



**School of Arts & Science  
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

**ENGL 150-05  
English Composition  
Fall/2008**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ \_\_\_\_\_

Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only.  
It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

**1. Instructor Information**

(a)	Instructor:	Jeanne Iribarne		
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**2. Intended Learning Outcomes**

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Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Write expository prose for various purposes and audiences.
  - Develop a mature writing process, which may include prewriting, planning, drafting, conferring, revising and editing/proofing.
  - Select and use rhetorical patterns purposefully.
  - Write correct, clear, cohesive, and effective English.
  - Vary style purposefully through manipulating sentence rhythms, sentence variety, vocabulary and figurative language.
2. Read mature expository and persuasive prose by student and professional writers.
  - Vary their reading approach for different purposes such as research and criticism.
  - Analyze expository prose by identifying controlling ideas, supporting ideas, dominant rhetorical pattern, tone and features of style.
  - Summarize expository prose in their own words to reflect coherently the original's ideas, organization, and tone.
3. Research topics for expository papers.
  - Use a variety of sources, which may include personal knowledge, interview, print, and other media.
  - Choose to summarize, paraphrase, or directly quote from sources.
  - Integrate the results of research into expository papers.
  - Document sources fully and ethically, according to specified bibliographic conventions.

### 3. Required Materials

(a) Texts: Austin, Michael. *Reading the World: Ideas that Matter*. New York: Norton, 2007.

(b) Other

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

(Can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class requirements and/or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>What We Will Cover</u>	<u>Major Assignments And Readings</u>
Week 1 (Sept 2-5)	Course introductions.  Theme: defining "nature"  *Writing focus: modes of analysis and observation	<b>Assignment 1 (explanation only, due dates various)</b>
Week 2 (Sept 8-12)	*Writing focus: "the evil three"	Frost; Aristotle (375-- excerpt); Carson (422); Darwin (408 -- excerpt); Wright of Derby (405);
Week 3 (Sept 15-19)	Theme: frames of reference (perspectives on human nature)  * Writing focus: quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing, part I  September 16 - fee deadline	Freud (43); Benedict (56)  "Summarizing" (647- 651)
Week 4 (Sept 22-26)	* Writing focus: quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing, part II	"Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing" (718- 673)  <b>Assignment 2 (10%) in class (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>

<p>Week 5 (Sept 29- Oct 3)</p>	<p>Theme: ethos, pathos, logos (law and government)  *Writing focus: using documentation systems (MLA)</p>	<p>Lao Tzu (104); Machiavelli (130); Riefenstahl (157 and film); King (172)</p>
<p>Week 6 (Oct 6-10)</p>	<p>*Writing focus: evaluating sources</p>	<p>"Logos, Pathos, Ethos" (683-698)  "Documenting Sources" (723-734)  "Evaluating Sources" (716-718)</p>
<p>Week 7 (Oct 13-17)</p>	<p>Theme: Can there be a just war?  *Writing focus: identifying an argument  October 14 - bursary app deadline</p>	<p>Von Clausewitz (223 -- excerpt); Picasso (236); Mead (239); Orwell (247 – excerpt); Roy (253)</p>
<p>Week 8 (Oct 20-24)</p>		<p>"Synthesizing Ideas" (699-712)  <b>Assignment 3 (20%)</b></p>
<p>Week 9 (Oct 27-31)</p>	<p>Theme: Wealth, poverty, social class  *Writing focus: problems in deductive reasoning</p>	<p>Malthus (309 -- excerpt); Marx and Engels (317 -- excerpt); Hardin (359); Ghandi ( 337)</p>
<p>Week 10</p>	<p>*Writing focus: problems in inductive reasoning</p>	

(Nov 3-7)	November 4 - last day to withdraw	
Week 11 (Nov 10-14)	Theme: Language and rhetoric  *Writing focus: structuring an argument	Plato (539); Fei Tzu (557); Achebe (592)
Week 12 (Nov 17-21)	*Writing focus: using transitions	"Structuring Ideas" (664-679)  "Transitions" (672-677)  <b>Assignment 4 (20%)</b>
Week 13 (Nov 24-28)	Theme: Education	Al-Ghazali (463); Rousseau (479 -- excerpt); Freire (530); Douglass (506)
Week 14 (Dec 1-5)		<b>Assignment 5 (20%)</b> <b><u>in class</u></b>

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(Should be linked directly to learning outcomes.)

### (a) Assignments

Analysis (diagnostic)	ungraded
Emailed bio	ungraded
Summary	10%
Integration of Research (in-class)	15%
Essay 1 (Comparison)	25%
Essay 2 (Argument+Analysis of Sources)	25%

- (b) Quizzes
- (c) Exams
- (d) Other (e.g., Attendance, Project, Group Work)

**6. Grading System**

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**Standard Grading System (GPA)**

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

**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 E-1.5 at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca) for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
<b>I</b>	<i>Incomplete:</i> 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.
<b>IP</b>	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3<sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
<b>CW</b>	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> 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.

**7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course**

**LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

**STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY**

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED**