Gather, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information relevant to a question or issue.</td>
<td>Find, inquire into, analyze, synthesize texts relevant to appropriate academic issues through a variety of media, including library resources.</td>
<td>Students will research and draft multiple papers, prepare and present collaborative projects that include oral presentations and visual arguments, and will evaluate their participation and the work of others in various class activities.</td>
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<td><strong>Communication</strong></td>
<td>Develop, interpret, and express ideas through effective written communication.</td>
<td>Take into consideration the context, purpose, and conventions relevant to the academic context; use relevant and appropriate content for academic audience, medium, and message.</td>
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<td><strong>Teamwork</strong></td>
<td>Consider different viewpoints as a member of a team.</td>
<td>Work individually and collectively toward a shared purpose or goal with the members of their team to create drafts and/or presentations and evaluate each team member’s work and contribution.</td>
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<td><strong>Personal Responsibility</strong></td>
<td>Demonstrate the ability to evaluate choices, actions, and consequences as related to ethical decision-making.</td>
<td>Identify their own core beliefs and the sources of those beliefs in order to connect their choices and actions to decision-making and to evaluate the possible consequences of their decisions.</td>
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I have read and understand the syllabus, class expectations, grading parameters, and class etiquette requirements.

Student Printed Name___________________________________________________

Student Signature ______________________________________________________