

There is an essential experience that you owe yourselves, one which . . . finally depends on you, in all your interactions with yourself and your world. This is the experience of taking responsibility toward yourselves Responsibility to yourself means refusing to let others do your thinking, talking, and naming for you, it means learning to respect and use your own brains and instincts, hence grappling with hard work. Adrienne Rich

. . . write in the kitchen, lock yourself up in the bathroom. Write on the bus or the welfare line, on the job or during meals Gloria Anzaldua

School of Arts and Science
English Department
English 150-05, 07, & 11
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Course Outline

1. Instructor Information

- (a) Instructor: Moira F. Walker
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

According to the English Department, students should have had some practice with the following activities and skills upon completing English 150:

- writing expository prose for various purposes and audiences;
- developing a mature writing process, which may include prewriting, planning, drafting, conferring, revising, and editing/proofing;
- selecting and using rhetorical patterns purposefully;
- selecting and using appropriate clear, cohesive, and effective English;
- varying style purposefully through attending to sentence rhythms, sentence variety, vocabulary and figurative language;
- reading mature expository and persuasive prose by student and professional writers;
- varying reading approach for different purposes;
- analyzing expository prose by identifying controlling ideas, supporting ideas, dominant rhetorical patterns, tone, and features of style;
- summarizing expository prose in own words to reflect coherently the original's ideas, organization, and tone;
- researching topics for expository papers;
- using a variety of sources, which may include personal knowledge, interviews, print, and other media;
- choosing to summarize, paraphrase, or directly quote from sources;
- integrating the results of research into expository papers;
- documenting sources fully and ethically, according to specified bibliographic convention conventions.

3. Required Materials

(a) Texts

Mayfield, Marlys. *Thinking for Yourself: Developing Critical Thinking Skills Through Reading and Writing*. 6th ed. Boston, MA: Thomson Wadsworth,

2004.

(b) Other

A good dictionary, for example, the *Gage Canadian Dictionary*.

4. Course Content

Instructor's Purposes: My purposes in teaching this course are to enhance your appreciation of writing as a valuable and, in our society, crucial means of expression, and to cultivate your ability to think critically in order to improve your writing.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Assignments

Nine pieces of peer-reviewed writing,

Value: 90 (9 x 10)

(b) Quizzes: Three

Value: 6 (3 x 2)

(c) Other: Freewriting journal

Value: 2

Oral book report

Value: 2

Total: 100

6. Grading System

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ =95-100

B- = 75-79

I =See Calendar

A =90-94

C+ =65-69

AUD =Audit

A- =85-89

C =60-64

W =Official withdrawal

B+ =80-84

D =50-59

B =75-79

F =0-49

7. Other information

- (a) Please respect the manners to which we agreed on the first day of class.
- (b) Please make a commitment to yourself to attend all the classes and to participate in class discussions.
- (c) The nine assignments are mandatory and are due at the beginning of class on the dates established during the course. Do not email assignments. Late assignments will receive a grade of 0. You may have one "grace" late assignment, depending on the circumstances (1 week maximum extension).
- (d) Please keep a copy of all work, including submitted material, until the final grades have been posted.
- (e) Please make a commitment to do your own work; it is, after all, "an essential experience that you owe yourself," as Adrienne Rich has said.

To assist your studies at Camosun, the college offers a number of services, workshops, and centres. Do make use of them!

Computer Labs – Ewing, 1st floor

Counselling – Dawson 202

Learning Skills Centre – Dawson 202; Learning Skills workshops – Paul 107

Library – Please acquire a library card as soon as possible.

Writing Centre – Dawson 207