

CAMOSUN COLLEGE Summer 2003 English 082 Basic English Composition

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Class times: MW 8:30-11:20 Fisher 310. Texts: Bailey, Powell and Shuttleworth. *The Practical Writer*: 8th ed. *English 082 Course Readings*, ed. Sexton. *Word Power Made Easy*, Lewis; Random House paperback dictionary recommended.

The aim of this course is to help you learn to write paragraphs and short essays that reveal clear organization, specific development, and effective expression. This means that you will be learning:

- to focus your writing on a specific topic
- to express your main idea in a topic sentence or thesis statement
- to support your main idea with various types of specific evidence
- to organize this evidence in a variety of patterns
- to develop the evidence in a series of developed, linked paragraphs
- to write introductory and concluding paragraphs using various strategies
- to write clear, grammatically correct sentences in a variety of patterns
- to use appropriate words.

You will be applying these skills first in the writing of paragraphs and short essays with various structural patterns. For part of each class meeting you will be practicing some aspect of writing that will you with the assignments. Some of these exercises will be submitted; others won't.

Evaluation:

To get credit for this course, you must submit the assignments when they are due. Extensions may be granted if arrangements are made at least 2 days prior to the due date. Overdue assignments submitted at the end of the semester will not be accepted. In-class exercises must be completed during class time and will not be accepted at a later date from those who were absent. Plagiarism (see page 235 of *Practical Writer*) will result in zero for the assignment. Repeated infraction, F for course. Student conduct: see brochure available from Admissions/Registration.

Your grade will be made up of the following: 3 essays= 75; Final Grammar and vocabulary test plus short essay (in-class)= 15; Class participation, attendance, quizzes= 10

Letter grades for the course will be as follows:

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MONDAY

Wk 1 no class

Wk 2 July 7, 9 PW ch. 13,14, unity, coher.

Wk 3 July 14, 16 Go over Essay 1, ch 34, 41PW

Wk 4 Jul 21,23 "My Old Man" (film), irony

Wk 5 Jul 28,30 Granite Pt, PW 29-31

Wk 6 Aug 4, 6 Holiday BC Day

Wk 7 Aug 11, 13 Dictionary unit, also PW 35, 42

Wk 8 Aug 18 Final Test grammar and vocab, short essay (Essay 4)

WEDNESDAY

July 2 Read WP pp 26-54, overview

WP pp55-75, irony. In-class essay

"Open Window" (reader), ch 27 PW

Essay 2 in class. Ch 28

PW Ch 15, Comp-contrast; WP 116-

Comp-cont in class Essay 3

WP 192-233, PW ch 38-40 incl.

Grading:

Essays 1-3	75
Final Grammar and test with short essay	15
Class attendance and participation, quizzes	10