

"We approach our lives on different trajectories, each of us spinning in our own separate, shining orbits. What gives this life its resonance is when those trajectories cross and we become engaged with each other, for as long or as fleetingly as we do. There's a shared energy then, and it can feel as though the whole universe is in the process of coming together. I live for those times. No one is truly ever "just passing through." Every encounter has within it the power of enchantment, if we're willing to look for it."
– Richard Wagamese, *Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations*



School of Access: Academic and Career Foundations Department

ENGL 050: *Intermediate English*

Course Outline

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

1. Instructor and Course Information

Instructor: Mice Albano
Office: CBA 110 at Interurban or Ewing 324 M/W 8:30-11:00
Phone: (250) 370-3469
E-mail: albano@camosun.bc.ca
Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:20 to 12:30
Other days and times by appointment

Class Hours: 6 hours instruction per week, plus 4 hours in the Help Centre

Course location and times: January 8th to April 13th
Classroom: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12:30 am - 3:20pm CBA 118
No classes: - Reading Break - February 19th to 22nd
Family day - February 18th -

Important Note about this Course Outline:

On the following pages, the course is explained in detail. Assignments, marking, and the method of determining final grades are covered. If any part of this outline is not understood, or if you have any questions, please ask the instructor for clarification. The instructor will abide by the course outline and students are expected to read and understand its contents.

2. Course Description:

The Intermediate English course concentrates on the development of critical thinking, reading, formal writing skills, and introductory literature analysis. Students will practice organizing, writing, and revising paragraphs, essays, and business documents. Reading assignments help develop grammar, punctuation, and composition skills while improving reading, reading comprehension, vocabulary, and study skills.

3. Pre-requisites

English 033 or Assessment

4. Course Type

All our classes are **Self-Paced**: Students complete the course outcomes at a pace that best suits their lifestyle. This means:

1. We will start the class with a group lesson that will help students reach the course outcomes.
2. Students are working at different parts of many different courses, all at the same time,
3. Instructors will connect with students often and see how they are doing. Also, students ask for help when they need it. Students use the Help Centre to support their learning.
4. Students have the responsibility to attend class every day, work hard, and ask for support when needed.

Instructors meet each student in the first class or two, and over time, they learn how best to support student's learning.

5. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

Critical and Creative Thinking

- summarize and paraphrase written and verbal resources
- make inferences; distinguish fact from opinion
- create, identify, and modify solutions
- establish viable schedule of work, classes, and study time

Reading, Research, and Reference

- identify bias, tone, purpose, audience, and point of view
- identify subject/topic, main and supporting ideas, and logical structure
- use skimming and scanning techniques
- use context clues and word structure analysis to identify meaning
- use dictionary, thesaurus, and other resources to build vocabulary
- use resources: library, encyclopedia, manuals, CD-ROMS, Internet

Written Communication

- brainstorm ideas; narrow the topic
- create paragraphs, essays, (research & expository), summaries, resumes, business letters
- revise and edit work to improve word choice, sentence and paragraph structure, spelling, punctuation, and grammar
- produce writing on demand: paragraphs and essays

Speaking and Listening Skills

- participate in conversations and group discussions
- provide oral feedback: peer editing, group discussions
- recall and interpret information

6. Required and Recommended Materials

- Bigauskas, R. Thinking and Writing: A Guide to Paragraphs and Essays (provided)
- Langan, J & Goldstein J. English Brushup (3rd or 4th ed.)
- Troya & Thweatt, Structure Reading
- Dictionary and Thesaurus
- Loose leaf paper (a notebook is provided for Free writing exercises)
- 3 ring binder
- USB to store your writing

7. Basis of Student Assessment

Category	Assignment	% of Grade	Description
Paragraphs	2 - 4 practice @150 words plus one exit paragraph	10	Practice with a variety of writing patterns Exit paragraph is written independently
Grammar	Written work	10	Practice based on student needs
Expository Essay	1 @ 500 words	15	Practice with essay development
Business Writing	1	5	Produce a letter
Critical Reading	10 selections	15	Work from <i>Structured Reading</i>
Summary Writing	1 @ 250 words	5	From selected readings
Research Essay	1 @ 500 words	20	Incorporate outside sources
Exit Essay (Timed)	1 @ 500 words	20	Produce a successful essay

8. Grading System

A+	90 - 100%	B+	77 - 79%	C+	65 - 69%		
A	85 - 89%	B	73 - 76%	C	60 - 64%		
A-	80 - 84%	B-	70 - 72%	D*	50 - 59%	IP **	Less than 50%

**Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a 'D' grade cannot be used as a prerequisite. ** In progress*

9. 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
Center for Accessible Learning
Child Care
Computer Labs
Counselling (Career, Educational, Personal & Cultural)
Dental Clinic
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 Navigators
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/>

10. 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>