

# School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ENGL 290

Special Topics in Literature 1
Spring 2014

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

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

Ω 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

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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.)

When reading literature, students will be encouraged to make connections and evaluate works that clearly represent an overview of the topic under discussion. Works will normally represent a variety of genres such as short stories, poetry, drama and the novel. In cases where the topic focuses on one genre, works will represent varied aspects of that genre and/or illustrate the development of a particular author or literary movement(s). Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Analyze literature or other media such as film for elements such as theme, structure and rhetorical devices according to established critical criteria.
- Evaluate works for component elements that clearly represent a literary movement, author, medium or style.

When discussing literature, students will be encouraged to develop their own interpretations of the works using a variety of critical methods and resources. Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Identify the socio-historical context of the works and relate the works to others as part of a literary continuum.
- 2. Identify and account for recurring themes in the spectrum of works evaluated in the course.
- 3. Compare and contrast the stylistic elements of various works by one or more authors within the context of the topic discussed.
- 4. Where applicable, evaluate the importance of literary theory in both the creation and interpretation of texts.

When writing about literature, students will be expected to demonstrate their understanding of the above issues and to explain, support and illustrate their interpretations of literature in essays and a final exam. Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Support their work with relevant textual evidence.
- 2. Document sources using current MLA conventions.

#### 3. Required Materials

(a) Dr. Faustus by Christopher Marlowe
 The Tempest by William Shakespeare
 Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
 Brave new World by Aldous Huxley
 Stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne
 The Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
 First two Chapters in Study in Scarlet by Arthur Conan Doyle

## (b) Other A dictionary

# 3. Course Content and Schedule Week One

Introduction to course

Week Two Dr. Faustus

Week Three The Tempest

Week Four Frankenstein

**Week Five** 

Stevenson; Hawthorne; Gilman; Doyle

Week Six Brave New World

Week Seven Course wrap up Final Exam

(This section can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class requirements and/or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

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

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

- (a) Assignments One essay of 750 words One essay of 1500 words
- (b) Quizzes
  Four short in-class tests
- (c) Exams A final exam
- (d) Other (e.g., Attendance, Project, Group Work) Oral report and in-class debate

#### 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	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
I	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 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 <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 the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED