



Instructor and contact information

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Course duration: May 4, 2015 – August 8, 2015

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday: 11:30– 12:30 or by appointment

Prerequisites: ELD 072 or assessment

Pre- or Co-requisite: ELD 074

Class times: Monday 8:30 – 10:50 Fisher 216; Wednesday 8:30 – 9:50 Fisher 216; 10:00 – 10:50 Ewing 112 (Lab)

Required Texts: *ELD 092 Course Materials* by Elizabeth West

Recommended: English-English paper dictionary

Course description:

This course provides non-native English speakers practice and instruction in critical reading and in the planning, writing and revising of paragraphs and essays, and prepares the student for college writing.

ELD 092 combined with ELD 094 is equivalent to Provincial English 12.

Active Participation and Independent Learning:

An important part of learning is to be actively engaged in the course. This means that students participate not only by attending classes, but also by being actively involved with the instructor and other students in the course.

In addition to in-class work with the instructor and homework completed outside of class, students will also work, independently of the instructor at times, in small groups or individually to carry out writing-related activities and assignments, such as peer reviews of writing assignments. Instructors regularly schedule Independent Learning sessions during class hours, and participation in these sessions will form part of the final grade in the course.

The writing process

Good writing does not just happen. The best writers spend a great deal of time thinking, planning and organizing, writing, revising, re-writing, and editing. All of this requires time and attention. Therefore, much of the writing process will take place out of the classroom. However, since successful academic performance also requires thinking and writing effectively under time constraints, we will also do in-class, time controlled writing exercises in preparation for exam writing in future courses.

Reading

Extensive, critical reading is essential to good writing. Good readers are usually good writers. Reading a variety of challenging materials is essential to improve your writing in terms of content, language, and style. Practice in reading comprehension, both literal and inferential, along with exposure to various examples of writing will be provided through:

- Reading, evaluating, and discussing selected writing samples
- Peer review and peer evaluation of drafts of your own writing

Intended Learning Outcomes

1. Critical and Creative Thinking.

Students will

- evaluate argument for validity, reliability, currency, and objectivity
- analyze diction in a variety of non-fiction texts
- analyze and explain the organizational methods used to develop a topic or an argument
- articulate the connections between purpose, audience, and style

2. Reading and Reference.

Students will

- access and use the resources of libraries, the Internet, and other electronic media to gather information for research

- cite and document sources where necessary, following MLA conventions

3. Written Communication.

Students will

- plan and write a variety of types of paragraphs and essays
- integrate research material into a research paper or report using MLA conventions
- edit written work for content, structure, grammar, punctuation, and usage
- choose words appropriate to style and audience
- use transitions to connect main and supporting points
- vary sentences

4. Speaking and Listening Skills.

Students will

- speak, adjusting for audience, purpose, and situation, to inform, persuade, and interact in formal and informal situations
- give and respond to feedback during oral presentations
- collaborate and consult with others in completing communications tasks
- explain the value and limitations of collaborative work

Course objectives:

This course is specifically aimed at the development of advanced academic writing competence in students who are non-native speakers of English and who, at entry, are at a level equivalent to completion of Grade 10.

The goal of this course is the achievement of the specific structural and linguistic skills required to organize and develop effective writing at the college level. You will also learn the research and documentation strategies needed for college writing.

Upon achieving a sufficient level of achievement (minimum 60%), the student:

- Achieves Grade 12 English equivalency when ELD 094 is also completed, and meets the criteria of admission to English 150 (a minimum grade of C in both ELD 092 and 094)
- Demonstrates the ability to cope with the writing requirements of college-level academic courses including:
 - Long and short format answers used in test writing
 - Thesis-based compositions, using expository and persuasive modes and varied analytical methods of development
 - Research papers, including basic research strategies and proper documentation and citation of sources (MLA style)

Grading:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>		
A+	90-100%	C+	65-69%
A	85-89%	C	60-64%
A-	80-84%	D	50-59% Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted. A course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.
B+	77-79%	F	0 -49%
B	73-76%		
B-	70-72%	I	Work is incomplete (See Note 3)

Evaluation:

In-class Work

Narrative/Descriptive Essay	15
Grammar Tests	25
Short Writing Assignment 1	10
Short Writing Assignment 2	15
Persuasive Essay	25
Reading and Summary Assignment 1	10
Reading and Summary Assignment 2	15

Students must pass the in-class assignments as well as the homework assignments to pass ELD 092

Homework Assignments

Expository Essay	30
Research Project	45

Students must pass the homework assignments as well as the in-class assignments to pass ELD 092

Independent Learning, class participation and homework	10
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Total

200 marks

All assignments must be completed to fulfill the requirements of this course.

Length of Time in 092:

Because students vary widely in their abilities, it may take some students more than one term to complete the 092 level in order to meet the criteria for entry into English 150.

