

	<b>School of Arts &amp; Science</b> <b>ENGLISH DEPARTMENT</b> <b>ENGL 288-01</b> <b>Strategies for Academic Writing</b> <b>Quarter or Semester/Year</b>
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## COURSE OUTLINE

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

**Calendar Description:** This course provides core critical thinking, reading, research and writing skills transferable to academic disciplines. Students practice various forms of academic writing, including summary, critical analysis, and written research. Analysis of textual rhetoric, discourse, and style, along with academic essay-writing, develops students' self-awareness of methods of inquiry, critique, and reflection.

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Raj Mehta		
(b)	Office Hours:	Tues/Thur 1:30-2:30 or by appointment		
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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 the theoretical positions of a range of different texts.
- 2. Demonstrate how the processes of reading and interpretation are contested and debated.
- 3. Identify important themes in popular culture and literary texts.
- 4. Compare and contrast various texts, authors, and theories within the field of popular culture.
- 5. Evaluate a range of methodologies available for interpreting literature and culture.
- 6. Write and orally communicate arguments effectively.
- 7. Support written work and oral presentations with relevant evidence and support.
- 8. Document source material with current MLA conventions.

### Required Materials

ENGL 288 Literature and Popular Culture (Pearson)  
The English Patient

### 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.)*

Hours / Week	Instruction – No of Weeks <small>(Q=11; S=14; "P or S" = 7)</small>	Assessment – No of Weeks <small>Select 1 or 0 only.</small>
3	14	1

Syllabus Attached.

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

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

Assignment	Value
Close Readings (3)	3 @ 15%
Final Essay	25%
Peer Edit	5%
Presentation	25%

## 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+	Exceptional (A+), outstanding (A), and excellent (A-) performance. Normally achieved by a minority of students, these grades indicate a student who is self-initiating, exceeds expectations, and has an insightful grasp of the subject matter.	9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+	Very good (B+), good (B), and solid (B-) performance. Normally achieved by the largest number of students, these grades indicate a good grasp of the subject matter or an excellent grasp in one area balanced with a satisfactory grasp in the other area(s).	6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+	Satisfactory (C+) or minimally satisfactory (C) performance. These grades indicate a satisfactory (only) performance and knowledge of the subject matter.	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](http://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.)

<b>CW</b>	<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.
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## 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](http://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

#### Participation:

-This course requires participation in class as we discuss the readings together, so it is important that you attend in order to contribute to class discussions. Regular and prompt attendance is presumed. You are responsible for material you miss if you are absent. I do not respond to "what did I miss" queries via email.

#### Assignments:

-Assignments are mandatory and due according to the dates & times specified. Late work will not be accepted (except under extraordinary circumstances) and will receive a grade of 0 (zero). Assignments are uploaded to the Dropbox on the D2L server.

-Do not e-mail assignments.

-Please keep a copy of all work - including material you hand in - until final marks have been posted.

#### Email Policy:

While I make every effort to check email regularly, I would appreciate at least 48 hours to respond to questions/problems.

#### Academic Honesty:

- Plagiarism is a serious offence. All offences will be reported and will result in a failing grade for the course. Students are assumed to be familiar with the "Academic Policies and Procedures" in the Camosun Calendar.