

Camosun College

English

Information About the College's English Courses at the Friendship Centre

Placement

You are enrolled in your course based on an assessment or on where you left off the last time.

Requirements

You will receive a course outline and record sheet that list the core requirements of your course. The record sheet also has room for recording additional work assigned by your teacher. The additional assignments are intended to strengthen your knowledge and skills.. They also contribute to your grade.

Teaching and Learning Process

The purpose of your course is to strengthen you as a writer and a reader. The best way to improve is to write a lot and read a lot. That's why there will be a lot of assignments, many of them quite short. Your teacher's goal is to help you come as close as you can in your writing to saying what you want to say and to help you build strong reading skills. Learning to recognize how other writers make their meanings clear can help you do the same with your own writing and can make you a stringer reader.

Grades

Writing assignments (with some exceptions) receive grades after a back and forth process with your teacher. You will usually be asked to rewrite your assignments several times in order to focus on things that need attention. Those may include clarity, organization, grammar, punctuation, or not enough proofreading. Freewriting is not graded, and some shorter assignments will not receive grades because they're all about diving in, relaxing, and doing the best you can. Please check the file, "What is freewriting?")

Note: Please proofread your assignments at least three times before handing them in !!!

What does self-paced mean?

Everyone learns differently. You may take the time you need to complete your course as long as you are working steadily and making progress.

Assignments for everyone

I will ask you to do free writing 10 minutes at least two times each week. Free writing belongs just to you. You need not show it to anyone. It is very important that you do it, though. Please see below for a definition of freewriting. There will be other assignments to all students that involve analysis of paragraphs, news articles, stories, and essays. Often you will be able to choose from a list of options so that you can work on something that interests you. There will also be grammar and punctuation, proofreading practice, and be 20- 30 minute writing assignments and vocabulary building work.

Please read the files: “What is proofreading?” and “What is 20-minute writing?”

Plea from your teacher

If school is not going well for you for any reason, please talk to your teacher or instructional assistant about what is troubling you. **Don't just go away!** We want to do everything we can to make sure that your class is useful for you.

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