

# School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ENGL 150-001 English Composition 2011F

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Dr. Ann Dumonceaux		
(b)	Office Hours:	Wednesday 11:30-12:30; Thursday 4:00-5:30, 9:00-9:30; Friday		
		11:30-12:20 or by appt.		
(c)	Location:	Paul 333		
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(f)	Class Times	Monday 10:00-11:20 (WT226); Wednesday 12:30-1:50 (WT225)		

### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

English 150 Course Pack (Ann Dumonceaux).

## 4. Course Content and Schedule

Date	Торіс	Activity	Assignment
Sept 7	Course Outlines	Point of View	
Sept 12	Persuasion	Scams	Diagnostic Grammar
Sept 14	Evaluation	Hoaxes	
Sept 19	Implications	Urban Legends	Comma Quiz
Sept 21	Review		
Sept 26	The Essay – Definition/ Thesis		Fragments Quiz (2%)
Sept 28	Support/Organization	Parallelism	Textual Analysis due (10%)
Oct 3	The Expository Essay		
Oct 5	Definition	"What is Intelligence, Anyway?	Run-Ons Quiz (2%)
Oct 10	THANKSGIVING	NO CLASS	
Oct 12	Description	"Body Ritual of the Nacirema"	
Oct 17	Example	"Thirty-Eight Who Saw Murder Didn't Call Police"	Semicolons/colons Quiz (2%)
Oct 19	Cause / Effect	"If Hitler Asked You to Electrocute a Stranger"	
Oct 24		PEER EDIT	
Oct 26	The Argumentative Essay		Expository Essay due (20%)
Oct 31	Topics		
Nov 2	Organization		
Nov 7	Logos	"Guns, Sex and Education"	Agreement Quiz (2%)
Nov 9	Pathos	"A Crime of Compassion"	
Nov 14	Ethos	"Why I Am Not Going to Buy a Computer"	Modifiers Quiz (2%)
Nov 16	Review		
Nov 21			Argumentative Essay (in-class) (20%)
Nov 23	The Argumentative Research Essay		
Nov 28	Plagiarism		
Nov 30	Documentation / Review		
Dec 5	In-Class Exam Review		
Dec 7		In-class Exam (10%)	Research Essay due (30%)

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

ASSIGNMENTS	VALUE
Grammar Tests	10%
Textual Analysis	10%
Expository Essay	20%
Argumentative Essay (in-class)	20%
Research Essay – (6-10 pgs)	30%
In-class Final Exam	10%

### 6. Grading System

## Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	А		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 Grade	Description
I	<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.
IP	<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. (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	<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 <u>camosun.ca</u>.

### 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.

Grammar quizzes will be conducted in the first ten minutes of class. Students who are late for class may not be permitted to write the tests. **There are no make-up grammar tests.** Students who are absent will receive a grade of "0" on the missed test.

- All due dates are firm. Late assignments will lose 5% per day unless accompanied by appropriate documentation of illness. Assignments more than five days late will lose 25%.
  All assignments handed in after the last day of classes will not be graded. Requests for extensions will be considered under special circumstances, but only if the request is made in advance of the due date.
- All out-of-class assignments must be typed in 12 point font with one-inch margins. Please keep a copy of all out-of-class assignments in case an assignment is misplaced, stolen, or damaged. Assignments submitted via email will be penalized 10%.
- All papers should be written in third-person point of view. Papers written in first- or secondperson point-of-view will lose 5%.
- Failure to participate in the Peer Edit will also result in a 10% deduction in the expository essay's grade.
- Research essays that do not meet the minimum page count (6 pages) will received a failing grade on the assignment.
- No cell phones, laptops, or other electronic devices are permitted during class without permission from the instructor.
- Plagiarism (presenting the ideas or words of others as your own) is a serious academic offence. In this class, the minimum penalty for plagiarism is a grade of zero on the relevant assignment.