

ENGLISH COMPOSITION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to critical and analytical thinking and reading as well as university-level writing through the study and application of the principles of university-level discourse. The course focuses on expository writing. Students examine methods for discovering and arranging ideas and consider ways in which audience determines style. The course involves written and oral assignments based on the main text and a variety of prose models.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the course, if all assignments and exams are satisfactorily completed in a timely manner, you should be able to

- perform university-level critical analysis of texts, by identifying, evaluating and debating the authors' controlling and supporting ideas, dominant rhetorical patterns, tone, context, and features of style
- understand and apply a university-level writing process involving pre-writing, planning, drafting, conferring, revising, editing, and proofreading
- develop and defend a thesis, using appropriate language, rhetorical patterns, and evidence
- write in a prose style appropriate to the genre of the academic essay
- analyze, synthesize, interpret, and evaluate source material
- apply APA-style documentation and formatting to a document

COURSE TRANSFER

UBC ENGL 112 (3)	SFU ENGL 199 (3)
UVic ENGL 115 (1.5)	UAF ENGL 111 (3)
UAS ENGL 111 (3)	UR With ENGL 101, ENGL 100/140 (6)
UNBC ENGL 170 (3)	UAS ENGL 111 (3)

For more information about transferability please contact the Liberal Arts Office.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

Students must obtain admission to the School of Liberal Arts and have either an acceptable score on the LPI or successful completion of English 090.

COURSE FORMAT

A combination of lecture, discussion, and group work is used. Some private consultation with the instructor is strongly recommended.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory. A student may be dismissed from a course if more than 10% of the scheduled contact hours are missed in any one course. Withdrawal from a course may result in loss of full-time status and loss of sponsorship funding.

Discussion and participation are particularly important in this course, so you are expected to attend regularly and punctually. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and to complete any work assigned.

EXAMINATIONS

There will be short quizzes throughout the term, a two-hour midterm, and a three-hour final exam.

EVALUATIONS

Writing and Research:

a)	Essay #1 Thesis and Outline	
	Essay #1 (1000-1500 words or 4-5 pages)	10
b)	Essay #2 Thesis and In-text Referencing	5
	Essay #2 (1000-1500 words or 4-5 pages)	10
c)	Research Essay Thesis and References (5 each)	10
	Final Version (2000-2500 words or 8-10 pages)	20
	Quizzes	10
	Midterm Exam	10
	Final Exam	25
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Please note:

- *In fairness to all students, no individual extensions will be granted in this course. Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the assigned due date. Late assignments will be assessed a penalty of 2% per school day.*

TEXTS

Canadian Content (Sixth Edition). Nell Waldman and Sarah Norton [“*CanCon*” on Schedule]

Fit to Print: The Canadian Student’s Guide to Essay Writing (7th Edition). Joanne Buckley [“*FTP*” on Schedule]

A dictionary: Canadian Oxford, Funk & Wagnall's, or other college dictionary. The pocket kind is usually **not** adequate.

WRITING CENTRE

All students are encouraged to make the Writing Centre a regular part of the writing process for coursework. Located in Room C2211 (in the College Library), the Writing Centre offers writing coaching sessions to students of all writing abilities. For further information or to book an appointment, visit the Centre's website: dl1.yukoncollege.yk.ca/writingcentre

At the instructor's discretion, students may be required to attend Writing Centre coaching sessions during the composition process of their paper(s) as a condition of assignment completion. The number of sessions required per assignment will be specified on the assignment sheet, and the Writing Centre will issue written confirmation of attendance, which should be attached to the written work being submitted for evaluation.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability or chronic condition. It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations. If a student has a disability or chronic condition and may need accommodation to fully participate in this class, he/she should contact the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC) at (867) 668-8785 or lassist@yukoncollege.yk.ca

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Students who plagiarize material for assignments will receive a mark of zero (F) on the assignment and may fail the course. Plagiarism may also result in dismissal from a program of study or the college.

Plagiarism involves presenting the words of someone else as your own. Plagiarism can be the deliberate use of a whole piece of another person's writing, but more frequently it occurs when students fail to acknowledge and to document sources from which they have taken material. Whenever the words, research, or ideas of others are directly quoted or paraphrased, they must be documented according to standard procedures (APA or MLA). As well, re-submitting a paper for which you have previously received credit is also an academic offence.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students have the responsibility as members of the academic community to act in an acceptable manner as defined by all relevant College Policies and Procedures.

Students should be fully aware of information regarding their rights and responsibilities. Be sure to thoroughly read your copy of the Student Information Handbook. Students have the responsibility as members of the academic community to act in an acceptable manner as defined by all relevant College Policies and Procedures.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Students who face academic or personal challenges during the term can obtain assistance through the following:

	<u>Room</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Counselling Centre	1220	668-8720
Learning Resource Centre	1520	668-8785
Writing Centre	Library	(sign up online)