Notes:

1. The ELD Department has an Academic Progress and Attendance Policy designed to enhance a learner's likelihood of success. Students should become familiar with the content of this policy.
2. Regular attendance of at least 80% is necessary to perform adequately in this course. If you attend regularly and work consistently at your English both in class and out of class, you will make progress.
If you know that you will be absent due to family or health reasons, please inform the instructor by phone, e-mail, or through another student. Then, it may be possible to negotiate extensions for assignments if needed.
3. An "I" grade will be assigned when a student has been unable to complete the requirements of the course due to hardship or other circumstances such as illness or death in the family. Extension of deadlines may be negotiated, **provided the student has made every effort to keep the instructor informed**. Course requirements must be completed within 6 weeks or the "I" grade will be changed to an "F".
4. Students whose future career goals do not require a "C" standing may be awarded a "D" grade (Minimum passing grade to receive credit for this course). For students entering other programs or courses at the college, a minimum "C" grade in both ELD 092 and 094 is the usual prerequisite. Some programs may require a higher grade; therefore, students should ensure that they have the necessary prerequisites for entry to such programs.
5. Except in cases of verified illness or other legitimate reasons, all assignments must be handed in when due and all in-class assignments must be done on the specified date. Failure to complete assignments on time during the term will result in a loss of up to 10% of the grade per late day per assignment.
6. Academic Honesty: All assignments must be written entirely by the student. Work that is copied from another person or source without proper citing of sources or done in whole or in part by another person is plagiarism – the theft of another person's ideas and work. **Plagiarized work will result in a zero grade for the assignment. In extreme cases, plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course.** This policy is in accordance with the Camosun College Calendar –Student Conduct section.

7. No electronic devices (electronic dictionaries, cell phones, etc.) can be used during tests and some in-class assignments at the discretion of the instructor.
8. Students may not use recording devices in the classroom without the prior permission of the instructor. However, the instructor's permission is not required when the use of a recording device is sanctioned by the College's Resource Centre for Students with Disabilities in order to accommodate a student's disability and when the instructor has been provided with an instructor notification letter which specifies the use of a recording device. Recordings made in the classroom are for the student's personal use only, and distribution of recorded material is prohibited.

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR ELD 092

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	
WEEK 1	Diagnostic Writing and reading test	
WEEK 2		
WEEK 3	In class Narrative/Descriptive Essay	15 marks
WEEK 4	Grammar Test #1	5 marks
WEEK 5	Short Writing Assignment #1	10 marks
WEEK 6	Reading and Summary Assignment #1	10 marks
WEEK 7	Grammar Test #2	10 marks
	Expository Essay (Due)	30 marks

WEEK 8	Short Writing Assignment #2	10 marks
WEEK 9	Research Proposal due	
	Reading and Summary Assignment #2	15 points
WEEK 10		
	Informal Group Debates for Persuasive Essay	
WEEK 11	In-class Persuasive essay	20 marks
WEEK 12	Research Paper Draft - In class for peer review	
WEEK 13	Presentations of Research	
	Grammar Test #3	10 marks
WEEK 14	Presentations of Research	
	Research Paper (Due)	45 marks

Important Dates

Monday, May 18: Victoria Day -- College closed

Monday, July 1: Canada Day – College closed

Monday, July 6: withdraw/audit deadline Last day to withdraw from most Spring/summer '15 (14-week) courses without a failing grade. Last day to change to Audit for most Spring/summer '15 (14-week) courses.

Monday, August 3: BC Day – College closed

August 8: Last day of instruction for ELD 104 Section 001/001E

All the best in ELD 092! I look forward to working with you.



ELD Department

Academic Progress and Attendance Requirements

Advanced and Provincial Levels¹

Progress

In most cases, the ELD department expects students to be able to complete a level (Advanced or Provincial) in one four-month semester (hours shown are per week).

Advanced

- 072 (10 hours)
- 074 (5 hours)

Provincial

- 092 (5 hours)
- 094 (5 hours)

Students are responsible for

- attending classes regularly (see “Attendance” below)
- speaking English in class
- doing assigned homework and in-class work
- participating in class activities

¹ See the Camosun College Academic Progress Policy at

<http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/Education-Academic/E-1-Programming-&-Instruction/E-1.1.pdf>

Instructors are committed to providing quality education in a learning-centered manner. They will monitor course prerequisites and student progress and endeavor to place students in courses where they can succeed. When progress is unsatisfactory, appropriate interventions will occur.

Satisfactory progress requires that a student maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0 (C) on the four most recent courses. A student whose performance is unsatisfactory will be placed on academic probation for the next session attended². A student in this situation must consult with an Academic Advisor. A student who is on academic probation and who fails to obtain a sessional GPA of at least 2.0 (C) will be required to withdraw from the School for one year. The student will be also placed on academic probation for the next session attended.

A student who is required to withdraw a second time will be refused registration for credit courses in the School of Access for two years. The student will be placed on academic probation for the next session attended. A student will be denied registration in any School of Access credit course for at least one year after twice receiving an F grade in that course. A student who is on academic probation may appeal this decision to the Dean.

Attendance

It is each student's responsibility to attend the first class meeting of each course. If a student does not attend the first class and does not contact the instructor, an ELDD instructional assistant, or an international education advisor within two working days following the first class with a satisfactory explanation, admittance to the course may be denied.

If a student does not attend classes and does not officially withdraw (via Camlink or Student Services) prior to fee deadlines, he or she will be required to pay all outstanding fees, will receive no further service until the fees are paid and may receive an "F"/"IP" grade.

During the term, if a student misses one week of class(es) without official documentation, s/he will first meet with the instructor to resolve the problem. If no resolution can be made,

² Spring and Summer are considered as one session.

then the student will meet with the Chair of the department who may recommend the following:

- attend Help Centre
- counseling
- program changes
- withdrawal
- discussion with an academic or an International Student Advisor (where appropriate)

At the end of term, if a student has missed 50% of class after having received departmental support, a letter will be sent to the student's local and permanent address regarding his or her absence in the course. A student with an attendance problem may not be allowed to register for the following term.

Students in any level who are receiving funding for their courses are expected to attend classes regularly. If the student is unable to attend classes, s/he is expected to contact his/her instructor(s) or an ELDD instructional assistant. Official documentation to justify absences (e.g. doctor's note) is expected.