

Herbert H. Lehman College

LEH 354-G301 – Spring 2022

Thomas Paine's "Common Sense vs. Tyranny"

Writing Intensive

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Learning Objectives

1. To gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.
2. To evaluate evidence and arguments critically and be able to appraise their usefulness.
3. To produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.
4. To understand the historical principles underlying public policy or public concerns in which history plays a role.

Course Objectives

1. To compose well-constructed essays that develop a clearly defined claim on interpretation and is supported by close textual reading
2. To read original sources
3. To adhere to the formatting and documenting conventions of MLA style
4. To demonstrate knowledge of the historical context of Paine's text.
5. To employ methods of active reading, including annotating, summarizing, questioning, and synthesizing
6. To locate and critically evaluate print and electronic sources

Required Texts

Lehman's library has an electronic ebook copy of the required text.

Thomas Paine: Enlightenment, Revolution, and the Birth of Modern Nations by Craig Nelson. You can purchase a paperback edition for about \$4.00 with

shipping on amazon.com, or you can purchase or rent a copy from the Lehman College Bookstore. Two copies are on reserve in Lehman's library.

I will supply hard copies of the pamphlets plus the additional readings for this course. Copies are also available on Blackboard under the "Course Documents" tab.

Office Hour

1. Immediately after class on Mondays and Wednesdays.
2. A weekly ZOOM hour on Sundays at 7:00 pm
3. I invite you to schedule a private Zoom meeting with me.
4. Call me at home: 646-284-1446
5. Email to my personal address: ralphwilliamsb@gmail.com

Technology

- All Class documents are available on Blackboard.
- If you have any questions about your Lehman email address or your password, or if you have any problems accessing the site please call the computer **helpdesk** at 718-960-1111

Email Technology

- All official notifications for this course are by email and through Blackboard. Once I have posted any course information via email or Blackboard, students are responsible for the information.
- Your Lehman College email address is the **ONLY** email address I will use.
- Send emails addressed to the professor, professional in tone, grammatically correct, and containing a heading in the "Subject" line. No emoticons or Twitter abbreviations.
- The IT tech for this course is Stephen Castellano@ Lehman.cuny.edu

Papers

- Submit all papers in MLA style. If a paper is not in standard MLA style, I will lower the paper's grade.
- The rules for MLA style are under the "Course Materials" tab.
- Make sure you proofread and spellcheck your papers.
- All pages of the paper are to be numbered and stapled.
- Grammar counts
- Make sure you proofread your papers

Library Assistance



24/7 Chat - New!

Chat with a librarian 24/7.
Visit their live chat site

E-mail us

Use their email form to send a question. They generally respond to questions within 48 hours, when the library is open.



Call us

Call them during library hours at 718-960-8580.

Grading

Contemporary Paper	10%
Declaration of Independence Paper	10%
Vocabulary and Expressions (V&Es)	40%
No Midterm; No Final exam	

Grammar and Style count and are included in your overall grade.

All papers must be in MLA style

Grading Scale

Grade	%	GPA
A+	(100+)	4.3
A	(95-100)	4.0
A-	(90-94)	3.7
B+	(87-89)	3.3
B	(83-86)	3.0
B-	(80-82)	2.7
C+	(77-79)	2.3
C	(73-76)	2.0
C-	(70-72)	1.7
D+	(67-69)	1.3

D	(65-66)	1.0
F	(0-64)	0.0
Inc.	Incomplete	
WU	Withdraw with Penalty	0.0
W	Withdraw, no penalty	
NC	No Credit	Must retake

Note: The syllabus is subject to change at any time.

Accommodating Disabilities

Lehman College is committed to providing access to all programs and curricula to all students. Students with disabilities who may need any type of an accommodation are encouraged to register with the Office of Student Disability Services. For more information, please contact the **Office of Student Disability Services, Shuster Hall, Room 238**, phone number, **718-960-8441**.

Child Care

There is a childcare center on campus available for students. Lehman has Toddler, Pre-School, and After School Programs. If interested go to <http://www.lehman.edu/child-care-center/programs.php>

Veterans

The **Office of Veterans and Military Affairs** is located in Shuster Hall in room SHU 201 A. If you are a veteran, please register with this office. They have scholarships, programs, and benefits just for vets! <http://www.lehman.edu/veterans-affairs/>

Attendance

Turn in assignments on time. If there is a problem with submitting an assignment, the time to ask for an extension is before the due date not after the due date.

Counseling Center

Students in colleges all over the country are demanding that more health services be available at their colleges. Fully licensed and/or degreed professional counselor staff Lehman's Counseling Center. The center is located on the first floor of the Old Gym (OG) building. Feel free to call or drop in. 718-960-8761. Your visit is 100% confidential.

Tutoring: Instructional Support Services

The center is located on the second floor of the Old Gym building in Room 205. Their services are also available online. Tssp.program@lehman.cuny.edu

Office of the VP for student Affairs

This office makes short-term loans and grants to students experiencing rent or other financial difficulties. Conrad.walker@lehman.cuny.edu
718-960-8242

Campus Life/Food Pantry

This office assists students experiencing food insecurity and operates a food pantry. Please contact them at 715-960-8535. They are located on the lower level of the Student Life Building.. food.bank@lehman.cuny.edu

Academic Honesty Statement:

"Academic dishonesty is a serious violation of the accepted values of the College. **Cheating** is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material information, notes, study aids, devices, or communication during an academic exercise. **Plagiarism** is the act of presenting another person's ideas, research, or writings as your own." (Lehman College Undergraduate Bulletin 2009-2011, page 46.)

The first instance of academic dishonesty will result in an "F" for the assignment, the exam, or the course depending on the situation. Subsequent episodes will result in further disciplinary action.