

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ELD 097	Professional and Academic English
CLASS SECTION:	ELD 097-DXS10
TERM:	Winter 2024 (Jan 8 – Apr 19)
COURSE CREDITS:	Six (6) credits
DELIVERY METHOD(S):	Online, self-paced

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Speakers of English as an additional language learn and apply the critical thinking, reading, and writing skills needed to be successful in technical, professional, and academic settings. Students develop skills to prepare, compose, and evaluate a variety of communication forms including an essay, summaries, and a research-based report and presentation. Students learn to interpret and integrate information through a variety of texts and develop informational literacy.

PREREQUISITE(S): C in [ELD 072](#)

CO-REQUISITE(S): C in [ELD 074](#)

EXCLUSION(S):

At the successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

1. Write paragraphs, essays, summaries, and reports that demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of professional and academic English rhetoric and how it is used by:
 - Writing using a process approach that includes prewriting and planning techniques, revising, and editing for language accuracy
 - Preparing and presenting a variety of appropriate technical, professional, and academic communications and documentation
 - Writing short business reports based on case studies that employ basic practical technical and professional communication principles
 - Writing a research report focusing on authentic, local issues while using a variety of research methods to collect data
 - Citing and documenting sources using a standard citation style
 - Analyzing the informational needs and backgrounds of various audiences and constructing written assignments appropriate to the intended audience and purpose
 - Using stylistically appropriate advanced level grammatical structures (reduced clauses, passive forms, conditional forms, noun phrases, etc.) with a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentence structures
 - Using a variety of vocabulary and phrasing consistently appropriate to the formality level, subject area, topic, and task
 - Identifying writing errors using a peer/self-editing process
 - Evaluating written work for coherence, organization and accurate language choice and usage
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2. Comprehend and critically analyze reading texts at advanced English levels by:
 - Analyzing texts independently to discern implied and explicitly stated major points
 - Identifying and analyzing supporting details (reasons, examples, facts, or other evidence) to explain a main idea
 - Taking effective study notes from readings that show recognition of main and supporting ideas and of important specific information.
 - Interpreting relationships and making inferences by analyzing discourse patterns of organization in a variety of texts, including graphs and tables
 - Identifying author's purpose and tone
 - Evaluating arguments for relevance, strength of reasoning, and support
 - Separating fact from opinion by distinguishing between evidence and beliefs, judgements, or conclusions
 - Selecting relevant and reliable materials and information for research from a variety of sources
 - Using context, title, headings, and format to predict and determine information about a text
 - Demonstrating an ability to adjust reading rate and reading strategies depending on the reading task or purpose

- Summarising longer texts and paraphrasing parts of texts
3. Understand and function within Canadian business culture and academic settings by:
- Explaining the value and limitations of collaborative work
 - Applying appropriate conventions to professional and academic communicative situations
 - Responding critically and in-depth to classmates during spoken and written discussions by drawing upon personal and professional experiences
 - Giving a clear and well-organized research-based presentation and responding appropriately to feedback
 - Collaborating and consulting effectively with others in completing communications tasks

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

- *Ten Steps to Mastering College Reading Skills*, by John Langan—with ONLINE access
- Regular access to computer with video/audio capabilities
- Office 365 Pro Plus installed on computer, which includes 1 TB storage on One Drive;
*FREE version for students available at: <http://camosun.ca/services/its/other-services.html>

