

Welcome to ENGL 1301 On-line

This course is for serious students who have work hours or other responsibilities that prevent them from attending an on-site class every week.

You will complete this online course with independent study, electronic submission of assignments, online quizzes/exams, discussion forum, and use of resources via links from the **Blackboard Homepage**. You can access the course when the class officially begins the first Monday of the new semester. **Your first week's assignments are due by 11:00 p.m. on Sunday evening at the end of the first week.**

How to Access this Course: On the first day of the semester, you go to [College CougarWeb](#) and use your CougarWeb username & password to login. If you don't have CougarWeb login information, you can e-mail cougarweb@collin.edu or call the CougarWeb technical support 972-882-5871 or 972-377-1777 (24/7).

If you don't know how to access the Blackboard course, click this link and watch the tutorial titled **"How to Access your Blackboard Course"**: <http://online.collin.edu/blackboard.html>

You may attend an orientation provided by the e-Collin Learning Center (eLC). You may attend a face-to-face, live online via wimba, or online (immediate access) orientation. Look over their website: <http://online.collin.edu/>

The **textbook** for this course are listed on the syllabus. **Each week's reading, writing, and grammar lessons are from the text.**

You may also choose to come to campus occasionally to visit one of the **Collin Writing Centers** or attend a Writing Workshop for individual help and bonus points. Of course, the **Online Writing Lab** is also available for individual help with any writing task. Contact information for the Writing Center is in the syllabus.

An important thing to remember is that **online courses are NOT self-paced**. Students must work through each week's assignments and submit work by the specified due dates (by 11:00 p.m. EVERY SUNDAY EVENING throughout the course).

Some TIPS FOR SUCCESS in this course are listed below:

- Visit the course in Blackboard regularly. Check your E-mail frequently.
- Carefully read the Syllabus and familiarize yourself with the assignments under the Course Content icon. Be sure that you are completing all the assignments.
- Let me know if you are having problems or if you have questions. I am available by E-mail both inside and outside Blackboard. Put Your Name and the word "Question" on the subject line.
- It is fine to print out the syllabus and the assignments, but you should still frequently visit Blackboard to check E-mail, Discussion postings and submit Writing Assignments.
- Submit your written assignments in Microsoft Word or WordPad. If you see the score of "1" for an assignment, it usually means that I cannot open your document.

English 1301 is designed to help you become better at expressing your ideas and also better at responding to the ideas of others. If you have not read the course syllabus, take time to do so now. It provides more detail about the types of assignments and where they are located in Blackboard. As you know, almost every job in business and industry requires employees to have strong writing skills. I think you will find that improving your writing skills can be one of the best things you do for yourself.

I know that you want to be successful! My job is to comment on your writing and thus help you achieve that success! I look forward to working with you!

--Professor McBride

P.S. If you have not already e-mailed me, please do so at smcbride@collin.edu to let me know that you are enrolled and will be active in the course.