

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ENGL-161-Literary Genres

CLASS SECTION: D08

TERM: 2024F

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Online; Asynchronous

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE: Paul 235

OFFICE HOURS: Thursdays 11 am – 1 am (ONLINE via Zoom); Tuesday and Wednesday 1-2 pm Paul 235

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

This course introduces the study of literature in English with a focus on genres: short fiction, novel, poetry, drama. Reading, writing, oral and interpretive skills necessary for analyzing literature are emphasized, including close reading, literary criticism, and terminology. Academic reading and essay writing skills, transferable to any discipline, are practised.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

B in English 12

C+ in Camosun Alternative

C in ENGL 151

CO-REQUISITE(S):

None

EQUIVALENCIES:

ENGL 160

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

Reading and Writing

- Analyze literature in English written in genres of poetry, short fiction, novel, and drama from different historical periods;
- Analyze literature in English by authors from various cultural backgrounds;
- Identify different literary forms and genres;
- Acquire a working vocabulary of literary critical terminology;
- Recognize literary forms and make linkages between forms and content;
- Make, support, and evaluate inferences about the function of specific literary elements;
- Develop formal/informal, critical, reflective, and personal responses to texts;
- Use literary and analytical terms correctly (e.g. metaphor, irony, character, setting, and plot);
- Compare and contrast themes and issues;
- Develop appropriate interpretive skills where non-print kinds of texts are studied (film, visual, audio, digital, multi-media);
- Demonstrate the difference between paraphrase and analysis;
- Develop and argue, in an academic essay format, a coherent reading of a literary text;
- Select and integrate primary textual evidence that effectively supports an essay's argument;
- Integrate secondary sources where applicable;
- Use a scholarly essay form, including a thesis; topic sentences; argument and/or analysis; use of quotations; unified, coherent paragraphs and transitions; rhetorical strategies appropriate for purpose and audience; and effective introductions and conclusions;
- Use a critical approach with appropriate language and terminology;
- Produce writing under exam or exam-like conditions;
- Write clear, concise, effective prose, and know how to identify, as well as correct, common mechanical and grammatical errors.

Information Literacy Skills:

Determine the nature and extent of the information needed;

Know and use what information resources available, in different formats;

Use print and electronic resources effectively and efficiently;

Evaluate sources for authority, relevance, reliability, currency, and other criteria;

Incorporate and integrate research through correct use of summary, paraphrase, and quotation;

Document sources fully and ethically, according to specified bibliographic conventions.

Discussion/Reflection:

Discuss and analyze literature in class;

Identify a variety of literary approaches and/or theories that can be taken towards a text;

Articulate one's position in a critical debate of ideas;

Engage respectfully with different interpretations;

Reflect on one's own writing for continuous improvement.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

English 161 Coursepack (available as a free PDF file on D2L or for purchase at the Camosun Bookstore)

Dogs at the Perimeter by Madeleine Thien (available at the Camosun Bookstore)

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.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
1	Introduction to English Literature	
2	Introduction to Short Stories; Theme; "A Hunger Artist"	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
3	Character and Setting; "A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" and "The Fall of the House of Usher"	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
4	Plot; "An Act of Vengeance"; Writing Literature Essays	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
5	Style and Point of View; "The Birthmark" and "A Story of an Hour"	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
6	Introduction to Drama: <i>Genie</i>	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
7	<i>Problem Child</i>	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
8	Introduction to Novels; Literary Research Papers	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
9	<i>Dogs at the Perimeter</i>	Novel
10	<i>Dogs at the Perimeter</i>	Novel
11	<i>Dogs at the Perimeter</i>	Novel
12	Introduction to Poetry	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
13	Ballads and Sonnets	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
14	Mixed Selection of Poetry	Coursepack readings; D2L lessons
Exam	Definitions of Literary Terms; Analysis of Readings (short answer; long answer; essay question)	Online Date TBA

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](https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams). <https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Short Story Essay	20%
Novel or Drama Research Essay	20%
Poetry Presentation	15%
Final Exam	25%
Reading Quizzes	10%
Discussion Participation	10%
	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.

https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1_14.pdf

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Readings:

It is vitally important that you have completed all assigned readings before watching the relevant lecture videos. As a result, there are weekly reading quizzes to ensure you have done the readings.

Essays:

- Essays are due on the dates specified.
- 5% per day will be deducted for lateness.
- Nothing will be accepted after 5 days past the due date.
- Requests for extensions will be considered under special circumstances, but only if the request is made at least 24 hours before the due date.
- I do not allow re-writes.

Artificial Intelligence:

The use of ChatGPT or other variations of artificial intelligence violates Camosun's Student Code of Conduct in relation to Academic Integrity. In other words, the use of ChatGPT or other AI tools in your assignments constitutes plagiarism and will result in a failing grade on the assignment in question. Repeat offenses will result in further consequences, which can include failing a course or removal from a program.

SPECIAL NOTE: Be sure to keep all rough drafts and marked material until the end of term

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

See the official webpages for the School of Arts and Science and the English Department for information on programs, courses, and policies.

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 camosun.ca/services.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising
Accessible Learning	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning
Counselling	camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre
Career Services	camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services
Financial Aid and Awards	camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services
International Student Support	camosun.ca/international
Learning Skills	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills
Library	camosun.ca/services/library
Office of Student Support	camosun.ca/services/office-student-support
Ombudsperson	camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson
Registration	camosun.ca/registration-records/registration
Technology Support	camosun.ca/services/its
Writing Centre	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills

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 <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/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

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines: <https://camosun.ca/cal>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/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 <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/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 (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence

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 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 Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education.

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 <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/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.

