

# School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ENGL 160

Introduction to Literature
Winter 2011

## **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: | Mon to Thurs 1 p       | Mon to Thurs 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. |  |
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| (f) | Website:      |                        |                               |  |

#### 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:

- In reading literature, students will be encouraged to make connections, consider meaning, make and support inferences, and evaluate. Instructors will select course materials and provide information to enable students to:
  - Analyze literature in the genres of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and drama from different periods.
  - Analyze literature by men and women from various cultural backgrounds.
  - Identify literary forms, elements, and techniques.
- In discussing literature, students will be given the opportunity to develop and communicate responses and interpretations using varied methods and resources. Students will be expected to:
  - Distinguish between literal and figurative meaning.
  - · Use literary terms such as metaphor, irony, character, setting, and plot.
  - Use vocabulary associated with analyzing fiction, poetry, drama, and non-fiction.
  - Analyze themes.
  - Identify a variety of literary theories.
  - Develop an informed critical response.
- 3. <u>In writing about literature</u>, students will be expected to explain, support, and illustrate points in essays by:
  - Using a critical approach with appropriate language.
  - Comparing pieces of literature in English.
  - Documenting sources using current MLA bibliographic conventions.

## 3. Required Materials

- (a) Texts
- Literature: Reading, Reacting, Writing (second Canadian edition)
- Anthony Burgess, A Clockwork Orange (any edition)
- (b) Other
- Some cash to see a live production (see syllabus)

## 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                             |
|--------------------------|--|---|
|                          | -  |   |
| Week 1<br>(Jan 10-14)    | Course introductions.  Storytelling: "The Truth About Stories"  (cosmogony, myth and legend)   |   |
| Week 2<br>(Jan 17-21)    | Short Fiction - Perspective  "Everyday Use" (327)  "The Boat" (447)  |   |
| Week 3<br>(Jan 24-28)    | Short Fiction – Suspense and Surprise  "A Rose for Emily" (90-97)  "The Cask of Amontillado" (227)  Writing about Literature  January 24 – fee deadline  January 25-February 27 The Cryptogram at the Belfry   |   |
| Week 4<br>(Jan 31-Feb 4) | Short Fiction – Techniques for the Weird  "The Rocking Horse Winner" (370)  "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas" (442)   | first essay due (assignment details by email) |
| Week 5<br>(Feb 7-11)     | Poetry – The Art of Economy  "I'm Nobody" (618)  "In a Station of the Metro" (687)  "You Fit into Me" (723)  "1(a" (564) and other short ones  Poetry – Form and Symbol  "There is a Garden" (580)  "My Love is Like" (706)  "My Mistress' Eyes" (580)  "The Sick Rose" (792)  "Wanting" (707)  "somewhere I have never travelled" (emailed)  Feb 8 – bursary deadline |   |

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|                           | Poetry – Form and Symbol (continued)                           |                                 |
|                           | "Do Not Go Gentle" (571)                                       |                                 |
| Week 6                    | "Fathers and Sons" (569-570)                                   |                                 |
| (Feb 14-18)               | "Those Winter Sundays" (573)                                   |                                 |
|                           | Poetry – Allusion and Illusion                                 | second essay due                |
|                           | "Victoria's Secret" (626)                                      | (assignment details             |
| Week 7                    | "Barbie Doll" (872)  | by email)                       |
| (Feb 21-25)               | "Christopher Robin" (784)                                      |                                 |
|                           | "The Devil's Language" (650-651)                               |                                 |
|                           | February 24, 25 – Reading Break                                |                                 |
|                           | Poetry to Drama  |                                 |
|                           | "My Ledders" (845-846)   |                                 |
| Week 8                    | "My Last Duchess" (624-625)                                    | mid-term exam                   |
| (Feb 28-Mar 4)            |  | (March 3)                       |
|                           | Intro to Drama The Cryptogram                                  | (performance at The Belfry      |
| Week 9                    |  | Theatre, text on reserve in the |
| (Mar 7-11)                |  | library)                        |
| Week 10<br>(Mar 14-18)    | Juno  March 14 – last day to withdraw without academic penalty |                                 |
|                           |  |                                 |
| Week 11                   |  |                                 |
| (Mar 21-25)               | The Shape of a Girl (1348)                                     |                                 |
|                           | Krapp's Last Tape (1368)                                       |                                 |
| Week 12<br>(Mar 28-Apr 1) | Intro to the Novel<br>A Clockwork Orange                       |                                 |
| W/ 1 42                   | A Clockwork Orange   |                                 |
| Week 13                   |  |                                 |
| (Apr 4-Apr 8)             |  |                                 |
|                           |  | Exam Period is April 18-21      |
|                           | A Clockwork Orange (critical perspectives)                     | inclusive                       |
| Week 14                   | 8 (* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *                       |                                 |
| Week 14<br>(Apr 11-15)    | Review for exam  |                                 |

## Notes on the syllabus:

- 1. Since every group of writers and readers is unique, the syllabus is **bound** to change.
- 2. If you cannot make it to class, the work and assignments you miss are YOUR responsibility. In other words, do not ask me WHAT you missed, but by all means ask me questions ABOUT what you missed.
- 3. If you cannot hand in an assignment on time, and you still want me to accept it, you **must:** (a) have a reasonable excuse, (b) let me know in person or by telephone **before** the assignment is due, and (c) plan a **date** for when you will submit your work.

### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(This section should be directly linked to the Intended Learning Outcomes.)

#### **Evaluation:**

| Essay 1                        | 10% |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Essay 2                        | 15% |
| Early mid-term                 | 15% |
| Late mid-term                  | 15% |
| In-class writing (unannounced) | 20% |
| Exam (during exam period)      | 25% |

# **Important Course Policies:**

- 1. Late assignments: Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Late assignments will lose 10% per day for the first two days, unless arrangements are made directly with J. After two days, they will not be accepted at all. Late assignments will receive no feedback beyond a grade.
- 2. If you miss in-class work/exams, you will receive a zero (unless you can prove a medical emergency). Check with me beforehand if you know in advance that you will be unable to attend.
- 3. Please be careful when using other people's words or ideas. Using them without identifying the author constitutes fraud (plagiarism) and can have a lasting impact on this course and your future studies. See me if you are in any doubt about where to draw the line between your work and someone else's.

# 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      | Α     |  | 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 | 1                          |

|      |   | granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite. |   |
|------|---|--|---|
| 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  |
|--|--|
| 1  | 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.   |
| 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 w assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned 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