

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ENGL 103 – Preparatory Academic Writing
CLASS SECTION: 001
TERM: Fall 2023
COURSE CREDITS: 3
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Lecture

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For COVID-19 information please visit <https://camosun.ca/about/covid-19-updates>

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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

Students in this course will be prepared to meet the demands of academic writing courses through reading, writing and research. It includes instruction and practice in critical writing, reading and thinking, planning, writing, and revision of paragraphs/essays; clarity and coherence of written ideas. Students will learn correct grammatical usage and informational/media skills.

The calendar description is available on the web @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/engl.html>

PREREQUISITE(S): One of: C in English 11 C in Camosun Alternative C in ENGL 050 (if taken prior to September 2020)
CO-REQUISITE(S): NONE
EXCLUSION(S): NONE

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

1. Reading, Informational Literacy and Research Skills

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

- a. Use critical thinking skills to evaluate readings and essays for content, quality and logical development;
- b. Use a variety of sources, which may include personal knowledge, interview, print, and electronic-based media to support their writing;
- c. Use various kinds of evidence, such as statistics, quotations, and anecdotes;
- d. Recognize the difference between opinions, generalizations and facts;
- e. Summarize, make inferences, draw conclusions and evaluate readings critically;
- f. Integrate source material smoothly, using appropriate signal phrases and punctuation;
- g. Cite and document quotations, paraphrases and summaries, following MLA conventions.

2. Writing Skills

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

- a. Differentiate the elements of well-written paragraphs (topic sentences, details, evidence, examples, transitions);
- b. Organize and develop outlines for essays;
- c. Use correct punctuation, grammar and sentence structure;
- d. Identify purpose and audience, and choose suitable rhetorical styles and language;
- e. Construct a workable thesis for an essay;
- f. Practice the process of composition, including brainstorming, drafting, editing and proofreading.

3. Oral Communication Skills

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

- a. Present material using language effectively and appropriately in both formal and informal situations;
- b. Select and use effective visual and/or auditory presentation aids;
- c. Give and respond to feedback respectfully and appropriately;
- d. Collaborate with others in completing tasks;
- e. Recognize and respect diversity and individual differences.

4. Media Literacy

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

- a. Critically compare treatments of a theme, topic and content from a variety of media and/or sources;
- b. Recognize the importance of media literacy and exhibit a critical awareness of media messages.

5. Computer Literacy

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

- a. Use word processing software effectively in the production of written assignments;
- b. Use information from a variety of applications in the production and presentation of assignments (e.g. Internet websites, electronic presentations, *Word* documents, video);
- c. Communicate effectively using e-mail.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

- (a) Texts: Dynes, Rhonda, et al. *Essay Essentials with Readings*. 7th ed., Nelson, 2019.
- (b) Other: a dictionary and thesaurus are recommended but not required
- (c) A binder or notebook to store class handouts

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.

Date	Day 1	Day 2
Week 1	- Course Intro <i>Grammar:</i> word class	- Audience, tone, point of view <i>Grammar:</i> clauses and phrases
Week 2	Personal Intro Assignment due - Paragraphs <i>Grammar:</i> subjects and verbs	Academic Integrity Course due (D2L) - MLA formatting - Summarizing and paraphrasing <i>Grammar:</i> frags, run-ons & comma splices
Week 3	- Persuasive writing <i>Grammar:</i> modifiers	Summary Paragraph due – in class
Week 4	- Thesis Statements <i>Grammar:</i> parallelism	Grammar Quiz 1 Organizing and preparing to write
Week 5	- Introductions and conclusions <i>Grammar:</i> active/passive voice	Revising, editing, and proofreading <i>Grammar:</i> refining by combining
Week 6	Persuasive Essay Revision – In-class (full essay draft due)	Persuasive essay due (include revision draft) - 7 deadly errors in writing
Week 7	Vague pronoun reference <i>Grammar:</i> commas	Word choice <i>Grammar:</i> semicolons and colons, dashes and parentheses
Week 8	- Reading Critically: opinion, fact, misinformation - Citation: Quoting and in-text citations	Digital literacy
Week 9	Reader Response Essay – in class	Reader Response Essay – in class
Week 10	LIBRARY ORIENTATION	Grammar Quiz 2
Week 11	Citation: In-text citations and works cited <i>Grammar:</i> quotation, question and exclamation marks	Research Proposal due Rebuttals <i>Grammar:</i> subject-verb agreement
Week 12	Topic TBD <i>Grammar:</i> capital letters	- Preparing a presentation
Week 13	Peer Edit Assignment, in-class (Research Essay Draft Due)	Research Essay due/ Presentations begin
Week 14	Presentations	Presentations

