

# School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

# ENGL 150-028 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		
		11:30-12:30 or by appt.		
(c)	Location:	Paul 333		
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(e)	Email:	dumoncea@camosun.bc.ca		
(f)	Class Times	Thursday 6:00-8:50 (Paul 109)		

### 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	Topic	Activity	Assignment
Sept 8	Course Outlines	Point of View	J
	Persuasion	Scams	Diagnostic Grammar
Sept	Evaluation	Hoaxes	
15	Implications	Urban Legends	
Sept	Review		Comma Quiz
22	The Essay – Def./ Thesis		
Sept	Support/Organization	Parallelism	Textual Analysis due
29	The Expository Essay		(10%)
Oct 6	Definition	"What is Intelligence,	Fragments Quiz (2%)
		Anyway?	
	Description	"Body Ritual of the	
		Nacirema"	
Oct 13	Example	"Thirty-Eight Who Saw	Run-Ons Quiz (2%)
		Murder Didn't Call	
	Cause / Effect	Police"	
		"If Hitler Asked You to	
		Electrocute a	
		Stranger"	
Oct 20	The Argumentative Essay	PEER EDIT	
Oct 27	Topics / organization		Semicolons/colons
			Quiz (2%)
			Expository Essay due
			(20%)
Nov 3	Logos	"Guns, Sex and	
	Pathos	Education"	
		"A Crime of	
		Compassion"	
Nov 10	Ethos	"Why I Am Not Going	Agreement Quiz (2%)
	Review	to Buy a Computer"	
Nov 17	Argumentative Research		Argumentative Essay
	Essay		(in-class) (20%)
Nov 24	Plagiarism		
	Documentation		
Dec 1	Review		Modifiers Quiz (2%)
	In-Class Exam Review		
Dec 8		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 Essay	10%

## 6. Grading System

# **Standard Grading System (GPA)**

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point 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 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	
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.	
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 a instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others at 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 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 second-person 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 the permission of 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.