



COURSE OUTLINE
Provincial English Literature
ELD 094-004 Fall 2017

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Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 to 2:00
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Class hours: 5 hrs per week, 1 hr of which is for Independent Learning
Out-of-class workload: Minimum 5 hours/week

Course location and times: September 5th to December 7th, 2017
Classroom Tuesdays and Thursdays:
8:30 am – 10:50 am WT 222

Credit Value: 3

Prerequisite: ELD 072 and ELD 074 or assessment

Required Text:

- 1) Course Pack for ELD 094 (John Hampton)
- 2) *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*
By Sherman Alexie
- 3) English-English dictionary (for reference): there are suitable **paper** dictionaries in the bookstore – your choice

Additional Resources: For additional information on Key Literary Elements and on Writing about Literature, go to the ELD / English Help Centre, Ewing 202.

Course Description:

This course for non-native English speakers provides instruction and practice in reading, discussing, evaluating, and writing about short stories, novels, poetry, and drama. Studying these genres introduces the student to basic literary terms and concepts. ELD 094 (or English 094) combined with ELD 092 (or English 092) is equivalent to Provincial English 12.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE COURSE OUTLINE:

On the following pages, the course is explained in detail. Assignments, marking, and the method of determining final grades are covered. If you do not understand any part of this outline, or if you have any questions, please ask the instructor for clarification.

The instructor will follow the course outline and students are expected to read and understand its contents.

Intended Learning Outcomes.

1. Critical and Creative Thinking. Students will

- a) Identify tone, including irony and understatement, in poetry, fiction, and drama
- b) Identify the connections between genre, theme, and style in literary works

2. Reading. Students will

- a) Respond to themes and ideas of literary works
- b) Connect the concerns and themes of a literary work to larger contexts, such as style, literary influences, and personal and historical background
- c) Use literary terms associated with different genres

3. Written Communication. Students will

- a) Plan and write paragraphs and essays
- b) Integrate quotations from literary works into a literary analysis and document them according to MLA conventions
- c) Edit written work for content, structure, grammar, punctuation, and usage
- d) Choose words appropriate to style and audience
- e) Use transitions to connect main and supporting points
- f) Vary sentences
- g) Connect literary devices and techniques to themes

4. Speaking and Listening Skills. Students will

- a) Speak, adjusting for audience, purpose, and situation, to inform, persuade, and interact in formal and informal situations
- b) Give and respond to feedback during oral presentations
- c) Collaborate and consult with others in completing communications tasks
- d) Explain the value and limitations of collaborative work

During this course, **students will read short stories and poems** by a cross-section of world writers, past and present. They will also **read and analyze a selected novel and a play**. Students will examine the themes and techniques used in the readings and learn to recognize how literature relates to the concerns and relationships all people share.

Instruction will be given in the general principles of effective writing with special attention to the elements essential to writing about literature. **Writing about literature** requires **1)** an understanding of the text, **2)** an analytical and critical analysis of what is read, **3)** the knowledge of specific technical terms and the ability to explain them, **4)** the ability to respond clearly to specific questions, and **5)** the ability to propose an idea or opinion and support it with specific references to the text, both orally and in writing. **These five skills are all crucial to success in most academic or professional environments**, so the study of literature is an integral part of any student's education.

Class Structure:

To be successful in college level work, students also need to be able to work independently. Therefore, in addition to in-class work with the instructor and **homework completed outside of class**, students also work independently of the

instructor at times, in small groups or individually. Instructors regularly schedule Independent Learning sessions during class hours, and participation in these sessions will form part of the final grade in the course.

ELD 094 is an interesting and rewarding course if approached with interest and the determination to work hard. Literature is about people: our hopes, dreams, feelings, insights, problems, joys, and relationships to each other and to the world around us. It is also about language, that uniquely human tool for exploring and expressing what we see, feel, and think. Discussing literature offers the challenging opportunity to examine and develop understanding of the texts being analyzed and of your own responses to them. Approach the course as a chance to discover and discuss new ideas: I want to know what you think about what you are reading!

Your success in this course depends mainly on the effort you make. You will have to do a lot of reading and writing outside of class. If you do all the assignments, attend all or most of the classes, and actively participate in class activities, you will probably do well in this course - and you will enjoy it.

Evaluation will be according to the following:

Assignment	Marks	My Grade
**Three in-class quizzes: on the literary works studied in class. Textual knowledge as well as knowledge of the aspects of literature introduced in class will be examined. Each quiz will be worth 10 points	30	Quiz 1: Quiz 2: Quiz 3:
Essay on a Short Story: Students will write an essay analyzing the theme of a short story, chosen from selected readings. At home assignment.	15	
**Analysis of a Poem: Students will answer specific questions about a poem not previously studied in class, focusing on theme, language, and literary devices used. **In class written assignment.	10	
Essay on the Novel: Students will write an essay discussing, evaluating, and analyzing specific elements of the novel discussed in class, in response to an essay topic or question. At home assignment.	15	
Analysis of a Play: Students will present an analysis of certain aspects of the play studied in class. The analysis will include an oral presentation.	10	
Independent Learning. This includes timely submission of on-line discussions and active participation in group projects.	10	
Participation (in English) – supported by attendance, punctuality, regular discussion/analysis assessments.	10	
Total	100	

**** Students must obtain an average of 60% in-class written assessments in order to receive a passing grade in the course.**

IMPORTANT! Plagiarism is unacceptable: all work must be your own. Plagiarism is the unacknowledged copying of someone else’s words or ideas. Work that is copied from another source, done in whole or in part by another person, or fixed and edited by another person is plagiarism – theft of another person’s ideas. **If any assignment, or part of an assignment, is plagiarized, the student WILL receive a zero for the assignment. Extreme cases may lead to failing the course.** Don’t get a “tutor” to edit

your work and don't "borrow" from the Internet! Be aware that your instructor will be familiar with your style and level of writing and knows how to use the Internet too.

Important Notes:

1. Respect due dates. Except in cases of verified illness or other legitimate reasons, **all assessments and assignments must be completed/submitted on due dates** (at **beginning** of class). If you have a valid reason that makes it impossible for you to perform an assessment/submit an assignment on time, you must communicate with the instructor **before due date**. **All assignments must be neatly done, double-spaced, stapled, and single-sided. Take-home assignments should be keyboarded.**

2. Students who have completed all major assignments and whose total mark for the term is between 50 - 59% will be awarded a "D" Grade (Pass). This is a passing grade; however, it is not a prerequisite for students planning on continuing into University Transfer courses or Technology / Business courses. A "C" grade is the minimum prerequisite for higher level courses.

3. In cases where the total mark is below 50%, students will receive an "F" grade. Students who drop out of the course without officially withdrawing at Registration will receive an "F" grade.

4. Regular, punctual attendance is essential to successful completion of this course. There is an Academic Progress Policy designed to enhance a learner's likelihood of success. Students should become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-&-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> The ELD Department also has specific **Academic Progress and Attendance Requirements**. **If you miss class due to illness or another valid reason, please email the instructor or relay a message through a classmate regarding your absence.** Communicate with the instructor and with a classmate regarding missed lectures, handouts, homework or in-class assignments.

5. **All assessments/assignments** must be completed to fulfill the requirements of this course and receive a passing grade.

6. Students may not use recording devices in the classroom without the instructor's prior permission. However, 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.

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).