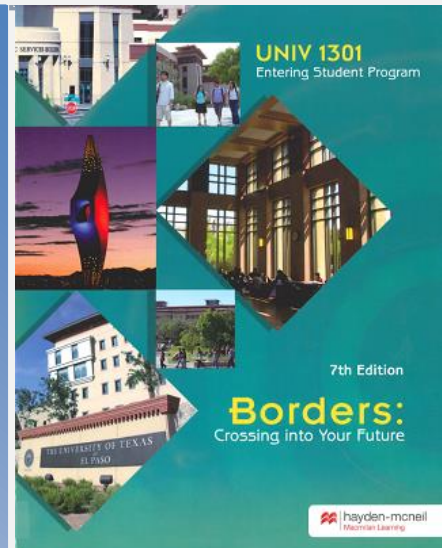


# UNIV 1301



## Required Text

*Borders: Crossing into Your Future*,  
7<sup>th</sup> edition

ISBN# 978-073809468-7 [Bookstore](#)

## Course Description

Students will learn how to critically analyze the representation of social issues in American popular culture. They will gain a deeper understanding of the use of rhetoric, audience awareness, and subject matter knowledge. Students will learn to strengthen their academic performance by exploring their future career paths and by developing research, critical thinking, writing techniques, and public speaking skills.

At the end of this semester, students will have achieved the following goals:

- ✓ Develop and apply elements of leadership through effective individual participation and meaningful team collaboration
- ✓ Examine the roles and responsibilities crucial for their success in college and beyond
- ✓ Identify, assess, and build on their strengths and experiences to develop academic and transitional strategies necessary for success in their academic, career, and life goals
- ✓ Engage in research and critical thinking activities that demonstrate their ability to effectively integrate their learning within, across, and beyond academic settings.
- ✓ Engage in campus and community activities to increase their sense of academic and social belonging

**Participation Clause:** This is a discussion/workshop class, not a lecture class. Therefore, you must attend each class period to participate in the discussions, group projects, and in-class activities. Keep in mind that each absence is harmful to your grade since you will not be participating to gain the skills to succeed as a successful college student.

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## Accessing Blackboard

<http://my.utep.edu>  
>> Blackboard >> My Courses

Or click [here](#) or [here](#)

## Problems?

Contact the Helpdesk at 747-5257

"Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn."  
-Benjamin Franklin

### Events on Campus

Work @ UTEP Job Fair  
W Sept 6 | 10:00a-12:00p | Union Plaza

Mining for Majors / Picking Careers  
M Sept 18 | 9:00a-12:00p | Union Plaza

CAREER EXPO 2017  
R Sept 21 | 9:00a-2:00p | Don Haskins Center  
F Sept 22 | 9:00a-2:00p | Don Haskins Center

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS FAIR  
W Oct 4 | 10:00a-2:00p | Union Building

ESP Research & Creative Projects Showcase  
S Dec 9 | 1:00-4:00p | Union Building-TRCC

## Contact Information

### Instructor Info:

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Classmate Information: \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Policies

**Late Work:** A reduction of 10 points will be applied to any work submitted after the time of collection and up to one calendar day late. Work submitted more than one calendar day after the due date will not receive credit. Quizzes/tests cannot be made up. **NOTE:** If you are going to miss class, you may submit your work ahead of time via e-mail. The time-stamp on the email must be before class starts or it will be subject to the late work policy. This applies to both university-sanctioned absences and personal absences. No exceptions.

**Attendance:** You are allowed three absences without penalty. Your final grade will be penalized by one letter grade for each additional absence. A student with more than three absences is subject to being dropped from UNIV 1301 at the instructor's discretion. Three (3) tardies and/or early departures will result in one absence.

**Cell Phones/Texting:** Cell phone usage (texting, apps, web browsing, etc) is unacceptable. You will be asked to leave. Please make sure your cell phones are on silent and put away.

**Civility:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on behalf of the student and the instructor. You are expected to treat your classmates, peer leader, instructor, and guests with respect; the same will be afforded to you.

## Course Assignments

**Daily Work (40%):** Homework, *Borders* assignments, academic advising assignments, quizzes, extra-curricular activity, etc. Daily work is assigned in class and will usually be due as noted in class and/or on the syllabus. Daily homework assignments will not be listed on Blackboard. Arrive to class on time and with your completed homework assignments. If you are late to class, so is your homework and it will be subject to the Late Work Policy.

**E-Mail Responses (10%):** You will check your UTEP e-mail address and write a response paper to one (1) email received that week. You must complete 10 out of the 11 listed on Blackboard.

**Participation (10%):** You are expected to engage in discussions, activities, workshops, assignments, and instructor/peer leader meetings. Your attendance and completion of the Entering Student Program End of Semester survey also factor into this grade. More information provided in class.

**Research Paper (15%):** You will select a social issue affecting the community and write a short research paper. More information provided in class.

**Pop Culture Analysis Project (15%):** You will look for common themes surrounding your social issue and identify them in various elements of popular culture. This assignment will have elements of leadership and a heavy research component to it. You will utilize credible sources to help support your argument. More information provided in class.

**Final Exam (10%):** You will complete a final exam due during Final Exam Week. More information provided in class during week fifteen.

**Grade Dispute:** Grade disputes will be discussed during posted office hours, not before/during/after class.

**Note that the grade listed on Blackboard is NOT your current grade in UNIV 1301. The grade listed on Blackboard is only a partial Daily Work grade, worth 40% of your final grade. To request a current grade, send me an email. I am happy to provide it.**

## Extra Credit

**Academic Success Skills Workshops:** The Entering Student Program (UNIV 1301) hosts a series of success skills workshops that include time management, active reading, note taking, avoiding plagiarism, exam preparation, and tackling tough final projects. You can attend up to seven different sessions for 10 points extra credit each to be added to your daily work average (70 points max). The ASSWs can be counted as an extra-curricular activity, but will not double-count as extra credit.

**Entering Student Program Research & Creative Projects Showcase:** The Entering Student Program (UNIV 1301) puts on a showcase of student work the Saturday after Dead Day from 1:00-4:00pm in the TRCC (Union East). Extra credit will be applied to your final exam.

## UNIV 1301 & RWS 1301 Learning Community

This course is in a learning community with RWS 1301. You must remain registered in both sections through Census Day. Several of the assignments in this class will be integrated with the work you do for RWS 1301. At the end of the semester, students will have achieved the following goals in this LC:

- ✓ Build friendships
- ✓ Gain academic support
- ✓ Connect ideas across linked classes

### Helpful Campus Numbers

Campus Police	747-5611
Office of Financial Aid	747-5204
Student Business Services	747-5116
UTEP Help Desk	747-5257
UTEP Main Line	747-5000

## Helpful General & Campus Resources

Academic Advising Center <http://academics.utep.edu/advisingcenter>  
Center for Accommodations & Support Services <http://sa.utep.edu/cass/>  
Financial Aid 747-5204 <http://financialaid.utep.edu>  
History Tutoring and Learning Center <http://academics.utep.edu/history>  
Math Resource Center (MaRCS) <http://math.utep.edu/marcs/>  
Military Student Success Center <http://military.utep.edu>  
Miner Learning Center <http://class.utep.edu>  
Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>  
Student Health Center <http://chs.utep.edu/health/>  
Translation Resource Center (for ESOL students) <http://academics.utep.edu/langling>  
University Career Center <http://sa.utep.edu/careers/>  
University Counseling Center <http://sa.utep.edu/counsel/>  
University Library <http://libraryweb.utep.edu/>  
University Writing Center <http://uwc.utep.edu/>

## UTEP Policies

**ADA:** The ADA requires that reasonable accommodations be provided for students with disabilities. Please contact CASS at 747-5148, Union East 106, or [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu).

**Academic Integrity:** Scholastic dishonesty is **never** tolerated by UTEP or the Entering Student Program. All suspected cases are reported to the Dean of Students for review. For more info, click [here](#).

**Copyright and Fair Use:** The university requires all members of its community to follow copyright and fair use requirements. Students are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The university will neither protect nor defend students nor assume any responsibility for student violations. Violations of copyright laws could subject students to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability as well as disciplinary action under university policies.

**Student Conduct:** [From the Handbook of Operating Procedures: [Student Conduct and Discipline](#)]. Each student is responsible for notice of and compliance with the provisions of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, which are available [here](#).

**Final Exam Policy:** [From the Handbook of Operating Procedures: [Final Examinations](#)]. It is University policy that students shall not have to take more than two final examinations in a single day. In the unlikely event that the examination schedule results in a student's having three final examinations on one day, the second of the three examinations shall be rescheduled by the faculty member upon the request of the student.

