

School of Arts & Science ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ENGL 151-020

Academic Writing Strategies

Fall 2016

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

(a)	Instructor:	Max Olesen
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

- 1. Form critical responses to ideas.
 - Distinguish between fact and opinion.
 - Analyze and articulate the reasoning behind an argument.
 - Demonstrate a critical examination of ideas through close reading, inquiry, divergent thinking, evaluation of evidence and interpretation, as well as an understanding of rhetoric, reason, logic and word usage.
 - Produce writing under exam conditions, as well as outside class.
 - Differentiate academic and non-academic writing.
- 2. Write in an academic style common to multiple disciplines.
 - Approach writing as an active exploration of multiple perspectives on a topic.
 - Compose effective summaries.
 - Select and use rhetorical patterns purposefully.
 - Employ a comprehensive writing process, which includes prewriting, focusing, planning, multiple drafting, conferring, revising and editing/proofing.
 - Develop an argument with a controlling thesis; write unified, coherent paragraphs, including
 effective introductions, transitions and conclusions in correct, clear, effective English.
 - Develop effective, focused research questions.
 - Demonstrate control, clarity and cohesion in the development and organization of ideas.
 - Vary style purposefully for planned rhetorical strategies.
 - Write for specific results.
 - Critique his/her own and others' writing.
- 3. Read and analyze complex texts from various academic disciplines.
 - Vary reading approaches for different purposes, such as personal response, persuasion, and criticism.
 - Participate and engage in a dynamic, stimulating exchange of ideas based upon close textual readings.
 - Discuss and debate text using terminology appropriate to the discipline and context of those texts.
 - Analyze textual readings, which may include visual texts, by identifying controlling ideas, supporting details, dominant rhetorical pattern, subtext, tone and stylistic features.
 - Summarize readings to reflect coherently the original's ideas, purpose, organization, and tone.
 - · Critically read your own and others' writing.
- 4. Demonstrate information literacy skills.
 - Determine the nature and extent of the information needed.
 - Know and use what information resources are available, in different formats.
 - Use print and electronic resources effectively and efficiently.
 - Evaluate sources for authority, relevance, reliability, currency and other criteria.
 - Incorporate and integrate research through correct use of summary, paraphrase and quotation.
 - Document sources fully and ethically, according to specified bibliographic conventions.
- Develop self-awareness as an academic writer and contributor.
 - Articulate one's position in a critical debate of ideas.
 - Reflect on one's own writing for continuous improvement.

4. Course Content and Schedule

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September 8 – December 8 Mondays & Thursdays, 1:30 pm to 2:50 pm, Ewing Building, Room 344

Date	& Thursdays, 1:30 pm to 2:50 pr Topic	Activity	
Class 1:	- Course Outlines	Logos, Pathos and Ethos in	Assignment
Sept 8	- Academic Writing Overview	Advertising	
	- Logos, Pathos, Ethos		
	Overview - Varieties of Writing		
Class 2:	Persuasion in life and	Persuasive Article	Grammar Diagnostic
Sept 12	academics	Discussion and Draft	
		Paragraph	
Class 3:	Persuasive Writing	- Persuasive Article	
Sept 15		Discussion and Draft Paragraph	
		- Grammar : Commas	
Class 4:	Persuasion Analysis	Persuasive Article	Comma Quiz
Sept 19	·	Discussion and Draft	
01 5		Paragraph	
Class 5:	Persuasion Review	- Persuasive Article Discussion and Draft	
Sept 22		Paragraph	
Class 6:	The Expository Essay –	- Persuasion Essay	
Sept 26	Thesis and Evidence	Workshop	
		- Expository: Evaluate the	
		Thesis - Expository Article	
		Discussion and Draft	
		Paragraph	
Class 7:	Expository Writing: Organization	- Paragraphs: Introduction;	Persuasion Assignment
Sept 29		Body; Conclusion	due
		- Expository Article Discussion and Draft	
		Paragraph	
		- Grammar : Fragments and	
		Run-Ons	
Class 8:	Expository Writing: Definition	Expository Article Discussion	Fragments and Run-Ons
Oct 3 Class 9:	Expository Writing: Description	and Draft Paragraph Expository Article Discussion	Quiz
Oct 6	Expository Willing. Description	and Draft Paragraph	
Holiday: Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day – No class		
Class 10:	Expository Writing: Cause &	- Expository Article	
Oct 13	Effect	Discussion and Draft	
		Paragraph	
Class 11:	Expository Writing: Comparison	- Expository Article	
Oct 17	& Contrast	Discussion and Draft Paragraph	
Class 12:	The Argumentative Essay –	- Expository Essay	
Oct 17	Definition	Workshop	
		- Argumentative Article	
		Discussion and Draft	
Class 13:	Argumentative Writing:	Paragraph - Acknowledging the	Expository Essay due
Oct 20	Organization	Opposition	
		- Argumentative Article	
		Discussion and Draft	
		Paragraph - Grammar: Semicolons	
Class 14:	Argumentative Writing: Appeal	Reading: Guns, Sex, and	Semicolons Quiz
Oct 24	to Logic (Logos)	Education	
Class 15: Oct 27	Argumentative Writing: Appeal to Emotion (Pathos)	Reading: A Crime of Compassion	
Class 16:	Argumentative Writing: Appeal	Reading: Why I Am Not	
Oct 31	to Ethics (Ethos)	Going to Buy a Computer	
Class 17:	Argumentative Writing Review	Argumentative Essay	1

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Nov 3		Workshop	
Class 18:	In-Class Argumentative Essay		Argumentative Essay (in-
Nov 7	Today		class)
Class 19:	The Argumentative Research	- Research Sources	
Nov 10	Essay – Research	- Grammar: Agreement	
Class 20:	Organization	Block; Modified Block; Point-	Agreement Quiz
Nov 14		by-Point	
Class 21:	Avoiding Plagiarism	Quoting	
Nov 17			
Class 22:	Avoiding Plagiarism	- Paraphrasing; Summarizing	
Nov 21		- Grammar: Modifiers	
Class 23:	Documentation	Using Citation Styles	Modifiers Quiz
Nov 24			
Class 24:	Argumentative Research Essay	Argumentative Research	
Nov 28		Essay Workshop	
Class 25:	Logos, Pathos, Ethos Review	Review Discussion	Argumentative Research
Dec 1			Essay due
Class 26:	Optional Exam Preview and	Exam Discussion	
Dec 5	Discussion		
Class 27:	Last Class		In-Class Final Exam
Dec 8			

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

ASSIGNMENTS	VALUE
Grammar (5 tests x 2%)	10%
In-Class Draft Paragraphs & Group Work	10%
Persuasion Assignment (900-1500 words)	15%
Expository Essay (900-1500 words)	15%
Argumentative Essay (In-class)	15%
Argumentative Research Essay (1500-2000 words)	20%
In-class Final Writing Exam	15%

6. Grading System 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 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean was after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed.		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 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