

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ENGL-273: Technical Communication

CLASS SECTION: 002

TERM: W2023

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Lecture, Lab

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Kimberly Lemieux

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OFFICE: CC 120

HOURS: Monday – 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (CC 120), Wednesday – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (CC120), Thursday – 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm (Virtual), or by appointment

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 receive individual and group communication support towards completion of their Capstone design-project technology course. Written assignments include a formal technical report supported by program-specific documents. Additionally students will produce a professional quality marketing publication. Presentation assignments include program-specific short progress reports, and longer professional presentations.

PREREQUISITE(S):

All of:

- C in ENGL 170

CO-REQUISITE(S):

One of:

- CIVE 289
- COMP 299
- ECET 290
- MENG 295

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

1. Plan, organize, structure, and write workplace formats that follow principles for a Capstone design project mandated by the engineering-technology program:
 - a) Write a formal report on a design project using correct format, structure, and documentation.
 - b) Write at least two supporting reports for the formal report (e.g. proposal, progress report, user manual) using correct format, structure, and documentation.
 - c) Write, and constantly update a logbook of personal data, activities, ideas, and results related to the design project.
 - d) Design and produce a professional-quality marketing publication (e.g. brochure, profile document, website) that promotes and highlights the nature of the design project.
2. Write all assignments using correct workplace-writing style, structure, format, design, and ethical concepts.
 - a) Apply the writing processes of idea generation, draft generation, revision strategies, and proofreading strategies to all assignments.
 - b) Apply Standard English and technical-writing conventions to ensure readability of documents.
 - c) Use reliable, accurate, relevant, and substantiated evidence, and document sources using the appropriate documentation style.
 - d) Use effective illustrative techniques to enhance the visual and informational quality of a written assignment.
 - e) Apply knowledge of copyright law, plagiarism, and sensitive materials to the report-writing process (copyright law, source documentation, and sensitive materials).
3. Design and deliver presentations on the Capstone design project that fulfill the principles of effective speaking, anxiety control, and visual enhancement:
 - a) Analyze the informational needs and backgrounds of various audiences to achieve optimal design and delivery of presentations.
 - b) Use technical vocabulary appropriate for the intended audiences.
 - c) Present information effectively and appropriately using effective speaking skills and anxiety-control strategies.
 - d) Use effective illustrative techniques to enhance the visual and informational quality of presentations.
 - e) Optimize visual support in presentations by appropriate selection and use of electronic and software presentation tools.
 - f) Employ additional program-specific presentation techniques (e.g. trade-show display, demonstration, web or video-conference).

4. Apply the principles and dynamics of conflict resolution in a team setting to maximize the efficiency of collaborative work.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

English 273 Course Booklet

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	LEC – Wednesdays 2:30-3:50 (PA 102) LAB - Fridays – 10:30 – 11:50 (CBA 287)	Assignment	Due
Week 1	LECTURE: Welcome to English 273! Professional Writing (Review) Collaborative Writing Strategies LAB: PROPOSAL, Developing a Brand Group Contract	Group Contract	Jan 18
Week 2	LECTURE: RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION LAB: Proposals		
Week 3	LECTURE: PRESENTATION TECHNIQUES LAB: Proposals/Presentation Preparation	Proposal	Jan 27
Week 4	PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS	Proposal Presentations	Feb 1, 3
Week 5	LECTURE: PROGRESS REPORTS LAB: Progress Reports		
Week 6	TEAM MEETING #1	Team Meeting (15 min)	Feb 15, 17
Week 7	READING WEEK		

DATE	LEC – Wednesdays 2:30-3:50 (PA 102) LAB - Fridays – 10:30 – 11:50 (CBA 287)	Assignment	Due
Week 8	LECTURE: PRESENTING TECHNICAL INFORMATION LAB: Progress Report /Presentations	Progress Report	Mar 3
Week 9	PROGRESS PRESENTATIONS	Progress Presentations	Mar 8, 10
Week 10	LECTURE: PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS – Project Brochure LAB: Brochures		
Week 11	LECTURE: THE FORMAL REPORT LAB: Project Brochure/Formal Report		
Week 12	TEAM MEETING #2	Team Meeting (15 min) Project Brochure	Mar 29, 31 Mar 31
Week 13	Writing Lab (Final Report and Presentation)		
Week 14	Writing Lab (Final Report and Presentation)	Formal Report	Apr 14

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 scan 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

Assignment	Weight	Due Date
Group Contract	C/I	Jan 18
Proposal	10%	Jan 27
Group Proposal Pres.	5%	Feb 1, 3
Progress Report	15%	Mar 4
Progress Presentation	10%	Mar 15, 16
Project Brochure	10%	Mar 31
Final Report	30%	Apr 14
Final Presentation	15%	TBD
Participation	5%	Ongoing

All assignments are due to the Assignment folder by midnight of the day listed above.

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

You can expect your instructor to

- teach to the course goals
- give clear instructions for assignments and exercises
- advise and support students in their coursework
- treat students with respect
- be available during office hours or, if necessary, arrange an alternative time to meet
- evaluate students fairly, based on criteria provided to students beforehand
- return assignments in a timely manner
- give useful feedback

Your instructor will expect you to

- keep up with course material in D2L
- prepare for class by completing readings and assigned work on time
- actively participate in class activities
- ask questions if you need clarification
- submit your own, original work
- use instructor comments and feedback to improve future work
- cooperate with and act respectfully toward other students and the instructor
- communicate with the instructor about problems or concerns as soon as possible

Additional Expectations

Guidelines for preparing and submitting written assignments

All formal written assignments for this course should be typed according to the assignment requirements. All papers should be clearly marked with your name and submitted on time, **as a PDF**, through D2L Assignments.

If you would like to receive in-line feedback on a written assignment, you must also submit a hard copy of your assignment at the beginning of class on the due date.

Late and Missing Assignments – Late assignments submitted up to 5 school days past the due date, will lose 10%, and will receive a grade only (no comments). Assignments submitted more than five days late will lose 40%. If you must hand in something late, please communicate with me by email beforehand. Requests for extensions made prior to the assignment due date will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For Your Records – Be sure to keep all rough drafts, final drafts, and graded assignments until the end of term. In the event of a computer failure or a grade discrepancy, these documents will be critical.

Always, always back up your files. If you don't already have cloud-based file storage, consider using one of the many file storage platforms available. See me if you'd like more information.

Collaborative Writing – In this course, you will be co-authoring all of your documents. Any sort of collaborative effort demands a lot of those involved. Consider your strengths and weaknesses as a team member, and ensure you put in your best effort while accomplishing the tasks laid out for you in the assignments.

Attendance and Participation

Course credit is granted through a contract process. Part of your end of this contract requires attendance and participation in all course classes and assignments. Poor attendance and participation can compromise completion of this contract or the grades received from this contract.

Your instructor will evaluate your level of participation, as well as your class attendance. Participation activities will include class discussions and team check-ins with your English instructor. These brief meetings will allow you to present questions and drafts for feedback to your instructor. All members of the team are expected to be present at these meetings; members who are not present will lose participation marks.

Poor participation can affect your grades in two ways: 1. As a natural consequence through poor performance on assignments and quizzes due to class work missed, and 2. Through penalty for chronic non-participation, such as absence from group meetings with the instructor or failure to participate in group presentations. This penalty can result in a letter grade drop.

It is your responsibility to know the material covered in class and to complete the assignments due.

If you have difficulty accessing course materials or assignments, let your instructor know well in advance of the due date.

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/>.

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.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

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.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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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.