

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ENGL 024 – Fundamental English 4
CLASS SECTION: S09- VNFC
TERM: 2025W
COURSE CREDITS:
DELIVERY METHOD(S): In-person

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays, 12:30 – 2 p.m. or by appointment

Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success. 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.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

English 024 focuses on promoting literacy skills in reading by refining reading strategies, differentiating literal and inferential meanings, applying critical thinking skills to analyze literature, and identifying facts and opinions. Writing literacy is developed through writing narrative and descriptive paragraphs and by actively building vocabulary.

PREREQUISITE(S): C in English 023, or assessment.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

A. Skills and Strategies for Learning

Identify short and long term personal literacy goals

Work with help and independently

Move on to other tasks while waiting for help

Attend to and participate in group discussions and activities

Continue to develop some awareness of personal learning strengths

Use mnemonic strategies

Use time management skills to meet assigned deadlines and complete homework

B. Computer Skills (*Recommended*)

Learn word processing skills to complete some writing assignments

C. Reading

-Vocabulary Development

Actively build new vocabulary

Expand word attack skills

Recognize and use antonyms, synonyms and homonyms

-Comprehension Development

Pre-read and reflect on short written passages

Expand the use of context clues

Identify subject, main idea, details and sequence of a short passage

Answer comprehension questions based on text

Summarize longer passages

Differentiate between literal and inferential meanings

-Literature

Analyze characters in text

E. **Writing**

-Expression

Use compound words, contractions, possessives and plurals

Use capitals for proper nouns

Use commas in a series and in compound sentences

Apply dictionary and thesaurus skills

-Grammar

Identify subjects and verbs in simple sentences

Employ consistent verb tense

Use most irregular verbs correctly

Use modifiers effectively

-Communication

Complete a variety of forms and documents

-Writing Process and Paragraphs

Generate and organize ideas

Write simple and compound sentences

Write paragraphs: topic sentence, supporting details, concluding sentence

Write short narrative and descriptive paragraphs with complete sentences

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

1. Gage Canadian Dictionary
2. Roget's Thesaurus
3. Active Reader 4 by Linda Kita-Bradley
4. Vocabulary Boosters 2 by Susan Rogers
5. Instructor and student-selected reading materials

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

This class meets in-person on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. in the Camosun classroom at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. 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 noticed 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>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

Students will be assigned a variety of work to help them achieve the learning outcomes for the course. Grades will be assigned in five key areas:

Portfolio Activity		Description
Reading Vocabulary	In exercises and/or in writing	Read and use antonyms, synonyms and homonyms and complete vocabulary building and exercises, including dictionary and thesaurus work.
Literature	In discussion and/or in writing	Analyse characters
Stories and Passages	6 responses	Give written and oral responses to readings of stories and passages, including identifying main idea, details and sequence, answering comprehension questions, summarizing text.
Forms and documents	Complete 2	Correctly fill in forms and documents
Narrative (2), Opinion, Descriptive (2) Paragraphs	Write 5	Use the writing process to generate and organize ideas and to write beginning paragraphs that include topic, concluding and support sentences.
Punctuation and Capitalization	In exercises and/or writing	Use commas in a list and in compound sentences and apply capitalization rules.
Grammar	In exercises and/or writing	In writing activities and exercises use consistent verb tense and identify subjects and verbs.

1. Grading System

Competency based grading system

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

This is a self-paced course. Students have the flexibility to follow an individually-adaptable timeline to achieve the learning outcomes. This course consists of 6 hours of class time and 4 hours of lab time per week. Lab time includes but is not limited to tutorials with an instructor and/or instructional assistants and using the instructional resources in the Help Centre and library, virtually and in person. Students have a responsibility to work hard, attend class and/or meetings, and ask for support when needed.

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Community Learning Partnerships (CLP), a department of the School of Access, brings education to community-based sites to make it easier for students to begin or return to learning in a less intimidating place than on the college campus. Students can build or refresh their skills to meet admission requirements and be successful in other college programs. Students learn in a comfortable environment with other adults who share similar backgrounds and get help from friendly and compassionate Camosun instructors and staff.

Community Learning Partnerships department:

<http://camosun.ca/learn/school/access/community-partnerships/index.html>.

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 Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey.

The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities:

<https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>

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

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 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.

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.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here:

<https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

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.