

English 102 Course Description  
“Theoretical and Applied”: Inquiry into Science  
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It has been only recently that students have deemed themselves either “Science people” or “English people.” This course will question the separation of these branches of study and will examine a variety of research techniques used in scientific disciplines to make statements about the world. Since English 102 emphasizes critical thinking and writing skills, this course uses the *concept* of “science” as one of its *tools*: we will use (and challenge) the Scientific Method as an English essay writing technique, for instance, and discuss whether “rhetorical/expository formulas” can be invoked as if they are scientific equations. By looking at science in a variety of texts, fiction and nonfiction, medical and ecological/environment, students will familiarize themselves with the construction, cultural perceptions, and deployment of science in historical and contemporary culture. Three medium-length papers, student presentations, and an in-class essay exam.