

# COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ENGL 025 – Fundamental English 5  
CLASS SECTION: S15 – Island Community Mental Health  
TERM: 2025W  
COURSE CREDITS: Non-credit  
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Blended

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

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## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: By appointment

*As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.*

## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

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Students will expand reading strategies and fluency with longer text. Students will explore character development and begin to draw inferences and conclusions. Students will write descriptive, narrative, and expository paragraphs with simple, compound, and complex sentences. Students will further lifelong learning practices and gain an understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing and world views. Students will practice learning skills for oral communication, critical thinking, social responsibilities, personal and cultural identity, and time and work management.

PREREQUISITE(S): ENGL 024 or assessment

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

<b>Learning Outcome: Reading</b> <i>Students will be able to ...</i>	<b>Skills</b> <i>By achieving this broader outcome, students will demonstrate that they can also ...</i>
1. read 5+ paragraph texts or short stories including figurative language and a full range of sentence structures	➤ recognize different purposes for reading ➤ detect tone, story and direct characterization ➤ use self-monitoring techniques to assess comprehension ➤ recognize cause and effect, comparison and contrast, bias and objectivity
2. read 3-5 paragraph non-fiction texts including unfamiliar topic and vocabulary	

<b>Learning Outcome: Writing</b> <i>Students will be able to ...</i>	<b>Skills</b> <i>By achieving this broader outcome, students will demonstrate that they can also ...</i>
1. write 8 – 10 sentence paragraphs using abstract forms (i.e. expository, summary, narrative, opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ recognize and use synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms</li> <li>➤ identify topic and main ideas after readings and discussions</li> <li>➤ apply spelling rules and strategies</li> <li>➤ use quotation marks, semicolons, and parentheses</li> <li>➤ use conjunctive adverbs</li> </ul>
2. compose response writings that express personal feelings on an assigned topic including a rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ respond to selected material after reading, viewing, or listening by explanation of one’s personal viewpoint</li> </ul>

This course meets the required learning outcomes for Fundamental English as outlined in the BC ABE Articulation Handbook.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

1. BC Reads: Adult Literacy Fundamental English – Course Pack 5
2. Active Reader 5 by Linda Kita-Bradley
3. Additional resources provided by the instructor

### COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

This class is expected to be a combination of online, blended and in-person instruction. In-person drop-in class: Wednesday or Thursday 12:30-3:30pm; or by video chat/phone appointment arranged with instructor. Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

### EVALUATION OF LEARNING

This course focuses on promoting literacy skills by refining reading fluency through using longer text and exploring critical reading strategies including making inferences and drawing conclusions. Writing literacy is developed through writing narrative, descriptive and expository paragraphs and actively building vocabulary. Students will build a portfolio of their work to be used as an evaluative tool in assessing their progress in the course.

Portfolio Activity		Description
Responding to Literature	In discussion and writing	Analyze characters and tone of a short story; give personal viewpoint
Reading Non-Fiction Passages	10 Readings	Give written and oral responses to readings in Active Reader 5
Vocabulary Development	In exercises and writing	Build skills from Active Reader 5
Writing Development: opinion, process, descriptive, and narrative paragraphs	Write 7	Use the writing process to generate and organize ideas and to write paragraphs that include topic, concluding and support sentences
Letter Writing	Complete 1	Write one personal letter using standard format

Punctuation	In exercises and writing	Apply capitalization and comma rules and a range of punctuation including quotation marks
Grammar	In exercises and writing	Apply grammar rules and edit work

This course uses the Competency Based Grading System on students' successful completion of the course learning outcomes.

## COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

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This is a self-paced course. Students have the flexibility to follow an individually-adaptable timeline to complete the learning outcomes and assignments. The course is a combination of 6 online, blended and/or in-person hours per week with an expectation of studying another 4 hours per week. Students have a responsibility to work hard, attend class and/or meetings, and ask for support when needed.

## SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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Community Learning Partnerships (CLP), a department of the School of Access, brings education to community-based sites to make it easier for students to begin or return to learning in a less intimidating place than on the college campus. Students can build or refresh their skills to meet admission requirements and be successful in other college programs. Students learn in a comfortable environment with other adults who share similar backgrounds and get help from friendly and compassionate Camosun instructors and staff.

Community Learning Partnerships department: <http://camosun.ca/learn/school/access/community-partnerships/index.html>.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

## SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit [camosun.ca/services](http://camosun.ca/services).

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre">camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre</a>
Career Services	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services">camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="http://camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards">camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services">camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services</a>

Support Service	Website
International Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/international">camosun.ca/international</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills</a>
Library	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/library">camosun.ca/services/library</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/office-student-support">camosun.ca/services/office-student-support</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson">camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson</a>
Registration	<a href="https://camosun.ca/registration-records/registration">camosun.ca/registration-records/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/its">camosun.ca/services/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills</a>

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

#### COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

##### Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>  
Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

##### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started: <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

##### Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

##### Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

### Sexual Violence

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and [camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education](https://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education).

### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

### Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

**Changes to this Syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.