

	<p style="text-align: center;"> School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ENGL 154-001 Creative Writing: Fiction 1 Quarter or Semester/Year </p>
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COURSE OUTLINE

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

- 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:	Sara Cassidy		
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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. Analyse, at a beginner's level, the process of writing fiction.
2. Practice the writing process appropriate to fiction.
3. Produce plots, settings, characters and appropriately nuanced language with effective use of figures of speech.
4. Compose a journal for the purpose of experiencing the effectiveness of journal keeping.
5. Practice appropriate research for giving fiction credibility.
6. Identify the various resources available for writers.
7. Prepare a story for submission for publication.

3. Required Materials

- (a) Texts: Stephen King's *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*
- (b) Other: D2L

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.)

This course offers students with strong writing ability a chance to explore and develop their skills and possible goals in writing prose fiction. English 154 is a creative writing course that focuses on the craft of writing short stories. Students will study such elements as characterization, plot, dialogue, setting, point of view, openings and endings, and theme.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students should:

- Appreciate, at the beginner's level, what it means to write fiction.

- Practice the writing process appropriate to fiction.
- Produce plots, settings, characters and appropriately nuanced language with effective use of figures of speech.
- Compose a journal for the purpose of experiencing the effectiveness of journal keeping.
- Practice appropriate research for giving fiction credibility.
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Class Format

A typical class consists of a "how to" lecture, readings, and journal exercises. You will take part in two (2) peer critiques. It is expected you will do all your reading and journal exercises in order to be successful in the course.

Assignments

Students in this class write four (4) stories. Individual stories range from 6-10 pages. The course total is approximately 30-40 pages. Detailed instructions accompany each assignment. Your work will be graded on how well you have met the specific requirements of each assignment. Basic skills of grammar, spelling and punctuation must be in place.

Students' Responsibilities

Everyone learns differently. It is up to you to take an active part in the class and to make sure you are getting the nurturing, encouragement, criticism, evaluation, and information that you need. Please do not hesitate to email or phone if you have any questions.

You must complete all four (4) stories to receive a grade in this course.

Plagiarism will result in an automatic F grade for the work involved. See Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," in the Camosun College Calendar.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

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

Assignments and Evaluation

First Version	8%
Participation in peer editing	10%
Discussion Postings	12%
Journal	10%
Midterm portfolio (2 stories)	30%
Final portfolio (2 stories)	<u>30%</u>
	100%

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 Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		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 rd 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 camosun.ca.

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