

# COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: English 104 Preparatory English Literature

CLASS SECTION: 001

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): in-person class

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

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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

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This course provides instruction and practice in critical reading, writing and thinking, literary interpretation and divergent expression, and discussion and evaluation of a wide variety of literary texts. Students will read short stories, creative non-fiction, novels, drama and poetry, and will learn and apply basic literary terms/concepts in literary analysis.

### **Requisites:**

One of: C+ in English 12 C+ in English Studies 12 C+ in English First Peoples 12 C+ in Literary Studies 12 C in ENGL 092 C in ENGL 103 C in ENGL 142 C in ELD 092 C in ELD 103 - Must be taken either prior to or at the same time as this course.

**1. Critical Reading and Discussion Skills**

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

- a) Make connections and consider meaning in literary texts;
- b) Examine how historical context, including cultural, social and political factors, shapes critical understanding of literature;
- c) Identify and respond to themes of literary works;
- d) Use appropriate literary terms such as metaphor, irony, setting, etc;
- e) Use vocabulary associated with analyzing fiction, poetry, drama and creative non-fiction;
- f) Distinguish between literal and figurative meaning;
- g) Understand key differences between high school and post-secondary level academic work.

**2. Writing Skills**

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

- a) Practice producing different types of academic writing assignments, including literary essays;
- b) Become more independent in their approach to reading, writing and studying;
- c) Integrate quotations and paraphrases from literary works smoothly into paragraphs and essays using MLA conventions;
- d) Connect literary devices and techniques to themes.

**3. Presentation and 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.

**5. 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, such as an original written play and a dramatized version;
- b) Recognize the importance of media literacy and exhibit a critical awareness of media messages and how they influence the form and interpretation of literature.

**6. 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

*Monkey Beach* by Eden Robinson (available for purchase in the college bookstore)  
*The Unplugging* by Yvette Nolan at the Belfry Theatre (attend in-person or watch livestream)  
 All other materials (short stories and poems) will be provided electronically on D2L for you to print out.

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	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	PREPARATION
Week 1	Tuesday, Jan. 10 Welcome! Chat about poems, letter of introduction, theatre field trip alert, course overview  Thursday Jan. 12 <i>Monkey Beach</i>	Read to page 38.
Week 2	Tuesday Jan. 17 <i>Monkey Beach</i>  Thursday Jan. 19 <i>Monkey Beach</i>	Read to page 82. Submit your letter of introduction by this day if you haven't already.  Read to page 126.
Week 3	Tuesday Jan. 24 <i>Monkey Beach</i>  Thursday Jan. 26 <i>Monkey Beach</i>	Read to page 176.  Read to page 232.
Week 4	Tuesday Jan. 31 <i>Monkey Beach</i> presentations  Thursday Feb. 2	Read to page 277.
Week 5	Tuesday Feb. 7 <i>Monkey Beach</i> presentations  Thursday Feb. 9	Read to page 324. <i>Monkey Beach</i> Essay OUTLINE Read to end

WEEK	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	PREPARATION
		<i>Monkey Beach</i> Essay DRAFT due
Week 6	Tuesday, Feb. 14 Theatre discussion / essay prep Thursday Feb. 16 Theatre discussion / essay prep.	<i>Monkey Beach</i> Essay due
<b><i>Week 7</i></b>	<b><i>Reading Week – no classes</i></b>	
Week 8	Tuesday Feb. 28	
	Thursday March 2 short stories	Drama Essay due
Week 9	Tuesday March 7 short stories	
	Thursday March 9 short stories	
Week 10	Tuesday March 14 in-class writing on short stories, cont'd	
	Thursday March 16 in-class writing on short stories	
Week 11	Tuesday March 21 poetry	
	Thursday March 23 poetry	
Week 12	Tuesday March 28 poetry	
	Thursday March 30 poetry	
Week 13	Tuesday April 4 poetry, comparison essay instructions	
	Thursday April 6 poetry, comparison practice	
Week 14	Tuesday April 11 in-class poetry comparison essay Thursday April 12 in-class poetry comparison essay	

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).  
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DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
letter of introduction	2%
novel essay	20%
drama essay	20%
participation	5%
reading quizzes and activities	10%
short story paragraphs	15%
poetry comparison essay	15%
Presentation and list of sources	13%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.  
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#### COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

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Please follow health and safety guidelines and wear a mask in class.  
Please help to create a supportive learning atmosphere for us all.  
**Please arrive on time.**

#### SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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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

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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	<a href="http://camosun.ca/advising">http://camosun.ca/advising</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning">http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="http://camosun.ca/counselling">http://camosun.ca/counselling</a>
Career Services	<a href="http://camosun.ca/coop">http://camosun.ca/coop</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="http://camosun.ca/financialaid">http://camosun.ca/financialaid</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="http://camosun.ca/help-centres">http://camosun.ca/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/indigenous">http://camosun.ca/indigenous</a>
International Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/international/">http://camosun.ca/international/</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="http://camosun.ca/learningskills">http://camosun.ca/learningskills</a>
Library	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/library/">http://camosun.ca/services/library/</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/oss">http://camosun.ca/oss</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="http://camosun.ca/ombuds">http://camosun.ca/ombuds</a>
Registration	<a href="http://camosun.ca/registration">http://camosun.ca/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/its">http://camosun.ca/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="http://camosun.ca/writing-centre">http://camosun.ca/writing-centre</a>

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.

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## 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](http://camosun.ca/sexual-violence). To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto: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.