

## School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ENGL 150-029 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   |                    |  |
| (d) | Phone:        | 370-3306   | Alternative Phone: |  |
| (e) | Email:        | dumoncea@camosun.bc.ca                                       |                    |  |
| (f) | Class Times   | Thursday 2:30-3:50 / Friday 1:00-2:20 (Ewing 344)            |                    |  |

#### 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 8  | Course Outlines                 | Point of View                                       |   |  |
| Sept 9  | Persuasion                      | Scams   | Diagnostic Grammar                      |  |
| Sept 15 | Evaluation                      | Hoaxes  |   |  |
| Sept 16 | Implications                    | Urban Legends                                       | Comma Quiz                              |  |
| Sept 22 | Review                          |   |   |  |
| Sept 23 | The Essay – Definition/ Thesis  |   | Fragments Quiz (2%)                     |  |
| Sept 29 | Support/Organization            | Parallelism   | Textual Analysis due<br>(10%)           |  |
| Sept 30 | The Expository Essay            |   |   |  |
| Oct 6   | Definition                      | "What is Intelligence,<br>Anyway?                   | Run-Ons Quiz (2%)                       |  |
| Oct 7   | Description                     | "Body Ritual of the<br>Nacirema"                    |   |  |
| Oct 13  | Example                         | "Thirty-Eight Who Saw<br>Murder Didn't Call Police" | Semicolons/colons Quiz<br>(2%)          |  |
| Oct 14  | Cause / Effect                  | "If Hitler Asked You to<br>Electrocute a Stranger"  |   |  |
| Oct 20  |                                 | PEER EDIT   |   |  |
| Oct 21  | The Argumentative Essay         |   | Expository Essay due<br>(20%)           |  |
| Oct 27  | topics                          |   |   |  |
| Oct 28  | organization                    |   |   |  |
| Nov 3   | Logos                           | "Guns, Sex and<br>Education"                        | Agreement Quiz (2%)                     |  |
| Nov 4   | Pathos                          | "A Crime of Compassion"                             |   |  |
| Nov 10  | Ethos                           | "Why I Am Not Going to<br>Buy a Computer"           | Modifiers Quiz (2%)                     |  |
| Nov 11  | REMEMBRANCE DAY                 | NO CLASSES  |   |  |
| Nov 17  | Review                          |   |   |  |
| Nov 18  |                                 |   | Argumentative Essay<br>(in-class) (20%) |  |
| Nov 24  | Argumentative Research<br>Essay |   |   |  |
| Nov 25  | Plagiarism                      |   |   |  |
| Dec 1   | Documentation                   |   |   |  |
| Dec 2   | Review                          |   |   |  |
| Dec 8   | In-Class Exam Review            |   |   |  |
| Dec 9   |                                 | In-class Exam (10%)                                 | Research Essay due<br>(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<br>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<br>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. All assignments should be handed in in-person. **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 or laptops are permitted during class.

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.