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>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Personal Introduction	Pass/Fail
Academic Integrity Course	2
Quizzes	10
Summary Paragraph	8
Persuasive Essay	18
In-class Essay (Response to a Reading)	15
Research Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal • Essay • Peer Edit • Presentation 	5 20 5 12
Professionalism: class participation, attendance, punctuality, communication	5
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. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Time Management. This class is structured to be approximately two to four hours per week outside of class, not including essay writing and research. Staying on top of the work is essential to successfully complete this course.

Attendance and Punctuality. Regular attendance and class preparedness are essential for the successful completion of this course. If you must be absent from a class, it is your responsibility to catch up on missed work. Find a responsible buddy or two at the beginning of term and swap contact details so you can get the information you missed.

Come to class on time—arriving late is disruptive. Students arriving late may be denied permission to join the class.

Assignments and Quizzes. Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the dates and times listed on the schedule. Computer problems are not an excuse for late submissions. If you miss a test or the due date of an assignment, you must inform the instructor *before* the class. Late submissions require prior approval of the instructor or will receive a 10% deduction and will not receive feedback. Assignments will not be accepted one week after the deadline or beyond the class completion date without prior approval of the instructor. All writing assignments must be completed to receive a passing grade in the course.

- Do not email assignments except in extenuating circumstances and with the prior approval of the instructor. Instead, submit assignments in person.
- If you miss a quiz, you must contact me and write it within a week; once quizzes are returned to the class, they can no longer be written.
- Please keep a photocopy or electronic copy of all the assignments you submit in case work is lost, damaged, or misplaced. Also, save all graded assignments until the completion of the course.

Electronics. Cellphones, laptops, translators, and other electronic devices are allowed in class only with the permission of the instructor. Otherwise, electronics should be turned off and kept out of sight.

Instructor Contact

- **Office Hours.** You are encouraged to come chat with me during scheduled office hours. I'm always happy to discuss assignments, graded work, grammar, writing, drafts, literature, the course, etc. with students. Come see me! If the posted office hours don't fit, let me know and we'll find a time that suits us both.
- **Email.** Please use email for short and simple questions only. I'm happy to chat over office hours. If I haven't responded to your email within 24 hours Monday-Friday, assume I didn't get it and resend. (I'm never ignoring you 😊)

Classroom Community

- We're all responsible for creating a respectful, supportive, collaborative, enjoyable, and productive learning environment. Class members are expected to participate with integrity and sensitivity, mindful of how one's words, actions, and attitudes affect others, and are expected to consider other viewpoints with an open mind, valuing differing viewpoints. Inspired by S. Quigley.

English Help Center (EHC). Rm. E202. Use the EHC when needed. The EHC provides one-on-one support for assignments and writing, including organizing ideas, helping with grammar, generating thesis statements, providing essay feedback, etc.

Also, the EHC offers free academic writing support for non-native English speakers in any discipline. Ample time in each appointment is devoted to addressing ELL-related topics and academic writing expectations.

Students can book online at <http://camosun.ca/services/writing-centre/appointments.html>.

Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Students are expected to do their own writing and use their own ideas (unless properly cited) on all assignments. You may get feedback on your writing from the Help Centres (and please do!). However, copying another's writing; having someone else write all or even part of your composition; using another person's ideas without acknowledgement; and using another's sentence structures, while merely replacing words and phrases, are all plagiarism and will incur any or all of the penalties stated in the college calendar.

The focus of this writing course is for students to practice and hone their thinking, drafting, and writing skills; therefore, using AI applications (such as Chat GPT) is not permitted in this course.

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.

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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.