



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Access**  
**ELD**

**ELD 077-001 – English Pronunciation**  
**Winter 2019**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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The calendar description is available on the web @ \_\_\_\_\_

*Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.*

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**1. Instructor Information**

(a) Instructor	Kirsten Bunton
(b) Office hours	Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 pm – 2:25 pm or by appointment
(c) Location	Ewing 222
(d) Phone	370-3376 <b>Alternative:</b> _____
(e) E-mail	buntonk@camosun.bc.ca
(f) Website	_____

**2. Intended Learning Outcomes**

At successful completion of the course students will be able to understand and use the English sound system correctly as follows:

- a. Understand how speech sounds are physically made and why, and understand the sound system of English.
- b. Use vowels, diphthongs, consonants and consonant clusters correctly.
- c. Understand and use intonation, rhythm, word stress, speed, loudness, phrasing and pausing in both listening and speaking.
- d. Use a dictionary to aid pronunciation of words.
- e. Use spelling rules in determining the pronunciation of words.

**3. Required Materials**

- (a) Well Said: Pronunciation for clear communication, **Fourth** edition by Linda Grant. Heinle & Heinle
- (b) Headset with microphone (Recommended type is available at the College Bookstore - COSONIC 790MV).

#### 4. Course Content and Schedule

<b>Class times</b>	Tuesday:	2:30 – 3:20	Ewing 344	
		3:30 – 4:20	Ewing 155	(lab)
<b>and locations:</b>	Thursday:	2:30 - 4:20	Ewing 344	

**In-class workload:** 4 hours per week

**Estimated out of class workload:** 4 hours per week

#### **Background to the course:**

Everyone has an accent. Native speakers have the accent of the country they come from, and ESL learners have “foreign” accents. Some people have accents that are easier to understand than others – but why?

It is not just the sounds of the words that make the difference. It is other things as well, such as speed, loudness, pitch and the way words are linked together. Because these things are not written on the page when we read English, it’s easy to imagine that they don’t exist or aren’t important, but they are *very* important.

Can you ever get rid of your accent? Probably not. But, neither can anyone else. You can improve both the sounds of the words and the other factors involved in clear speech. This will make you understandable to a wide range of listeners.

#### **Goals of the course:**

This course provides a wide variety of methods and activities to improve your pronunciation. Listening practice will be an integral part of each lesson, since pronunciation and listening are closely linked skills. The main goal of the course is to enable you to interact clearly, naturally and confidently with native speakers of English in a variety of social settings.

Many people think of an English pronunciation class as mainly one where students’ vowel and consonant sounds are practiced and corrected. Most pronunciation teachers, and most of their students, however, have found such pronunciation work, if it forms the bulk of class activities, to be only minimally satisfactory. They report that such in-class drill and correction techniques often have little effect in “real life” situations.

Recent research and experience has shown that factors other than vowels and consonants are the most important to master. This course is designed to help you practice these aspects of English pronunciation, such as word stress, sentence intonation, phrasing of word groups, and pausing as well as the consonants and vowels. All of these aspects need to be mastered to some degree in order to communicate intelligibly in English.

## Overview of course content:

In this course, you will improve your ability to:

- produce more natural English speech
- understand natural English speech
- predict the correct pronunciation of words and phrases

These abilities will be improved by studying and understanding the English sound system and using it correctly.

## Attendance:

Regular attendance is very important in this course, as most of the work we do will be in class. If you attend regularly, participate actively in class work, and work consistently both in class and outside class, you will make progress.

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Your final grade will be based on presentations and tests that will be given over the course of the semester:

Test 1	20 marks
Test 2	20 marks
Weekly in-class assignments and homework	20 marks
Presentation 1	20 marks
Presentation 2	20 marks
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100 marks</b>

The tests will examine both your pronunciation skills and competence in listening comprehension.

Except in cases of verified illness or other legitimate reasons, **all tests and presentations must happen on the due dates.**

All assignments must be completed entirely by the student. See Note 3 below regarding Academic Honesty.

No electronic devices (electronic dictionaries, cell phones, music players, etc.) can be used during tests. This policy also applies to other in-class assignments at the discretion of the instructor.

## 6. Grading System <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.php>

### Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

## 7. College Supports, Services and Policies



### Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @ <http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

### College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

### College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

### Important Dates:

February 18 – Family Day  
February 19 – 22 – Reading Week  
March 28 – last day of class for ELD 077-001 elective



**ELD Department  
Academic Progress and Attendance Requirements  
Advanced and Provincial Levels<sup>1</sup>**

**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

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 attended<sup>2</sup>. 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

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<sup>1</sup> See the Camosun College Academic Progress Policy at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/Education-Academic/E-1-Programming-&-Instruction/E-1.1.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Spring and Summer are considered as one session.

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

- attend Help Centre
- counselling
- 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.