



## **Syllabus**

Course Name: English BASE NCBO

Course Number: 0050 (with 0041)

Semester & Year: MASTER

Instructor Information:

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(When sending an email, please be sure to include your first and last name, as well as your class and section number in the heading.)

**Office Hours: Students may request meetings via TEAMS, email, or in Humanities Rm 205**

**TUE: 10:00 am-4:00pm (TEAMS)**

**THU: 10:00am-4:00pm (TEAMS)**

### **Materials needed:**

pen or pencil, highlighter, red grading pen, notebook paper, folder

0041 textbook and assignments, colored pencils, multiple colored highlighters

Course Description and Goal: Integration of critical reading and academic writing skills. This Intervention is designed specifically for students assessed at BASE levels 3-4 and must be part of a student's co-enrollment (co-requisite) enrollment (English 0050 and English 0041): as a mainstreamed intensifier providing contact hours for additional, just-in-time instructional support for the student's success in the developmental IRW course.

Student Placement into BASE NCBO: Students are required to take the BASE NCBO along with English 0041 based on the placement scores on the TSIA.

### **TSIA Score Ranges:**

College Ready Reading = 351+

Developmental Reading = 324-350

College Ready Writing = 340+, Essay 4 or below 340, ABE 4, Essay 5

Developmental Writing = 330-339, Essay 2-3

### **Student Learning Outcomes for the Course:**

1. Locate explicit textual information, draw complex inferences, and describe, analyze, and evaluate the information within and across multiple texts of varying lengths.
2. Comprehend and use vocabulary effectively in oral communication, reading, and writing.
3. Identify and analyze the audience, purpose, and message across a variety of texts.
4. Describe and apply insights gained from reading and writing a variety of texts.
5. Compose a variety of texts that demonstrate reading comprehension, clear focus, logical development of ideas, and use of appropriate language that advance the writer's purpose.
6. Determine and use effective approaches and rhetorical strategies for given reading and writing situations.

7. Generate ideas and gather information relevant to the topic and purpose, incorporating the ideas and words of other writers in student writing using established strategies.
8. Evaluate relevance and quality of ideas and information in recognizing, formulating, and developing a claim.
9. Develop and use effective reading and revision strategies to strengthen the writer's ability to compose college-level writing assignments.
10. Recognize and apply the conventions of standard English in reading and writing.

**Student Assessment/Feedback:**

Students in the BASE NCBO are not given a formal grade but are given a pass or fail based on attendance and completion of course material. The ultimate goal is to increase student skills and assist with successful completion of English 0041. The instructor will provide appropriate feedback on assignments to allow a student to understand and comprehend material presented.

Students will receive feedback in the following categories:

test reviews, writing, grammar, and research

*\*\*Students who fail to attend the BASE NCBO may be dropped from both 0050 and English 0041. English 0050 is not optional because student placement is based on TSIA scores.*

**Class Schedule:**

Your schedule for this course will mirror that of English 0041. In this class we will continue to work on competition and gain a deeper understanding of reading, writing, and grammar. Please bring all materials for English 0041 to class.

**Attendance Policy:**

Texarkana College's absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she may be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. It is the student's responsibility to check the syllabus for each instructor's tardy policy.

In some workforce/vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, certification requirements necessitate an absentee policy that is more stringent than the institutional policy. In these instances, the matter of certification takes precedence over local policies, since certification policies are established by the State of Texas.

Faculty members are not obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student may receive a grade of "F" in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of "F" or "W".

Withdrawal from a course(s) may affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

A student's absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student's allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College.

Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty\* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual instructor's syllabus.

*\*Students interested in Health Occupations should check with the division chair prior to entering the program.*

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ABSENCES**

After official registration, the following number of unexcused absences will be the maximum allowable before a student may be dropped from the class. Mandated program certification requirements detailed for certain programs regarding the maximum allowable unexcused absences takes precedence over the following information.

**Academic Classes**

A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR THE FULL 16 WEEK SEMESTER	
Class or Lab Meets:	An instructor may withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:
Once a week (Night classes or Friday classes)	2
Twice a week (MW or TR classes)	4
	Three tardies count as one absence

**TC Email:**

Students should check their TC Email account on a regular basis to check for general information sent from campus or instructors. Also, when emailing the instructor, the students should use the TC Email account.

**Student Support, Computer Access, Tutoring:**

**Library Hours**

M-Th 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.    F 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.                      Sunday 2-9 p.m.

**Student Support Services (Tutoring) in library second floor**

M-Th 8 a.m.-7 p.m.                      F 8 a.m. -4 p.m.                      Sunday 2-9 p.m.

**Testing Center (Library first floor)**

M-Th 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.    F 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.                      Sunday 2-6 p.m.  
(Hours may change, so check website.)

**Help Desk – TC Login-in Problems**

903 823 3030    8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**NCBO Classroom Policies:**

- Always be prepared for class! Students should be prepared to work, listen, and complete assignments. Students must bring all work from English 0041 with them to class each day. By having supplies each class, a student increases his or her ability to be successful in the course.
- Cell phones must be silenced in the classroom. Cell phones may NEVER be out during testing. If an emergency situation exists please see the instructor. The TC Campus Police telephone number is 903 823 3330.
- Students are only allowed to listen to music when working independently and with instructor approval.
- Students are allowed to use a laptop during class with permission from the instructor.
- Students are not allowed to bring children to class.
- There will be a zero tolerance policy for any behavior that is disruptive of classroom learning. This includes any vulgar language or rude behavior toward the instructor or other students in the class.

- Students should be respectful to the instructor and other students during class time.
- Only drinks with lids will be allowed in the classroom. Students may have a snack if eating it does not cause a classroom disruption.

If any of the above problems occur, a student may receive a warning or may be asked to leave the classroom. The student will also be report to the Dean of Students, Mr. Robert Jones. Students can be dropped from the course for inappropriate classroom behavior.

Students in this course are held accountable to all policies and procedures outlined in the Texarkana College Student Catalog/Handbook.

**NOTE: The above guidelines are subject to amendment by the professor at any point during the semester. Students will be notified if any changes occur.**

*TC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Director, 2500 N. Robison Rd., Texarkana, TX, 75599, (903) 823-3017, [human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu)*

**Disability Act Statement:**

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Tonja Blasé at 903.823.3349, or go by the office of Disability Services located in the Academic Commons (library) for personal assistance.

If a student qualifies for accommodations from the TC Director of Disability Services indicating that he or she has a disability that requires academic accommodations, the director will send an email to the instructor so accommodations can be made. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

**Needs Statement:** Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing enough food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in this course or ability to remain in school, is urged to contact Tonja Blasé, Director of Student Retention, at 903.823.3349, for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may possess.

Please sign acknowledging that you have read and understand the information above.

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Signature

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Date