

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ENGL-250-Advanced Composition

CLASS SECTION: 001

TERM: 2024F

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): In-person; Synchronous

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 HOURS: Tuesday and Wednesday 1-2 pm Paul 235; Thursday 11-1 ONLINE (you will have to request access to online office hours)

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 builds upon the critical writing and reading skills acquired in first-year English courses and is especially relevant to students in humanities, social sciences, and business. Students will read and practice writing a variety of nonfiction forms for specific audiences, such as researched essays, opinion pieces, analytical reviews, cultural commentary, and descriptive and narrative writing, including personal essays and memoir. Students will also learn to revise and edit their work for maximum effect. Topics covered are relevant to multiple disciplines/professions, and readings will explore a variety of cultural perspectives.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

C in ENGL 151

C in ENGL 161

C in ENGL 163

C in ENGL 164

CO-REQUISITE(S):

EQUIVALENCIES:

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

Identify:

Different types of non-fiction prose (e.g., memoir, personal essay, review, editorial, speech, expository essay, research essay).

A variety of rhetorical strategies (e.g., description, narration, comparison and contrast, classification, cause and effect, persuasion).

The relationship among speaker, audience, and material.

Outline the structure of a work of non-fiction prose.

Evaluate the effectiveness of form, structure, and style (e.g., sentence types, sentence variety, vocabulary, figures of speech) in a range of non-fiction prose, both published and unpublished.

Compose different types of non-fiction prose.

Compare, select, and employ a variety of structures, rhetorical strategies, and styles.

Revise their own writing according to various articulated standards of evaluation (their own, their peers', their instructor's, the marketplace's).

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

All materials are available on D2L.

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 250 Writing Diagnostic	
2	What is Language and Why is it Important? Dialectical Journals	Dialectical Journals – ongoing 20%
3	Language and Personal Identity Personal Essays and Obituaries	
4	Language and Gender	
5	Language and Cultural Identity Community Profiles	Personal Essay OR Obituary DUE 15%
6	Language and National vs Global Identity	
7	MIDTERM – Community Profile	Midterm 15%
8	Language and Politics	
9	Language and Advertising and Propoganda Open Letters and OpEds	
10	Language and the Environment	
11	Language and the Environment	Open Letter OR OpEd DUE 15%
12	Language and Law Outline Peer Edit	Compare/Contrast Research Essay Outline Peer Edit DUE
13	Parody and Satire	
14	Draft Peer Edit	Compare/Contrast Essay

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
		Draft Peer Edit and edited Compare/Contrast Essay DUE 25%
Exam Period	NO FINAL EXAM	

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
Discussion Participation	10%
Dialectical Journal	20%
Person Essay OR Obituary	15%
Midterm – Community Profile	15%
Open Letter OR OpEd	15%
Compare/ Contrast Research Essay	25%
	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

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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.

