

# CAMOSUN COLLEGE School of Access Community Learning Partnerships

## English 092

Academic Upgrading
Victoria Native Friendship Centre - VNFC S16

Fall 2020

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

The calendar description is available on the web @	http:www.camosun.ca

This course provides practice and instruction in critical reading and in the planning, writing, and revising of paragraphs and essays, and prepares the student for college writing. English 092 with English 094 is equivalent to Provincial English 12.

#### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	(a) Instructor		Mark Kunen		
(b)	(b) Office hours		By appointment		
(c)	(c) Location		Songhees Wellness Centre – SWC		
(d)	Phone	250 3	370 4961	Alternative:	250 384 3211 ext 2233
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(f)	Website		Camosun.ca (Programs/Academic upgrading)		

#### Note:

Required activities include free writing, grammar and punctuation lessons, and proof-reading practice. In order to assist students to achieve the learning outcomes, the instructor may suggest additional work, such as vocabulary development, reading for pleasure and reading stories to children, and letter writing. Next, I'll send you a paragraph about appointments with me, etc. Mark

#### 2 Intended Learning Outcomes

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

#### a) Critical and Creative Thinking.

- evaluate argument for validity, reliability, currency, and objectivity
- articulate the connections between purpose, audience, and style
- analyze diction in a variety of non-fiction texts
- analyze and explain the organizational methods used to develop a topic or an argument
- recognize elements of clear communication
- demonstrate organizational thought processes to solve problems
- demonstrate an awareness of how communication formats influence language choices and usage
- record, organize and store information read, heard or viewed
- support a position by citing specific details from what has been read, heard or viewed

- explore diverse perspectives to develop or modify one's point of view
- assess one's own knowledge and use of language
- assess information for completeness, accuracy, currency, relevance, balance or perspectives and bias
- analyze different presentations of the same information to reconsider positions
- assess ways in which language reflects and influences values and behaviour

#### b) Reading and Reference.

- cite and document sources where necessary, following MLA conventions
- evaluate the effectiveness of one's own and others' written material using criteria that
  include the following: plain language; coherence and organization; consistency in the
  application of usage conventions; relevance to argument of supporting evidence and
  examples; appropriateness to intended purpose and audience; attention to detail
- summarize, make inferences, draw conclusions and critically evaluate
- paraphrase main ideas in written material
- distinguish between implicit and explicit messages
- apply prior knowledge and experience to assist understanding of new material
- use a variety of strategies and sources to gather and evaluate information, including print sources, library resources and the Internet
- interpret details and draw conclusions from information presented in a variety of print and graphic formats, including electronic formats
- gather, evaluate, synthesize, and organize information into a research paper or report of approximately 1500 words using an appropriate documentation style (e.g. APA, MLA or Chicago)

## c) Written Communication.

- plan and write a variety of types of paragraphs and essays
- integrate research material into a research paper or report using MLA conventions
- gather information and organize it into functional writing assignments
- edit own work fully for coherence and accuracy
- monitor spelling, grammar, mechanics and syntax using appropriate techniques and resources as required, including electronic technology
- write effectively, adjusting for audience, purpose and situation to inform, persuade, and interact in formal and informal situations
- organize information and ideas to clarify thinking and achieve desired effect
- understand and avoid plagiarism
- produce writing on demand (e.g. essays, exams)

#### d) Speaking and Listening Skills.

- 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
- use effective presentation aids to enhance communications

#### 3 Required Materials

Essay Essentials with Readings by Sarah Norton and Brian Green, 5th ed.

#### 4. Course Content and Schedule

Class Schedule: online, cell/landline, emails

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VNFC S16B Tuesday and Thursday (does not apply to remote learning's asynchronous instruction)

Start Date: Sept. 8, 2020 End Date: Dec. 10, 2020

#### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Students will be assigned a variety of work to help them achieve the learning outcomes for the course. Marks will be assigned in five key areas.

Area of Assessment	WEIGHT
Essay writing	50%
Research	20%
Summaries	10%
Grammar	10%
In-class work/presentations	10%

**Note:** Note: In order to assist students to achieve the required learning outcomes, the instructor may require participation in other language activities such as letter writing, reading stories to children. These will include such things as free writing and reading, grammar and punctuation lessons, group discussions, vocabulary development, and proof-reading practice. It is important that students participate in the group activities.

## 6. Grading System

X	Standard Grading System (GPA)
	Competency Based Grading System

## 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 @ <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html">http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html</a> or <a href="http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent">http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent</a>

#### 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 <a href="http://camosun.ca/">http://camosun.ca/</a>

#### **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.

## A. GRADING SYSTEMS <a href="http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies.php">http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies.php</a>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

#### 1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

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

#### 2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description	
СОМ	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.	

## **B.** Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <a href="http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/E-1.5.pdf">http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/E-1.5.pdf</a> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Description Grade	
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I	Incomplete: A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	In progress: A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.