

COURSE SYLLABUS



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COURSE TITLE: Advanced English

CLASS SECTION: English 070-DS03 & DS06

TERM: 2025 winter

COURSE CREDITS: N/A

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Online, with lab time online or in Ewing 202.

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: By appointment. Please feel free to email me anytime to request an appointment whenever it would be helpful to have a more extended conversation with me. (Appointments are available Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm).

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 develop critical and creative thinking, speaking and listening, reading research and reference, and written communication skills. Students will practice organizing, writing and revising paragraphs, essays, business documents and a research paper.

PREREQUISITE(S): One of:

C in [English 10](#)

C in [Camosun Alternative](#)

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

1. Critical and Creative Thinking

- recall and interpret information (identify subject/topic, main ideas, supporting ideas, and sequence)
- summarize information
- make inferences
 - using prior knowledge

- identifying purpose and audience
- evaluating information for accuracy, relevance, and importance
- recognizing underlying assumptions (bias and tone)
- synthesizing information
- compare and contrast
- classify
- define
- draw conclusions
- respond to information (create solutions, identify impact of solutions, modify solutions)
- identify and discuss examples of fact and opinion

2. **Speaking and Listening**

- ask questions to clarify meaning
- demonstrate effective listening skills and respond appropriately to listener feedback
- effectively use voice and body language
- provide useful input and feedback in a variety of situations (peer editing, group discussion, classroom participation)
- respond appropriately to thoughts, opinions, and work of others
- paraphrase ideas
- deliver an effective oral presentation to inform or persuade

3. **Reading, Research, Reference**

- use context clues and word structure analysis (prefix, suffix, root) to determine meaning
- use a dictionary and a thesaurus to expand vocabulary and to learn homonyms, antonyms and synonyms
- use in-book reference tools (index, table of contents, glossary)
- use skimming and scanning techniques
- read to locate specific information
- recognize point of view, illogical argument, fallacies, stereotypes, bias and propaganda
- use variety of reference materials
- develop note-taking skills
- develop research skills (internet and library catalog searches)
- critically evaluate, make inferences, and draw conclusions

4. **Written Communication**

- use the steps of the writing process (prewrite, outline, draft, revise, edit)
- write paragraphs and essays in a variety of rhetorical modes including exposition and persuasion
- write a summary
- adjust content and style of writing to suit purpose, audience, and situation
- revise and edit work to improve content, organization, word choice, phrasing, grammar, sentence and paragraph structure, spelling, and punctuation
- recognize and edit for clichés, jargon, slang, and wordiness
- use complex and compound sentence structures
- use parallel constructions and correct misplaced or dangling modifiers
- develop advanced spelling strategies
- write a review of a book, movie, play, television program, documentary, piece of music, or other non-print material
- write paragraphs and essays on demand
- identify, discuss, and evaluate literary elements (plot, theme, character, setting, conflict)

- analyze and respond to editorial comment, magazine articles, technical or investigative writing, or advertising
- gather, evaluate, and organize information into a research assignment using appropriate documentation (MLA or APA)
- understand and avoid plagiarism

5. Computer Literacy

- use computer programs to create, edit, and publish
- format assignments appropriately
- use electronic communication

These outcomes conform to and reflect the BC Articulation Handbook recommendations and outcomes for the composition portion of Advanced Level English.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

- Curriculum resources will be provided by the college via D2L.
- Access to a computer with Internet, access to email, and ability to save assignments is required.

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

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Section DS03 meets online Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 12:30-3:20. Section DS06 meets online Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 pm - 7:50 pm. Instead of large group meetings, each student will meet (online) individually each week with the instructor.

Because this is a self-paced course section, learners will follow an individually-adaptable timeline for assignment completion. Learners are expected to consult at least once a week with the instructor 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, the instructor will present group lessons and then meet individually with students. To reduce student wait times and ensure that all students can access the instructor, students might be assigned a specific meeting time for their weekly appointments with the instructor. During the weekly meetings, 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 meetings are very important for your success in the course, so if you're not able to attend your scheduled meeting on a particular date, please contact the instructor in advance to reschedule it.

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.

EVALUATION OF LEARNING: Students will complete assignments to help them achieve the learning outcomes for the course. Marks will be assigned according to the chart below. The following course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Assignment	Details	Value (percent)
Punctuation and Grammar worksheets (one each week—while doing other assignments)	Apostrophes	1
	Sentence Fragments	1
	Coordinating Conjunctions	1
	Compound & Complex Sentences	1
	Comma Splice/Run-on Sentences	1
	Punctuation Quiz	5
		Total = 10
Reading Analysis	Reading Assignment 1	5
	Reading Assignment 2	5
		Total = 10
Paragraphs	1. Classification	5
	2. Description	5
	3. Persuasion	5
		Total = 15
Summary	As Assigned	5
		Total = 5
Persuasive Essay	Outline	5
	First draft & editing	5
	Final draft of essay	10
		Total = 20
Oral or Multi-Media Presentation	On the persuasive essay topic	5
		Total = 5
Research Paper	Proposal, notes & outline	5
	First draft & editing	5
	Final draft of research paper	10
		Total = 20
Exit essay	Outline (in advance)	5
	Timed Essay	10
		Total = 15
Total		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](#) policy for more information.

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

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>

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 working 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
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

Support Service	Website
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.