

School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ENGL 175

Professional Writing for Community Services

Fall 2014

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Writing

- Analyse audience and purpose to produce high-quality documents, using correct formats and documentation.
- Use professional writing skills effectively to produce work-related documents such as incident and progress reports, funding and service proposals, charts, case notes, objective assessments, summaries, client interaction notes, interview transcripts, business letters, memos, and emails.
- Produce objective, active writing as is appropriate for reports.
- Design documents for readability by employing well constructed paragraphs, bullets, headings, tables, charts or graphs, effective spacing and layout.
- Employ numbers, units, equations, acronyms and abbreviations correct in documents, adhering to standard conventions.
- Produce clear, complete, credible, and concise writing and reporting.

2. Reading

- Analyse audience and purpose of a variety of readings.
- Summarize readings to reflect coherently the original's ideas, purpose, organization, and tone.
- Analyze readings to understand and explore meaning and purpose.
- Critically read their own and others' writing.
- Critically review research materials and critique evidence-based practice.

3. Professionalism

- Analyse the needs of various audiences (professional and lay) and use vocabulary appropriate for the intended audience.
- Edit and proof their own and others' writing.
- Use workplace formats and structures appropriately including understanding the difference between informal and formal reports.
- Identify legal and ethical issues in respect to written documentation.
- Conduct effective research and apply standard methods of APA documentation.

3. Required Texts and Supplies

- (a) Texts: Report Writing for the Community Services by Diana McAleer.
- (b) Course Pack for English 175 Fall 2014

4. Course Content and Schedule

See attachment

5. Assignments and Evaluation

- Progress Report (15%)
- Text Analysis (x4) (20%) –summarizing 4 different texts
- Interview Report (20%)
- Research Report (35%)
- Participation, Attendance and in-class exercises (10%)

6. Grading System

A+	90-100%	B-	70-72
Α	85-89	C+	65-69
A-	80-84	С	60-64
B+	77-79	D	50-59
В	73-76	F	Below 50

7. Important Notes

- Because this course emphasizes student participation and discussion, it is essential that
 all students complete all the readings ahead of class and turn off any electronic devices
 for the duration of class.
- Students with more than 2 undocumented absences will lose 5% of the participation grade. Students who are absent for an in-class essay will receive zero.
- Write your own papers! Plagiarism is an academic offence that the college takes very seriously. Please see the "red handout" for a detailed discussion of this issue. Papers with any form of plagiarism will receive zero.
- The College provides many services, including a Writing Centre and a Language Help Centre. See Student Services, the College Calendar, or www.camosun.ca for details.
- Students are responsible for knowing the Student Conduct Policy. Copies of this
 document are available at Student Services, the School Administration Office, or
 www.camosun.ca