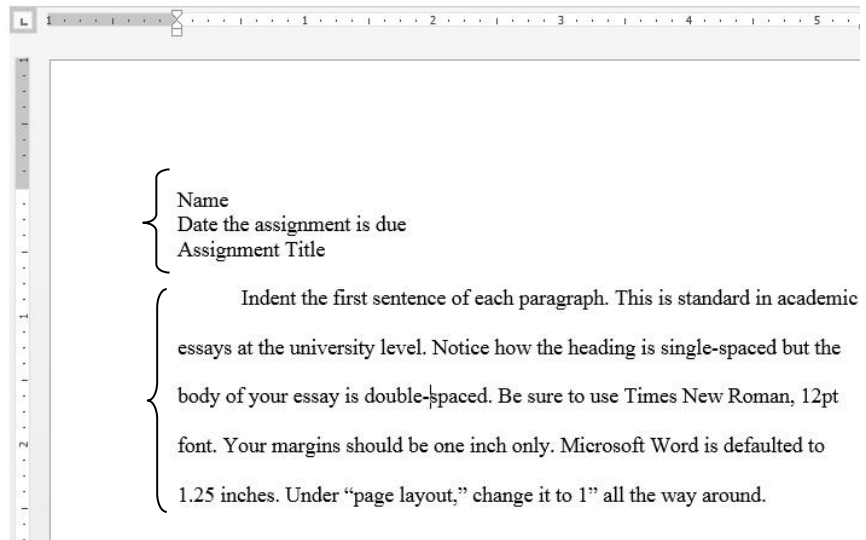
## Fall 2017 Important Dates

Labor Day (UTEP closed)	Sept 4
Census Day	Sept 13
Mid-Term Grades Available	Oct 30
Course Drop Deadline	Nov 3
Thanksgiving (UTEP closed)	Nov 23-24
Dead Day (no classes)	Dec 8
ESP Research Showcase	Dec 9
Final Exams	Dec 11-15
Final Grades Available	Dec 21

**Syllabus Change**

Except for changes that substantially affect the grading statement, this syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change with advance notice. Students will be kept abreast of any changes to the syllabus in class.

## Paper Format Guidelines



APA Style | Times New Roman | 12pt font | One-Inch Margins

One	T 08/29	Course Introduction / Miner Gold Card	Nine	T 10/24	Pop Culture Analysis Project Workshop
	R 08/31	Course Introduction continued		R 10/26	GPA / Academic Advising <b>Due: ERJ #7 due by Sat 10p</b>
Two	T 09/05	Overview of UNIV 1301 & College	Ten	T 10/31	Student Conduct <b>Due: GPA Calculation / Borders Ch 7</b>
	R 09/07	UTEP Edge <b>Due: Borders Ch 1 / ERJ #1 by Sat 10p</b>		R 11/02	Pop Culture Analysis Project Workshop <b>Due: ERJ #8 due by Sat 10p</b>
Three	T 09/12	Library Tour – Meeting Location TBA <b>Due: Borders Ch 6</b>	Eleven	T 11/07	Pop Culture Analysis Project Workshop <b>Due: Extra-Curricular Response Paper</b>
	R 09/14	UTEP Scavenger Hunt <b>Due: Borders Ch 2 / ERJ #2 by Sat 10p</b>		R 11/09	Pop Culture Analysis Project Workshop <b>Due: ERJ #9 by Sat 10p</b>
Four	T 09/19	Rhetorical Triangle: Logos <b>Due: Borders Ch 3</b>	Twelve	T 11/14	Pop Culture Analysis Project Presentations
	R 09/21	Rhetorical Triangle: Pathos <b>Due: Logos Homework / ERJ #3 by Sat 10p</b>		R 11/16	Pop Culture Analysis Project Presentations <b>Due: ERJ #10 by Sat 10p</b>
Five	T 09/26	Rhetorical Triangle: Ethos <b>Due: Pathos Homework</b>	Thirteen	T 11/21	Campus Carry <b>Due: Pop Culture Analysis Project</b>
	R 09/28	Rhetorical Triangle Quiz / Social Issues / Topic Proposal <b>Due: Ethos Homework / ERJ #4 by Sat 10p</b>		R 11/23	Thanksgiving Holiday – University Closed
Six	T 10/03	Argument / Topic Proposal	Fourteen	T 11/28	Final Exam Preparation
	R 10/05	Research Paper Instructions <b>Due: Topic Proposal / ERJ #5 by Sat 10p</b>		R 11/30	TBA: Counseling Center <b>Due: ERJ #11 due by Sat 10p</b>
Seven	T 10/10	Library Workshop – Location TBA <b>Due: Borders Ch 6</b>	Fifteen	T 12/05	The Choices Planner <b>Due: Borders Ch 9</b>
	R 10/12	Library Workshop – Location TBA <b>Due: ERJ # 6 by Sat 10pm</b>		R 12/07	The Choices Planner
Eight	T 10/17	Pop Culture Analysis Project Instructions	Finals Week	T 12/12	Submit <b>Final Exam</b> to Blackboard 7:30am: due Thursday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> by 10:00pm
	R 10/19	TBA <b>Due: Borders TBA / Research Paper due by Sun 10pm</b>		R 12/14	9:00am: due Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> by 10:00pm

Finals Week is December 11-15, 2017 | Final Grades available on December 21, 2017