

# COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ENGL 050 – Intermediate English  
CLASS SECTION: S16 and S16A  
TERM: 2021F  
COURSE CREDITS: 0  
DELIVERY METHOD(S):

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here. Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, and Camosun College is committed to helping you safely complete your education. Following guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafe BC, and the B.C. Government to ensure the health and wellbeing of students and employees, Camosun College is providing you with every possible protection to keep you safe. Our measures include COVID Training for students and employees, health checks, infection control protocols including sanitization of spaces, PPE and ensuring physical distancing. For details on these precautions please follow this link: <http://camosun.ca/covid19/faq/covid-fags-students.html>. However, if you're at all uncomfortable being on campus, please share your concerns with your Instructor. If needed, alternatives will be discussed.

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## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Mark Kunen  
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OFFICE: NA  
HOURS: by appointment

*Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success. As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me.*

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## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will develop critical thinking, reading and writing skills, and skills related to y literature analysis, and the basic components of research. Students will practice organizing, writing, and revising paragraphs, essays, and business documents. Students will develop grammar, punctuation, and composition skills while improving reading, reading comprehension, vocabulary, and study skills

PREREQUISITE(S): ENGL 033 or assessment

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## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student will demonstrate the following abilities:

- A. Critical and Creative Thinking
- recall and interpret information
  - identify subject/topic, main ideas, supporting ideas, and sequence

- summarize
  - make inferences
  - compare and contrast; persuade, define; draw conclusions
  - analyze information and solve problems (create and modify solutions, identify impact of solutions)
  - identify and discuss examples of fact and opinion
  - support a position with evidence and examples
- B. Reading and Reference
- use a variety of methods to build vocabulary
  - recognize homonyms, antonyms and synonyms
  - use a dictionary and a thesaurus and personal interests to expand vocabulary
  - read to locate specific information
  - use a variety of reference materials
  - use in-book reference tools (index, table of contents, glossary)
  - use skimming and scanning techniques
  - learn ways of taking notes and highlighting key points in readings
  - recognize point-of-view, logical and illogical arguments, stereotypes, bias and propaganda
- C. Writing
- understand and use steps of the writing process: freewriting, conversation, prewriting, drafting,
  - gather ideas for research, define and narrow a topic; evaluate, select, and organize source materials
  - adjust content and style of writing to suit purpose and audience
  - edit and proofread work to improve content, word choice, , sentence and paragraph structure, spelling, punctuation, and mechanics
  - write effective paragraphs in a range of rhetorical modes (may include narrative, descriptive, process, compare/contrast, cause/effect, classification, or persuasive, or a combination of modes )
  - write one or more summaries
  - write one or more essays
  - understand and avoid plagiarism
- D Speaking and Listening Skills
- ask questions to gather information or clarify meaning
  - demonstrate effective listening skills, including listening with full attention
  - Be aware of voice, tone, and body language
  - listen attentively and respond effectively to verbal communication
  - deliver an effective oral presentation to inform, persuade, or entertain
  - participate in class discussions or other group activities
- E Computer Literacy
- use computer programs to create, edit and publish
  - use electronic communication
  - format assignments appropriately

This course meets the required learning outcomes for Intermediate English as outlined in the BC ABE Articulation Handbook.

#### REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

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1. Pattison, Tanis and Coast Mountain College, 2018 College Skills: Intermediate English (under consideration)
2. Essential Reading Skills, by Kathleen T. Mc Whorter ( to be presented in class)
3. Structured Reading, by L. Quitman and J.W, Thweatt (to be presented in class)
4. English Brushup, by J. Langan and J.M. Goldstein. 6<sup>th</sup> or latest edition

#### COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

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Section 16 meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30- 7:20. Section 16A meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 – 5:20.

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

## EVALUATION OF LEARNING

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Students will be assigned a variety of work to help them achieve the learning outcomes for the course. Grades will be assigned according to this chart.

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Paragraphs (6 – Illustration, narrative, descriptive, cause/effect, compare/contrast, persuasive, or combinations of more than one mode) and essay(s), (including grammar )	50%
Reading	30%
Business Writing	5%
Summary Writing	10%
Blog Entry (optional)	
Oral Presentation and class participation	5%
	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

## COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

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This is a self-paced course. Students have the flexibility to follow an individually-adaptable timeline to complete the assignments and achieve the learning outcomes. Students will be assigned a variety of work to help them achieve the learning outcomes for the course. Since I use an individualized, competency - based learning approach, the number of assignments in each category listed in the chart will often exceed the minimum, and other assignments may be added. As much as possible, I treat as practice students' work that does not reflect mastery of the relevant learning outcomes.

The course entails six in-person hours per week with an expectation that students will study four more hours per week outside of class. Students have a responsibility to work hard, attend class and/or meetings, and ask for support when needed.

## SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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Community Learning Partnerships (CLP), a department of the School of Access, brings education to community-based sites to make it easier for students to begin or return to learning in a less intimidating place than on the college campus. Students can build or refresh their skills to meet admission requirements and be

successful in other college programs. Students learn in a comfortable environment with other adults who share similar backgrounds and get help from friendly and compassionate Camosun instructors and staff. Community Learning Partnerships department: <http://camosun.ca/learn/school/access/community-partnerships/index.html>.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

## SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	<a href="http://camosun.ca/advising">http://camosun.ca/advising</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning">http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="http://camosun.ca/counselling">http://camosun.ca/counselling</a>
Career Services	<a href="http://camosun.ca/coop">http://camosun.ca/coop</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="http://camosun.ca/financialaid">http://camosun.ca/financialaid</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="http://camosun.ca/help-centres">http://camosun.ca/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/indigenous">http://camosun.ca/indigenous</a>
International Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/international/">http://camosun.ca/international/</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="http://camosun.ca/learningskills">http://camosun.ca/learningskills</a>
Library	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/library/">http://camosun.ca/services/library/</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/oss">http://camosun.ca/oss</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="http://camosun.ca/ombuds">http://camosun.ca/ombuds</a>
Registration	<a href="http://camosun.ca/registration">http://camosun.ca/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/its">http://camosun.ca/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="http://camosun.ca/writing-centre">http://camosun.ca/writing-centre</a>

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

### Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

### Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

### Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the "Attendance" section under "Registration Policies and Procedures" (<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

### Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and [camosun.ca/sexual-violence](http://camosun.ca/sexual-violence). To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto:oss@camosun.ca) or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

**Changes to this Syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.