



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Access
English Language Development Department

ELD 074-D02 Academic Communication Skills
Fall 2020 (Sept. 8 to Dec. 10, 2020)

COURSE OUTLINE

This course is designed to prepare non-native English speakers for oral communication tasks encountered within an academic or professional environment. Students will improve their ability to participate in discussions, make presentations, comprehend and take notes on academic lectures, explore career options, and speak clearly. <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/eld.html>

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 other post-secondary institutions.

1. Instructor Information

- a) **Instructor:** Judith Hunt
- b) **Office Hours:** by appointment
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

- a) **Demonstrate speaking and listening abilities appropriate to successful functioning in the classroom, workplace, and community.**
 - Use spoken English that is easy to understand.
 - Use appropriate vocabulary and register in spoken English.
 - Ask questions relevant to content.
 - Use appropriate language and strategies in discussions.
 - Demonstrate listening skills and understanding by taking notes during classroom presentations and lectures.
 - Summarize information from classroom presentations and lectures.
 - Prepare and present an organized oral presentation relevant to purpose and audience using appropriate audiovisual supports.

- b) **Understand and communicate effectively in the Canadian community and the post-secondary classroom.**
 - Demonstrate respect for learner colleagues, including those from differing cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
 - Collaborate with others in group tasks and discussions.

- Ask appropriately for clarification from teachers, fellow students, and members of the community.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with native speakers in the community.

3. Required Materials

a) **Text:** *Contemporary Topics 3 (4th edition)* by David Beglar and Neil Murray – Pearson Education, 2017

b) Other

- Computer with audio and video capability, good Internet connection
- Lined loose-leaf paper for taking notes by hand
- Equipment or supplies for a demonstration may be required for the first oral presentation

4. **Class Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 – 1:50

5. Basis of Student Assessment

Your mark will be based on a variety of formal and informal listening and speaking assignments given over the course of the semester. You must complete all assignments to fulfill the requirements of this course.

Listening

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| ▪ Listening quizzes | 15 marks |
| ▪ Note taking and summarizing | 15 marks |
| ▪ Listening comprehension tests (2) | <u>15 marks</u> |
| | 45 marks |

Speaking

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| ▪ Short Presentations (2) | 10 marks |
| ▪ Speaking Assignments | 20 marks |
| ▪ Final Presentation | <u>15 marks</u> |
| | 45 marks |

Participation and Independent work **10 marks**

TOTAL: 100 marks

6. Grading System

Camosun College Standard Grading System

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency (for GPA)
90-100	A+	Superior level of achievement	9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+	High level of achievement	6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+	Satisfactory level of achievement	3
60-64	C	Sufficient level of achievement to proceed to next level	2
50-59	D	Minimum level – a D grade cannot be used as a prerequisite	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved	0
	I	Incomplete due to extenuating circumstances	

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

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