

## English 1301: Argument Essay

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS
<b>Introduction</b>	Introduction engages readers and establishes context skillfully.	
<b>Thesis</b>	Thesis is clear, specific, and argumentative.	
<b>Argument</b>	Presents a nuanced position with sophisticated reasoning. Claims build a compelling case.	
<b>Evidence &amp; Support</b>	Evidence from all 4+ sources is relevant, credible, and strategically selected.	
<b>Counter-argument</b>	Skillfully addresses opposing viewpoints with fairness and depth. Refutation is logical, respectful, and strengthens the overall argument.	
<b>Integration &amp; Discussion of Evidence</b>	Sources are seamlessly integrated with sophisticated analysis connecting evidence to claims.	
<b>Organization &amp; Structure</b>	Logical flow with effective transitions between all paragraphs.	
<b>Paragraph Development</b>	Each paragraph has clear topic and concluding sentences that advance the argument. Paragraphs are cohesive, focused, and fully developed.	
<b>Conclusion</b>	Conclusion synthesizes arguments effectively and provides thoughtful implications.	
<b>Language &amp; Style</b>	Academic tone maintained throughout. Precise word choice and varied sentence structure. Language effectively persuades while maintaining objectivity.	
<b>Grammar &amp; Mechanics</b>	Virtually error-free. Demonstrates mastery of standard written English.	
<b>APA Format &amp; Citations</b>	Perfect APA formatting throughout. In-text citations and References page follow all APA 7th edition guidelines.	