

# School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ENGL 150

# **English Composition**

Fall 2010

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

The course description is online @ http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/engl.html

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records. You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

### 1. Instructor Information

| (a) | Instructor:    | Jeanne Iribarne  |                    |  |
|-----|----------------|--|--------------------|--|
| (b) | Office Hours:  | Monday and Wednesday 1p.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 |                    |  |
| (D) | Office Flours. | a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and by appointment                           |                    |  |
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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by the Education Council of Camosun College.)

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York: W.W. Norton, 2010. The old edition will work but will require a bit of photocopying.
- Course package for English 150
- Hosseini, Khaled. One Thousand Splendid Suns. New York: Riverhead (Penguin), 2007.

## (b) Other

# 4. Course Content and Schedule

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

| <u>Date</u>    | What We Will Cover                            | Major Assignments        |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|
|                |   | And Readings             |
|                | Course introductions.                         |                          |
|                | Theme: Learning, studying, education          | Email bio                |
| Week 1         |   | "Cellphones a necessity" |
| (Sep 6-10)     |   | (coursepack)             |
|                |   |                          |
|                |   | "The Myth of             |
|                |   | Multitasking"            |
| Week 2         |   | (coursepack)             |
| (Sep 13-17)    | *Writing focus: description and definition    | Feynman (69)             |
| (00) 10 1/)    | *Writing focus: "academic style"              | "Quoting, Paraphrasing,  |
|                |   | and Summarizing" (718-   |
|                |   | 673)                     |
|                |   |                          |
|                |   | Darwin (405-412);        |
|                | Theme: definitions of "nature"                | Carson (419-425);        |
| Week 3         |   | EITHER Suzuki (427-      |
| (Sep 20-24)    |   | 433) OR Gore (455-       |
| (0.5) = 0.7    | September 21 - fee deadline                   | 465)                     |
|                |   | "Summarizing" (647-      |
|                |   | 651)                     |
|                |   |                          |
|                | * Writing focus: quoting, paraphrasing,       |                          |
| Week 4         | summarizing                                   |                          |
| (Sep 27-Oct 1) |   |                          |
|                | Theme: leadership, language, persuasion (also | Mid-term (20%) <u>in</u> |
|                | propaganda)                                   | class                    |
| Week 5         |   | Machiavelli (130); Lao   |
| (Oct 4-8)      |   | Tzu (104); Riefenstahl   |
| ` /            |   |                          |

|             | *Writing focus: using documentation systems  | (157 and film);  |
|-------------|--|--|
|             | (MLA)  |  |
|             |  | "Logos, Pathos, Ethos"                                 |
|             |  | (683-698)  |
| Week 6      |  | "Documenting Sources"                                  |
| (Oct 11-15) | *Writing focus: evaluating sources   | (723-734)  |
| (30) 11 13) | The state of the s | "Evaluating Sources"                                   |
|             | October 11 - Thanksgiving (no classes)   | (716-718)  |
|             |  | Wal-Mart: three films                                  |
|             |  | Essay 1 (20%)  |
|             | Theme: warfare   | Picasso (236); Mead (239); Orwell (247)                |
|             |  |  |
| Week 7      |  |  |
| (Oct 18-22) | *Writing focus: identifying an argument  |  |
|             |  |  |
|             |  | "Counth agining Tdagg"                                 |
|             |  | "Synthesizing Ideas"                                   |
| Week 8      |  | (699-712)  |
| (Oct 25-29) |  |  |
|             | Theme: wealth, poverty and social Class  | Malthus (309); Marx                                    |
|             |  | and Engels (317 -                                      |
| Week 9      | *Writing focus: problems in deductive reasoning  | excerpt); Gandhi (337) +                               |
| (Nov 1-5)   |  | film; Hardin (359)                                     |
|             |  |  |
| Week 10     | *Writing focus: problems in inductive reasoning  |  |
| (Nov 8-12)  | Nov 9 - last day to withdraw without academic penalty  | **Preliminary  |
| ,,          |  | bibliography due                                       |
|             | Theme: art   | Achebe (506);  |
| Week 11     |  | Roadsworth (film)                                      |
| (Nov 15-19) | *Writing focus: structuring an argument  | Essay 2 – Argument<br>and Analysis of<br>Sources (20%) |

| Week 12<br>(Nov 22-26)    | *Writing focus: evaluating an argument | "Structuring Ideas" (664-679) "Transitions" (672-677)                          |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Week 13<br>(Nov 29-Dec 3) | Theme: the novel                       | A Thousand Splendid Suns   |
| Week 14<br>(Dec 6-10)     | Exam Prep                              | Exam Period is December 13 to 21 (inclusive).  Final Exam in exam period (20%) |

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)
(This section should be directly linked to the Intended Learning Outcomes.)

| Emailed bio                              | ungraded |
|--|----------|
| Mid-term (in class)                      | 20%      |
| In-class writing (unannounced)           | 20%      |
| Essay 1 (Comparison)                     | 20%      |
| Essay 2 (Argument + Analysis of Sources) | 20%      |
| Exam (exam period)                       | 20%      |

6. Grading System (No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

# Standard Grading System (GPA)

| Percentage | Grade | Description | Grade Point<br>Equivalency |
|------------|-------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 90-100     | A+    |             | 9                          |
| 85-89      | A     |             | 8                          |
| 80-84      | A-    |             | 7                          |
| 77-79      | B+    |             | 6                          |
| 73-76      | В     |             | 5                          |
| 70-72      | B-    |             | 4                          |
| 65-69      | C+    |             | 3                          |
| 60-64      | С     |             | 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** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

| Temporary<br>Grade | Description   |  |
|--------------------|---|--|
| I                  | Incomplete: 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.  |  |
| IP                 | In progress: 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. (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.) |  |
| cw                 | Compulsory Withdrawal: 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 <a href="mailto:camosun.ca">camosun.ca</a>.

### 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 the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED