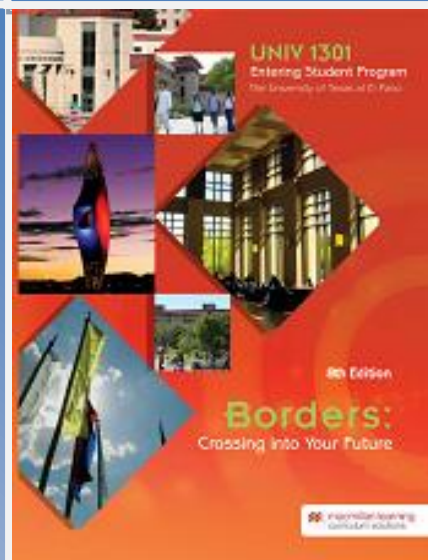


UNIV 1301



Required Text

Borders: Crossing into Your Future,
8th edition

ISBN# 978-1-5339-1182-7 [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 rhetoric, strengthen their academic performance, and explore their future career paths. Students will develop their Edge Advantage skills including critical thinking, communication, leadership, problem-solving, and teamwork.

By the end of this semester, students will achieve 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

UTEP Edge: You will become more aware of the UTEP Edge and your Edge Advantages through this course. You will become more familiar with and strengthen the many assets you bring to the university.

Participation Clause: This is a discussion/workshop class, not a lecture class. Therefore, you must attend each class period to participate in discussions, group projects, and in-class activities that will develop your Edge Advantages as a college student. Keep in mind that each absence is harmful to your grade.

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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

Events on Campus

Business & Liberal Arts Career Fair (Day 1)
R Feb 6 | 9:00a-2:00p | Union East, 3rd floor

Engineering & Science Career EXPO (Day 2)
F Feb 7 | 9:00a-2:00p | Union East, 3rd floor

Internship & Part-Time Job Fair 2019
W Mar 25 | 9:00a-1:00p | Union East, 3rd floor

ESP Research & Creative Projects Showcase
S May 9 | 1:00-4:00p | Blumberg
Auditorium, Library, 1st floor

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Class Policies

Late Work: If you are tardy to class, a 10-point reduction will be applied to your work. Outside of this exception, late work will not be accepted. Quizzes/tests cannot be made up. If you are going to miss class, submit your work ahead of time via e-mail to the instructor. The time-stamp must be before class starts. This policy applies to both university-sanctioned & personal absences. No exceptions.

Absences: You are allowed 3 unexcused absences without penalty. Upon the 4th absence ("excessive absence"), you may be dropped from the course. Being unprepared for class constitutes as an absence. Missing a scheduled conference with members of the instructional team constitutes as an absence. UTEP defines "neglect" as not paying attention or caring and defines "lack of effort" as not meeting course requirements. Excessive absence, neglect, and lack of effort are considered non-exempt drops that count towards the six course drop limit. Refer any questions to [Registration & Records](#).

University-Recognized Excused Absences: Absences for university-sanctioned activities (sports, band, professional conferences, etc.), religious holy days, or military leave will be excused only if the instructor is notified before the absence occurs. You are responsible for obtaining notes, handouts, assignments, etc. and for meeting the same deadlines as the rest of the class. Illnesses are not considered university-sanctioned. For more info, click [here](#).

Tardies: Four tardies and/or early departures equal one absence. Keep in mind this class begins promptly at 7:30am. Traffic, long lines at the Bridge, car trouble, etc. are not excusable tardies. Be sure to leave plenty of time for these uncontrollable circumstances. If you are unable to make it to class on time, speak to your academic advisor about switching to another UNIV section.

Cell Phones: Cell phone usage of any kind is not allowed. Violations of this policy may result in having to leave the classroom and/or a reduction of your participation grade.

Course Assignments

Daily Work (60%): Daily work includes in-class work, homework, *Borders* assignments, academic advising assignments, quizzes, extra-curricular activity, etc. They are assigned in class and due as noted. 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. All homework assignments need to be stapled (no folds, etc.). The university and its employees do not provide free staplers, so be sure to staple your homework on your own.

Participation/Attendance (5%): University policy indicates that attendance is mandatory for all freshman-level courses, including UNIV 1301. You are expected to attend all class periods and engage in discussions, activities, workshops, assignments, and instructor/peer leader meetings. Your participation grade will be determined by the number of absences you accumulate minus each class disruption (arriving late, leaving early, sleeping, phone usage, etc.), determined at the instructor's discretion.

E-Mail Response Journals (10%): You will check your UTEP e-mail address and write a response journal to one (1) email received that week. Not every week will have an ERJ, so be sure to review the course calendar. You must complete 10 ERJs total this semester.

Research Paper + Infographic (10%): You will work in groups to research a social issue affecting the community. This lengthy assignment will have elements of leadership and a heavy research component to it. You will utilize credible sources to help support your argument.

Popular Culture Analysis Presentation (10%): Your group will look for common themes surrounding your social issue in popular culture. You are expected to fully engage with the cultural artifacts, not just read analysis summaries online. Presentations are scheduled for the last week of the semester.

Final Exam (5%): You will complete a final exam due during Final Exam Week. Your final exam is due on the day of your scheduled final exam (see Calendar). All final exams must be uploaded to Blackboard. Emailed final exams will not be accepted. More information provided in class during week sixteen.

Note: The grade listed on Blackboard is NOT your current grade in UNIV 1301. To request a current grade, send me an email with your name and the CRN. I will provide your current grade within 1-2 days.

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

Required Conferences

You are required to attend a peer leader conference at the beginning of the semester (weeks 3-4) and an instructor conference in the middle of the semester (week 8). You are responsible for attending your scheduled conference. Failure to attend these conferences will result in one (1) absence. Consider arriving 5-10 minutes early. More information provided in class.

Extra Credit

Entering Student Research & Creative Projects Showcase

The Entering Student Program (UNIV 1301) hosts a showcase of student work the Saturday after Dead Day from 1:00-4:00pm in the Blumberg Auditorium (University Library, 1st floor). This is an excellent opportunity for you to develop your Edge Advantages through an Edge Experience. Extra credit will be applied to your final exam. More information provided in class.

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>
 Counseling and Psychological Services <https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/counsel/>
 Center for Accommodations & Support Services <http://sa.utep.edu/cass/>
 Financial Aid 747-5204 <http://financialaid.utep.edu>
 Financial and Social Support Services (FSSS) https://www.utep.edu/advising/students_we_serve/fhar.html
 Food Pantry <https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/foodpantry/>
 Foster, Homeless, Adopted Resources (FHAR) https://www.utep.edu/advising/students_we_serve/fhar.html
 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/>
 Student Success Helpdesk https://www.utep.edu/advising/student_resources/student-success-helpdesk.html
 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 Edge <https://www.utep.edu/edge/>
 UTEP Police Department <https://www.utep.edu/police/>

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.

Academic Integrity: Scholastic dishonesty is **never** tolerated by UTEP or the Entering Student Program. All suspected cases are reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR) 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.

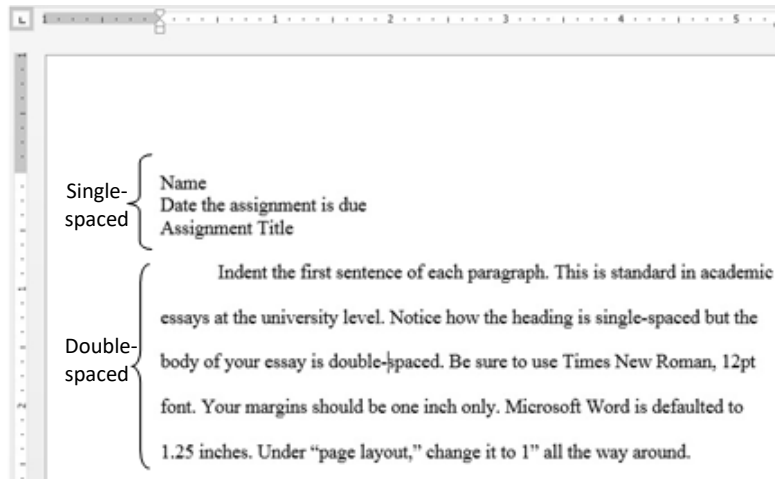
Spring 2020 Important Dates

Census Day	Feb 5
Mid-Term Grades Available	Mar 22
Spring Break (no classes)	Mar 16-20
Cesar Chavez Holiday (no classes)	Mar 27
Course Drop Deadline	Apr 3
Spring Study Day (no classes)	Apr 10
Dead Day (no classes)	May 8
ES Research Showcase	May 9
Final Exams	May 11-15
Final Grades Available	May 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. Any changes to the syllabus will be announced in class. It is your responsibility to stay updated.

Homework Formatting Guidelines



Times New Roman | 12pt font | One-inch margins | Double-spaced | Stapled & presentable

One	W 01/22	Course Introduction / Syllabus Overview Due: Syllabus Quiz by Sunday 11:59p	Ten	M 03/23 W 03/25	GPA / Academic Advising / Degree Evaluation GROUP CONFERENCES THIS WEEK GPA Quiz – bring calculator to class (no cell phones) / PL Due: Mid-Term GPA / Degree Eval / ERJ #6 by Sun 11:59p
Two	M 01/27 W 01/29	Rhetorical Triangle: Logos Rhetorical Triangle: Logos / Borders Ch 2 & 3 Quiz / PL Due: Borders Ch 2 & 3 (read assigned pages carefully)	Eleven	M 03/30 W 04/01	Academic Integrity – OSCCR Due: Borders Ch 7 Research Paper + Infographic Workshop Due: Res. Paper + Infog. by 11:59p / ERJ #7 by Sun 11:59p
Three	M 02/03 W 02/05	Rhetorical Triangle: Pathos Due: Logos Activity Rhetorical Triangle: Pathos / Pathos Activity Due: ERJ #1 by Sun 11:59p	Twelve	M 04/06 W 04/08	Study Abroad Career Planning / Choices360 Due: Borders Ch 9
Four	M 02/10 W 02/12	Rhetorical Triangle: Ethos Due: Borders Ch 1 (SELC) Rhetorical Triangle: Ethos Due: ERJ #2 by Sun 11:59p	Thirteen	M 04/13 W 04/15	The UTEP Edge / My Edge Due: Choices360 / Borders Ch 1 (UTEP EDGE) Penny Activity / Popular Culture Due: Choices360 & My Edge / Extra-Curricular Activity by Wed 7:30a (paper) or Sun 11:59p (BB) / ERJ #8 by Sun 11:59p
Five	M 02/17 W 02/19	Rhetorical Triangle Quiz / Social Issues Due: Study for the quiz Social Issues cont. / Res. Paper + Infog. / Topic Proposal Due: ERJ #3 by Sun 11:59p	Fourteen	M 04/20 W 04/22	Popular Culture cont. Due: Popular Culture Activity Popular Culture Presentation Instructions / Borders Ch 5 Quiz Due: Borders Ch 5 (read it) / ERJ #9 by Sun 11:59p
Six	M 02/24 W 02/26	Financial Literacy / PL Due: Borders Ch 10 Academic Advising Due: Borders Ch 2 (Advising) / Topic Proposal by 12:00p ERJ #4 by Sun 11:59p	Fifteen	M 04/27 W 04/29	Popular Culture Presentation Workshop / PL Popular Culture Presentation Workshop – meet in LIBR 336 Due: ERJ #10 by Sun 11:59p
Seven	M 03/02 W 03/04	Library Workshop – Meet in LIBR 204B Due: Borders Ch 6 Library Workshop – Meet in LIBR 204B Due: ERJ #5 by Sun 11:59p	Sixteen	M 05/04 W 05/06	Popular Culture Presentations Popular Culture Presentations / Final Exam Instructions Last day to submit ESP End of Semester Survey is Fri 05/08 Entering Student Res. & Creat. Proj. Showcase is Sat 05/09
Eight	M 03/09 W 03/11	Library Workshop – Meet in LIBR 336 INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE THIS WEEK Library Workshop – Meet in LIBR 336 Due: Research Paper + Infographic draft by Fri 11:59p	Seventeen	M 05/11 to F 05/15	FINALS WEEK
Nine	M 03/16 W 03/18	SPRING BREAK			Submit Final Exam to Blackboard: due Friday, May 15 th , by 9:45am