

COURSE SYLLABUS



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COURSE TITLE: ENGL 050 – Intermediate English

CLASS SECTION: S09 VNFC

TERM: 2025W

COURSE CREDITS: Non-credit

DELIVERY METHOD(S): in-person

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Mark Kunen

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OFFICE: Victoria Native Friendship Centre

HOURS: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:30 – 12:20

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 or the instructional assistant.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will develop critical thinking, reading skills, formal writing skills, and skills in introductory literature analysis. Students will practice organizing, writing, and revising paragraphs, essays, and business documents. Students will develop grammar, punctuation, and composition skills while improving reading, reading comprehension, vocabulary, and study skills.

PREREQUISITE(S): ENGL 033 or assessment

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

A. Critical and Creative Thinking

- recall and interpret information
- identify subject/topic, main ideas, supporting ideas, and sequence
- summarize
- make inferences
- compare; classify; define; draw conclusions
- analyze information and solve problems in the organization of paragraphs and essays.
- distinguish between fact and opinion
- support a position persuasively

B. Reading and Reference

- use context clues and word structure analysis (prefix, suffix, root) to determine meaning and build vocabulary
- recognize homonyms, antonyms and synonyms
- use a dictionary and a thesaurus to expand vocabulary
- read to locate specific information
- use a variety of reference materials
- use in-book reference tools (index, table of contents, glossary)
- use skimming and scanning techniques
- develop skills in outlining, memorizing, exam taking and note-taking
- recognize point-of-view, illogical argument, fallacies, stereotypes, bias and propaganda

C. Written Communication

- understand and use the steps of the writing process: prewriting, drafting, editing, and proofreading
- gather ideas; define and narrow a topic; evaluate, select and organize source materials
- adjust content and style of writing to suit purpose and audience
- revise and edit work to improve content, organization, word choice, phrasing, sentence and paragraph structure, spelling, and punctuation

- write effective paragraphs in a range of rhetorical modes (may include narrative, descriptive, process, compare/contrast, cause/effect, classification, expository, and persuasive)
- write a summary
- write an essay
- understand and avoid plagiarism
- take part in free writing and writing open-ended responses to stories, essays, and/or videos or podcasts

D. Speaking and Listening Skills

- ask questions to clarify meaning
- demonstrate effective listening and paraphrasing skills
- use voice and body language effectively
- respond effectively to listener feedback
- deliver an effective oral presentation to inform or persuade classmates or instructors
- provide ideas in a variety of situations (group discussion, classroom participation)

E. Computer Literacy

- practice computer programs to create, edit and publish
- use electronic communication when necessary
- format assignments for readability

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

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Structured Reading. Eighth Edition. by Lynn Troyka and Joseph Thweatt (available in class)
 Canadian World, third edition, by Lynn Gaetz, Suneeti Phadke, and Rhonda Sandberg

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

This class meets 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 notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html).
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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 according to this chart and any additional work that may be required. The course is organized around the principles of mastery learning. As a result, the number and types of assignments may vary from student to student, and the weighting may be adjusted accordingly.

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Paragraphs (6 – Illustration, narrative, descriptive, cause/effect, compare/contrast, and persuasive)	24%
Critical Reading	40%
Grammar quiz and written work	15%
Business Writing	2%
Summary Writing	5%
Blog Entry	2%
Oral Presentation	2%
Expository Essay	10%

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
<p>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.</p> <p>http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf</p>	100%

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

This is a self-paced course. Students have the flexibility to follow an individually-adaptable timeline to complete the learning outcomes and assignments. The course consists of 6 in-person hours per week with an expectation of studying another 4 hours per week. 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/

Support Service	Website
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 <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 <http://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 and when necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.