

**English IV Syllabi**  
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**Conference Period 1:07-1:57**

**Tutorials Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7:30-7:55**

**Course Description: Course Goals:**

**1. To provide all students with the skills necessary to read critically, write analytically, and communicate effectively in preparation for any career field.**

**Supplies**

- Writing Utensil (blue or black pen or pencil)
- Composition Notebook (No spirals.)
- Scrapbook
- Scrapbook supplies
- 3x3 Sticky Notes

**You will be required to have all of these supplies every period, no exceptions.**

**Expectations**

As a student in this class, I expect you to be motivated to learn. I will try to present the material in a way that is understandable and interesting. If it is not, please come talk to me, raise your hand in class, or email me. If you do not understand, there is probably someone else in the classroom who doesn't understand either.

**Classroom Procedures**

**Before Tardy Bell:**

- Please do not enter my classroom unless I am in the room. **No one should enter the classroom if I am not there.**
- Turn in your cell phone to the cell phone holder. No exceptions or excuses.
- The warm-up will be on the board when you arrive in class. As soon as the bell rings, you should start working. I do not need to ask you to get started. This will be completed in your notebook most of the time. Sometimes you will receive a notecard or a sticky note.

**During Class:**

- If a student is tardy to class, the student will be marked tardy. You must be past the silver plate that is at the door. Please do not disrupt class to argue your case. We will follow the guidelines from the student handbook.
- Restroom- Students are not allowed to leave during instruction. When you are working individually is when I might allow a student to go.
- Classroom participation is extremely important and it will be expected of each student.
- I expect students to be familiar with and follow the rules outlined in the Brazos High School Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.

**Class Dismissal:**

- I will release you to get your cell phone from the cell phone holder 3-5 minutes before the bell rings.
- I will release the students from class, not the bell. Do not get in my bubble. This means no gathering at the door.

**Consequences for not following daily procedures and school rules**

To ensure an environment conducive to success and learning for all students, there will be consequences for disruptive, disrespectful behavior. This process is outlined in the Brazos High School Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. I will do my best to communicate with parents before referring a student to the office for discipline; however, severe infractions will result in an automatic referral.

**Grades**

A minimum of two grades per week will be taken per grading period.

No one grade or assignment can count more than 20%.

Essays / projects will be graded based on a rubric that was given with the assignment.

Daily Work: 60%

Major Grades: 40% (at least 2 major grades will be given per grading period)

### **Homework**

Students are expected to meet their due dates on all assignments.

1 day late = 10%, 2 days late = 20%, 3 days late = 30%

These deadlines may be adjusted for special education and 504 students with the extended time accommodation.

### **Retakes**

You may retake a major test / project / essay / quiz if the grade is a 69 or below. Students will receive the test and an individual progress report simultaneously so the student understands how their grade is affected. All requirements to raise an exam score as given by the teacher must be completed by the student by the end of the grading period. The highest grade a student can earn on the retest is a 70. The student must make an appointment with the teacher to schedule their retest appointment.

### **Cheating**

**Cheating will not be tolerated at any time for any reason.** If a student is caught cheating, they will receive a phone call home and a zero on the assignment. If a student is caught more than once, all previous consequences apply as well as consequences from administration. If you have any questions about cheating, please refer to the Student Code of Conduct Handbook. **These policies will be strictly enforced. This includes the misuse of AI. That will be determined by the teacher.**

### **Attendance / Make – Up Work**

Make every effort to be in class. When you are not here, class will be going on as usual. It is **YOUR** responsibility to pick up your missed work. Work will be posted in Google Classroom on a daily basis. If you need a paper copy of the assignment, please see Mrs. Nolen. **Any missed test or project that was already assigned before the absence is to be made up or turned in the first day you return to school.**

**Illness:** If you are absent due to an illness, please have someone pick up your assignments for the day. According to the student handbook, you have two days to make up assignments after returning from an absence. This applies only to new work assigned during your absence. Any previously assigned work is due the day you return. Keep an eye on Google Classroom for your assignments. They will be posted for your daily.

**Planned and Extracurricular Absences:** When you know in advance you will be absent or participating in an extracurricular activity, you are expected to request your assignments prior to leaving. **Previously assigned homework is to be turned in before you leave.**

### **Telecommunication Devices:** Brazos High School Student Handbook Page 47 of 153

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. Consequences are as follows:

1st Offense- If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The student or parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15, or the student may wait three days and pick the device up without paying the \$15 fee.

2nd Offense- The device will be confiscated and will be kept for three days and the student or parent may pick up the device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15, or the student can wait eight days and pick up the device without paying the \$15 fee.

3rd Offense and subsequent- The device will be confiscated and will be kept for six weeks and the student or parent may pick up the device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15, or the student can wait an additional two weeks and pick up the device without paying the \$15 fee.

Note: During the time that a student's electronic device is in the school's possession due to not following the telecommunications guidelines, the student is prohibited from bringing another electronic device to school. If a student does bring another electronic device during the period that the other device is being held due to not following the guidelines by the school, it will be confiscated and kept according to the student handbook.