



## COURSE OUTLINE

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

W 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

Instructor:	Julian Gunn
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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, a student will be able to:

1. Apply the steps of an effective writing process to correspondence and reports.
  - a) Use brainstorming, clustering, and outlining techniques to generate ideas for writing.
  - b) Generate drafts of writing using the principles of technical and military writing.
  - c) Use principles of grammar, punctuation, and usage to revise and proofread writing.
  - d) Write all technical documents using grammatically correct sentences and paragraphs and using Standard English and spelling.
2. Write correspondence, workplace reports, and a research report that meet Standard English and military and civilian workplace standards.
  - a) Write correspondence (letters, memos, and e-mails) and informal reports for the military and the civilian workplace using correct workplace formats.
  - b) Use a direct or immediate (pyramid) approach to present information in written reports.
  - c) Write a research report that is supported with relevant and substantiated evidence, and document sources using appropriate documentation style.
  - d) Apply ethical concepts (copyright law, plagiarism, sensitive material) to written correspondence and reports.
  - e) Write in a style that meets the informational needs and backgrounds of various audiences.
  - f) Write in a style that exhibits brevity and clarity and avoids words of low information content.
  - g) Employ numbers, units, equations, and abbreviations correctly in documents.
3. Design technical documents for high readability and appeal using word-processing software and techniques.
  - a) Achieve idea relationships and relative importance in technical documents by employing short paragraphs, headings, lists, effective spacing, and layout.
  - b) Depict data efficiently in technical documents using charts, graphs, tables, and other graphics.
4. Present technical information to audiences in a professional manner.
  - a) Use appropriate electronic and software-presentation tools to present technical information to audiences.
  - b) Employ the principles of effective public speaking and anxiety control.

### 3. Required Materials

Handouts will be provided.

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

Mondays 9:30 – 11:20 CBA 120  
Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:20 TECH 147 (Lab)

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Assessment Piece	Weight	Due Date
Diagnostic Assignment	Complete/ Incomplete	Monday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>
Direct Approach Letter	10%	Monday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>
Technical Description	10%	Monday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Grammar Test 1	10%	Monday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>
New Technology Report	15%	Monday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>
New Technology Report Presentation	5%	Monday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Writing Midterm	15%	Monday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>
User Manual	15%	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>
User Manual Presentation	5%	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>
Grammar Test 2	10%	Wednesday, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>
Peer Editing (x2)	(total) 5%	See schedule

### DUE DATES AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Late assignments will be penalized at a rate of 5% per day (weekends included).
- Assignments submitted after the due date will not receive any written feedback; I will only provide a percentage.
- Assignments are due on the due date at the beginning of class. Assignments submitted after the beginning of class will be considered late.
- Assignments due on the last day of the course must be submitted that day.
- Assignments must be submitted in person. Please do not email assignments.
- Please keep a copy of all assignments.
- Students are expected to participate in all class activities.
- **Plagiarism** means presenting the words or ideas of others as your own. **Plagiarism is a serious academic offence.** All sources of ideas or information that are not primarily your own must be documented according to appropriate documentation guidelines. The **minimum** penalty for plagiarism is a zero on the relevant assignment. Please see the Student Conduct Policy.

### EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- Extensions will not normally be granted. However, if you have a valid reason for an extension, you must contact me before the due date of the assignment. I will not grant extensions on the day your assignment is due.

### PEER EDITS

A peer edit by a member or members of your own class, carried out during a class scheduled for peer editing, is a required element of some assignments in this course. I will grade assignments with the assumption that a peer edit has been done.

5% of your final grade will depend on your attendance of and participation in peer edits. Participation includes bringing a completed draft to class.

I recommend that you always seek feedback on an assignment, even if you are unable to attend the class in which a peer edit is scheduled. However, asking someone to edit your assignment out of class, even if you ask a classmate, will not restore the lost marks.

### ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION

Your attendance and participation in this class will make for a better learning experience for both you and your peers. In the event that you must miss a class, please contact me ahead of time via email to let me know. It is your responsibility to catch up, to apprise yourself of any changes to assignments that might have been announced in class, and to ensure that you know the material covered in class. Therefore, find a buddy in the class, exchange phone numbers, and consult each other in the event that you must be absent.

Electronic devices (cell phones, laptops, etc.) should be turned off during class. Please see me if you wish to discuss this point.

If you miss an exam without prior consultation, you will need a doctor's note in order to be granted permission to write it late. Without the doctor's note, your grade will be zero.

Please feel free to contact me about any concerns or questions you may have about the course. The easiest way to contact me is by email or by visiting me during my office hours.

## 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](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.)
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](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.