

CAMOSUN COLLEGE: COURSE OUTLINE

ENGLISH 150

INTRODUCTION TO COMPOSITION

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Required Texts: Ackley, Blank and Hume. Perspectives on Contemporary Issues
Barber. Oxford Canadian A-Z

You will also be expected to sign up for a blog at <http://www.livejournal.com>

CORE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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.

Evaluation:

Diagnostic Essay	0
Blog Assignment	25
Critical Analysis (in class)	10
Annotated Bibliography	10
Research Paper	25
Argument Essay (in class)	10
Homework and In-class work	<u>20</u>
	100%

Detailed instructions and grading rubrics will be provided for all assignments

Grading System:

A+ = 90-100%	B- = 70-72%
A = 85-89	C+ = 65-69
A- = 80-84	C = 60-64
B+ = 77-79	D = 50-59%
B = 73-76	F = Below 50%
	IN = Incomplete, must be negotiated

Notes:

All assignments must be completed and submitted on the specified due dates to complete the course.

Late submissions, without prior negotiated extensions, will be penalized 10% per day up to a maximum of 5 calendar days. After a week, the paper will be read but no comments will be provided; grade will be complete 60% only, assuming the paper is worth that much.

Proven cases of plagiarism will result in an automatic F grade for the work involved. Work suspected of plagiarism will be given a C for the first offense, and may be revised after discussion with instructor. A second offense of proven plagiarism will result in an F for the course; a second offense of suspected plagiarism (if the first was unchallenged) will result in an automatic F with no chance for revision.

The instructor reserves the right to refuse to accept assignments from any student who does not participate fully in the class