

The Approved Course Description is available on the College website <http://www.camosun.ca/learn/calendar/index.html>

## 1. Instructor Information

- (a) Instructor: Jill Auchinachie
- (b) Office hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:00 – 8:30; 11:20 – 12:00; 12:30 – 2:00; Thursday: 11:50 – 12:30  
Help Centre, CBA 109, Tuesday: 11:10 – 12:30
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## 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

*At completion of the course students will be able to:*

### Skills and Strategies for Learning

- Identify short and long term personal literacy goals
- Work with help and independently
- Participate in group discussions and activities
- Give concise sequential oral instructions
- Apply personal learning strategies
- Use critical thinking skills while listening and/or viewing
- Develop strategies to write tests in a variety of formats
- Complete assignments out of classroom setting

### Computer Skills (Recommended)

- Keyboard comfortably
- Word process and print a document and begin to use a search engine to find information

### Reading

#### Comprehension Development

- Read extended expository passages independently and fluently
- Begin to draw inferences and conclusions
- Use context clues
- Begin to distinguish between fact and opinion
- Express and support opinions about text
- Answer comprehension questions on main idea, details and sequence
- Identify subject/topic, main ideas, supporting details and sequence

#### Literature

- Detect tone of story and emotional reactions of character

#### Meta-cognitive Strategies

- Employ strategies for learning and remembering
- Use pre-reading strategies
- Read and self-monitor for comprehension
- Begin to recognize different purposes for reading



## Writing

### Writing Process

- Organize writing using the writing process
- Edit written work

### Paragraphs, Summaries and Letters

- Produce coherent descriptive, narrative and expository 8-10 sentence paragraphs
- Recognize and write simple, compound and complex sentences
- Summarize main ideas after reading and discussion
- Write personal letters using standard format

### Expression

- Use a broad range of punctuation including quotation marks
- Apply comma rules
- Identify and correct fragments and run-on sentences
- Use effective spelling strategies including dictionary skills to check spelling during proof-reading stage of writing
- Spell a variety of homonyms, and common irregularly spelled words
- Identify synonyms and antonyms

### Grammar

- Use subject-verb agreement and consistent verb tense

## 3. Materials

- *Gage Canadian Dictionary*
- *Roget's Thesaurus*
- *Active Reader 5* by Linda Kita-Bradley
- *504 Absolutely Essential Words* by Murray Bromberg, Julius Liebb, & Arthur Traiger
- Instructor-selected reading materials
- Student-selected reading materials

## 4. Course Content

English 025 focuses on promoting literacy skills by refining reading fluency through using longer text and exploring critical reading strategies including making inferences and drawing conclusions. Writing literacy is developed through writing narrative, descriptive and expository paragraphs and actively building vocabulary.

## 5. Schedule

6 hours in-class on Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 11:20  
4 lab hours in the Help Centre (arranged by the student)

## 6. Basis of Student Assessment

Students will build a portfolio of their work to be used as an evaluative tool in the assessment of their progress in the course.

Portfolio Activity	#	Description
Reading Vocabulary	In exercises and/or in writing	Complete vocabulary exercises, including dictionary and thesaurus work.
Literature	In discussion and/or writing	Analyze characters Analyze characters and tone of story.
Stories and Passages	6 responses	Give written and oral responses to readings including identifying main idea, details and sequence; answering comprehension questions including inferential interpretations; summarizing text
Forms and Documents	Complete 2	Complete forms and documents.
Letters	Complete 2	Write 2 personal letters using standard format
Narrative, Descriptive, and Expository Paragraphs	Write 4	Use the writing process to generate and organize ideas and to write paragraphs that include topic, concluding and support sentences.
Punctuation and Capitalization	In exercises and/or writing	Apply capitalization and comma rules and a range of punctuation including quotation marks
Grammar	In exercises and/or writing	In writing activities and exercises use consistent verb tense and identify subjects and verbs.
Assessment	Complete 1 or more as needed	Achieve a score of level 7 or higher on the Canadian Adult Reading Assessment (CARA) or an equivalent score on a standardized reading test.

## 7. Grading System

Competency based grading system

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

Students with a record of poor attendance, OR poor progress may be restricted from re-registering in Academic and Career Foundations Department courses.

## 8. Learning Support and Services to Promote Student Success

### ACADEMIC UPGRADING HELP CENTRE (CBA 109)

Coursework support, reference and support materials, printer, quiet testing and study areas

Aboriginal Services (Education, Financial & Cultural)  
Academic Advising  
Assessment Testing  
AudioVisual Services & Equipment  
Bookstore  
Cafeterias & Restaurants  
Camosun College Student Society  
Career Resource Centre  
Child Care  
Computer Labs  
Counselling (Career, Educational, Personal & Cultural)  
Dental Clinic  
Disability Resource Centre  
Financial Aid & Awards  
First Nations Student Association  
Fitness & Recreation

Help Centres (tutoring in English, ESL, Math)  
Housing Registry Online  
Library  
Lockers  
Medical Coverage & Accident Insurance  
Nexus Student Newspaper  
Ombudsman  
Personal Safety  
Photocopying & Printshop  
Sexual Health Clinic  
Student Clubs  
Student Employment Services  
Student ID/Library Cards/U-Pass Student Bus Pass  
Wireless networking  
Women's Centres

Camosun services are here to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. Our goal is to provide you with the best learning experience possible. This information is available in the Registrar's Office or the College web site at: <http://camosun.ca/services/>

## 9. College Policies

### STUDENT CONDUCT

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear expectations of appropriate academic and non-academic student conduct and to establish processes for resolution of conduct issues or the imposition of sanctions for inappropriate conduct.

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-&-support/e-2.5.1.pdf>

### STUDENT GRADING POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that grading and promotion are consistent and fair.

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-&-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>

### ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to enhance a learner's likelihood of success and to encourage the learner to use College resources effectively.

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-&-instruction/e-1.1.pdf>