

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: Fundamental English 6

CLASS SECTION: English 033 S05

TERM: 2025 Winter

COURSE CREDITS: N/A

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Seminar, Lab (on campus)

"All that we are is story... It is what we arrive with. It is all we leave behind" Richard Wagamese

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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Section S05: this class meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 12:30pm-3:20pm in CBA room 102 on Tuesdays and CBA143 on Thursdays (at Interurban Campus).

HOURS: By appointment Drop by for an appointment whenever it would be helpful to have a more extended conversation with me. (Appointments are available Tues & Thurs 11:30am-12:30pm or after class at 3:30pm
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

Students will use the basic rules of writing sentences and paragraphs. Students will develop reading comprehension and vocabulary and foster interest in reading. Students will accomplish life-long learning strategies and gain an understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing and world views. Students will practice learning skills for oral communication, critical thinking, social responsibilities, personal and cultural identity, and time and work management.

PREREQUISITE(S): ENGL 025 or assessment

CO-REQUISITE(S): N/A

EXCLUSION(S): N/A

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

Reading

| Learning Outcome <i>Students will be able to ...</i> | Skills <i>By achieving this broader outcome, students will demonstrate that they can also ...</i> |
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| 1. read and discuss: non-fiction, 7+ paragraph texts (e.g. articles, chapters, webpages, transcripts) including abstract, conceptual or specialized vocabulary | ➤ separate relevant from non-relevant details ➤ identify purpose, logic, validity ➤ identify point of view, plot, main events, indirect characterization |
| 2. read and discuss: 7+ paragraph short stories; poems; songs (e.g. those including figurative language and implicit meaning) | ➤ use form and structure to inform understanding (e.g. rhymes, stanzas, haikus, limericks) ➤ identify themes in poems, songs, fictional stories |

Writing

| Learning Outcome <i>Students will be able to ...</i> | Skills <i>By achieving this broader outcome, students will demonstrate that they can also ...</i> |
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| 1. write 8-10 sentence paragraphs using abstract and academic forms (i.e. persuasive argument, formal summary, cause and effect, compare or contrast, advantages or disadvantages) | ➤ differentiate between subject and object pronouns |
| 2. compose self-reflective writings that describe learning experiences | ➤ respond to self-identified learning experiences, concerns, and/or successes by using critical and future-oriented thinking ➤ write concise, purposeful explanations ➤ choose appropriate written register (i.e. colloquial or formal writing) |

This course meets the required learning outcomes for Fundamental English as outlined in the BC ABE Articulation Handbook.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

- Curriculum resources will be provided by YOUR INSTRUCTOR. If you would prefer to purchase a text, ask your instructor for a recommendation.
- Pens, paper, and access to a computer with Internet, access to email, and ability to save assignments are required. (Students may use an on-campus computer in the help center in CBA 109.)

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

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Our class begins with a group activity and exercise. After the first assignment together, because this is a self-paced course section, learners will follow an individually-adaptable timeline for assignment completion. Learners are expected to attend class and work approximately 10-12 hours/week on assignments (including class time) if they hope to complete the course in one semester. Additional meetings with the writing consultant are expected occasionally throughout the semester, as these meetings are considered lab times for the course.

During class times, assignments will be given, progress will be recorded, questions will be answered, any confusion will be cleared up, and plans regarding your work over the next few days will be discussed. These class meetings are very important for your success in the course, so if you're not able to attend your scheduled class on a particular date, please contact the instructor.

Please complete assignments in the order they are assigned and submit each assignment as soon as it is completed. Please follow assignment instructions and ensure that all work submitted for the course is 100% your own thoughts, interpretations, words, and ideas unless research is a required component of the assignment. No portions of the assignments for this course are to be produced by anyone other than the student submitting the assignment. Unless research is a required component of the assignment, do not use in part or in full any information, words, or ideas from any online or published source. Similarly, guidance, editing, or proofreading may not be provided for any assignment for this course by anyone other than the course's instructor and the professional writing consultant for this course. Assignments that require research are clearly identified in the instructions and include appropriate MLA-style source citation as a major component of the assignment, including in-text citations and entries on a properly-formatted works cited page.

Please review the "Academic Honesty Guidelines for Students in the School of Access and IECC" in D2L and let me know if you have questions. This course includes a mini-lesson in the "Welcome Week" assignments to ensure that learners understand academic concerns about plagiarism and how to prevent it.

Students will complete assignments to help them achieve the learning outcomes for the course as outlined in the chart below. The following course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

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EVALUATION OF LEARNING

| Activity | Description |
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| Write about yourself | A short autobiography about your experiences as a reader. |

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| Reading Activities | At least ten reading selections with corresponding questions (non-fiction, fiction, poetry, biography, transcript). Develop active reading skills and build vocabulary using context clues and other techniques. |
| Newspaper Summaries | Read & answer questions about two newspaper articles. |
| Descriptive, Narrative, and Process Paragraphs | Write descriptive, narrative and process paragraphs according to guidelines provided. |
| Grammar & Punctuation | Lessons and worksheets (via D2L and during class) and a quiz. |
| Reading Assessment | Achieve a grade level of 8.0 in vocabulary and comprehension. |

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](#) policy for more information.

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Course Type: This course section is self-paced, meaning that students complete the course outcomes and assignments at a pace that best suits their lifestyle.

- Learners in this course section are working on various levels of English and will progress through assignments at their own pace. They have a responsibility to work hard, attend class and/or meetings, and ask for support when needed.
- After getting to know each student, the instructor will determine how to effectively support each student's learning. Please update the instructor weekly regarding how you are doing with course assignments.
- Learners are expected to attend additional appointments with the instructor and with the writing consultant (as needed) to further support their skill development.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Instructors who work with adult learners who are upgrading are highly qualified and committed to providing a friendly and caring learning experience in an adult learning environment. We understand diverse learning needs and are committed to student success. The department also provides Help Centres staffed with professional learning assistants and filled with resources to assist you.

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 |
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| 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.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

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 https://www.camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.1_0.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://www.camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/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 250-370-3841

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.