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following SUGGESTED schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor. Meet with the instructor to customize your learning plan.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	TEXTBOOK
Week 1, Jan 8-12	Course introduction / Writing Unit 1 Introductions Assignment 1 – part 1	Introduction
Week 2, Jan 15-19	Writing Unit 1, Lesson 1 + Discussions	Chapter 1
Week 3, Jan 22-26	Writing Unit 1, Lesson 2 / Assignment 1 – part 2	Chapter 2
Week 4, Jan 29-Feb 2	Writing Unit 1, Assignment 2 Writing Unit 2, Lessons 1, 2 & 3A	Chapter 3
Week 5, Feb 5-9	Writing Unit 2, Lessons 3B & 4 / Assignment 3 Reading Assignment 1 with Summary	Chapter 4
Week 6, Feb 12-16	Writing Unit 2, Assignment 4	Chapter 5
Week 7, Feb 19-23	READING BREAK (catch up and/or work ahead)	
Week 8, Feb 26-Mar 1	Writing Unit 3, Introduction / Lessons 1 & 2 Informal Email Report Practice	MIDTERM (in D2L)
Week 9, Mar 4-8	Writing Unit 3, Lessons 3 & 4 / Assignment 5	Chapter 6
Week 10, Mar 11-15	Writing Unit 3 Lesson 5 / Assignment 6 Reading Assignment 2 with Summary	Chapter 7
Week 11, Mar 18-22	Writing Unit 3 Lesson 6 / Assignment 7	Chapter 8
Week 12, Mar 25-29	Writing Unit 4, Introduction, Lessons 1 & 2 plus Discussion Extra practice: Citations	Chapter 9

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	TEXTBOOK
Week 13, Apr 1-5	Writing Unit 4, Assignment 7 / Final Report (Draft)	Chapter 10
Week 14, April 8-12	Writing Unit 4, Assignment 8 / Final Report	FINAL (in D2L)
Week 15, April 15-19	Final grades, consultation with instructor, next steps	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Time Commitment:

On average, it will take **20-30 hours per week** to complete all course work, including independent learning, studying, testing, assignments, and meetings with the instructor and other support staff.

Assignments:

Please do the course work independently then send it to your instructor by uploading it into the Assignments folder in D2L (Camosun's online learning management system). Reading tests will be done online through the publisher's website (instructions to be provided). It is your responsibility to complete all assignments at your own pace, in consultation with your instructor. If for some valid reason you have difficulty meeting the suggested deadlines, you must discuss an alternate schedule with your instructor.

Please note that if you do not complete the course and wish to carry your assignment marks forward to a new term, you must enroll in the next consecutive term. Instructors will support transfer of your work.

Computer experience required for this course:

In this course, we make extensive use of Camosun's learning management system (D2L). The following is a list of skills that you should be comfortable with to be successful in this course:

- Using online video conferencing software (Zoom) to meet with your instructor
- Emails (communicating with your instructor about your progress)
- D2L (accessing assignments, uploading files, receiving and responding to feedback)
- Internet/www (navigating the internet and understanding how it works)
- Word-processing (typing, cutting, copying and pasting)
- Working with files (opening, saving and "saving as")

Generative AI

This course will help you further develop your critical thinking and English language skills. In your marked assignments, you will demonstrate your developing fluency in English with your own work. You are not permitted to use generative artificial intelligence (Gen-AI) tools such as ChatGPT. Using Gen-AI will limit your ability to meet the course outcomes. If you have questions about the definition or use of Gen-AI, please ask your instructor.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

You must complete all your assignments in your own words. Work that you have copied from another source, including translation software or another person, is plagiarism. This is the theft of another person's ideas, writing, or work. Any quotations or references that come from another source must be cited.

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

Completion Requirements: Students must achieve an adequate level of competence (60%) in both writing and reading separately to complete this course successfully.

Important Note:

- You must achieve an overall passing grade (60%) on **all** writing assignments to pass the writing section of the course. You must achieve an overall passing grade (60%) on **all** reading assignments to pass the reading section of the course.

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Writing Unit 1 Assignments	7.5%
Writing Unit 2 Assignments	12.5%
Writing Unit 3 Assignments	20%
Writing Unit 4 Assignments	20%
Reading, Chapter Tests	20%
Reading Assignments	20%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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EAP courses use the Standard Grading System (GPA). ELD 097 uses the following grading system.

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started: <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.