



## COURSE OUTLINE

### **ENGLISH 060 COMPOSITION & LITERATURE**

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## ENGLISH 060

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**TIME:** 1:00 – 3:00 T/Th

**DATES:** Sept. 7 – Dec. 16

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will develop foundational skills in critical thinking, academic writing, and literary analysis in preparation for studying English at the university level. Critical thinking will be developed by reading and viewing media in a variety of genres and responding in discussion and written assignments. Academic writing will be developed through written assignments, including reading responses, essays, and a research paper. Literary analysis will be developed through reading, discussing, and writing about literature in various genres, including Canadian literature and literature by Indigenous authors.

### PREREQUISITES

ENGL 050 (min. B+) or English 11 or suitable score in writing assessment

### RELATED COURSE REQUIREMENTS

It is highly recommended that all students have access to a computer or tablet (not only a phone) and Internet to do their studies. The minimum specifications for a student device are as follows:

Requirement	Windows-based PC	Apple Mac/macOS-based PC
Operating System	Windows 10	macOS X
Web Browser	Firefox, Edge or Google Chrome	Firefox, Edge or Google Chrome
RAM/Memory	4 GB	4 GB
Storage	5 GB of available space	5 GB of available space

### EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

Please refer to the B.C. Transfer Guide for the most up to date information on course transferability. If you have questions about course transferability, contact the School of Academic Skill Development.

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Please see Appendix I which provides a list of learning outcomes as articulated by BCCAT. Please note that at least 85% of the following outcomes are required to be followed in order to uphold our transfer agreement with BCCAT.

## **LEARNING INTENTIONS**

Students are invited to explore the following:

### **Creative & Critical Thinking**

- Apply critical and creative thinking skills in some of the following ways: explore personal identity and situating self, consider context, discuss, interpret, make inferences about, and respond to information, etc.

### **Reading, Research & Referencing**

- Use a variety of strategies and sources to gather, summarize, synthesize, critically evaluate, make inferences from, and organize written and multimedia information
- Gather, evaluate, synthesize, and organize information into a research paper or report using an appropriate documentation style (e.g., APA, MLA or Chicago)

### **Written Communication**

- Apply a writing process to compose a variety of written responses (eg. summary, paragraph, essay, creative response)

### **Contribution to Learning Community: Cooperative Communication, Building Relationships, Speaking & Listening**

- Through conversations and collaboration, students will listen and respond respectfully to others with the intention to develop and articulate reflections and cultivate curiosity towards other ideas

### **Making Meaning & Connections**

- Recognize the interconnections between ideas and experiences and connect own experiences, ideas and context to those of others

### **Learning to Learn**

- Identify personal learning goals and develop a plan for achieving them
- Use learning strategies to meet personal and academic goals

### **Emergent Learning**

- Hold space for the collaborative visioning, deconstructing, sharing and co-creating knowledge to influence direction of the course

### **COURSE FORMAT**

Classes this Fall will all be on-line (not face-to-face). All classes will be taught using Zoom. Zoom is a synchronous (real time) virtual format that enables face-to-face approaches to teaching and learning. These classes take place at specific times as per the schedule above.

Each class will consist of a combination of lecture, discussion, group work, and individual activities. Students will be expected to read literature outside of class time and come in ready to interact with and make meaning of the readings.

In addition to attending mandatory Zoom sessions, students are expected to complete readings, view videos and complete assignments on the online platform, Moodle. All writing assignments will be completed outside of scheduled Zoom classes. Students should expect to spend at least five to ten hours per week outside of class time on assignments and readings.

Students are expected to work one-on-one with an instructor or a writing coach for each of the three major assignments.

### **ASSESSMENTS:**

#### **Attendance & Contribution to Learning Community**

Active engagement in activities and discussions is a key component of the sharing of ideas and co-creation of knowledge. As such, 30% of the overall grade is allocated to participation, which is broken down into online discussions and in-class activities (via Zoom), including graded discussions, mini-presentations, and other assignments.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and participate in online forums as participation marks cannot be made up.

### Assignments

Students will write two essays and one research paper and should expect to write 3,000 to 4,000 words in total, divided across three major assignments. Students will also write weekly reading responses, reflections, creative pieces and/or other responses.

Students should note that in order to receive full marks for essays, they must work through the writing process. For example, students must submit thesis statements, first drafts, and final copies on designated deadlines.

**Rewrites:** Students may choose to rewrite one assignment. A new topic must be chosen, and the rewrite must be submitted no later than one week after the assignment was returned (unless otherwise arranged).

**Late Policy:** Students are allowed one “negotiated late” during the semester (does not apply to the research). Such requests *must be made at least two days in advance of the due date*.

Assignments are due by the designated due date and time. Late papers will receive a 2% deduction per day to a maximum of 10%. Assignments will be accepted up to one week after the due date. After that, the student will receive a mark of zero, unless arrangements have been made by communicating directly with the instructor.

### Tests

Students will write a 3-hour midterm and a 3-hour final exam. These will be online and written during a specified time period.

**Rewrites:** A rewrite for a failing grade on an examination (less than 50%) may be permitted at the instructional team’s discretion\*. The rewrite mark will be recorded whether it is higher or lower than the original. However, a maximum mark of 65% will be awarded.

**"No Shows":** A student who misses an examination will receive a mark of zero for that examination but may be permitted a rewrite upon instructional team’s discretion\*. Exceptions may be made if a student receives prior permission from the instructor, or faces an emergency. Some form of documentation of the emergency may be required.

\* Instructional team consists of instructor, Chair of ASD and/or LAC or Case Manager

**EVALUATION:**

Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% for evaluative essay &amp; reflection</li> <li>• 15% for argumentative/novel essay &amp; reflection</li> <li>• 20% for research essay, sharing, peer feedback &amp; reflection</li> </ul>	45%
Midterm Assignment/Reflection	10%
Contribution to Learning Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-class mini-assignments, discussions, presentations</li> </ul>	30%
Final Exam	15%
Total	100%

**GRADING**

Yukon College’s grading system is a letter grade system based on a 4.0 point scale:

Grade	Grade Point Value	% Equivalent of most Yukon College Courses
A+	4.0	95-100
A	4.0	86-94
A-	3.7	80-85
B+	3.5	75-79
B	3.0	70-74
B-	2.7	65-69
C+	2.5	62-64
C	2.0	58-61
C-	1.7	55-57
D	1.0	50-54
F	0.0	Under 50%

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIAL**

- Van Camp, R. *Three Feathers*. 2015. Winnipeg: Highwater Press.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT CONDUCT**

Information on academic standing and student rights and responsibilities can be found in the current Academic Regulations that are posted on the Student Services/ Admissions & Registration web page.

**PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Plagiarism occurs when a student submits work for credit that includes the words, ideas, or data of others, without citing the source from which the material is taken. Plagiarism can be the deliberate use of a whole piece of work, but more frequently it occurs when students fail to acknowledge and document sources from which they have taken material according to an accepted manuscript style (e.g., APA, CSE, MLA, etc.). Students may use sources which are public domain or licensed under Creative Commons; however, academic documentation standards must still be followed. Except with explicit permission of the instructor, resubmitting work which has previously received credit is also considered plagiarism. 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 University.

**YUKON FIRST NATIONS CORE COMPETENCY**

Yukon University recognizes that a greater understanding and awareness of Yukon First Nations history, culture and journey towards self-determination will help to build positive relationships among all Yukon citizens. As a result, to graduate from ANY Yukon University program, you will be required to achieve core competency in knowledge of Yukon First Nations. For details, please see [www.yukonu.ca/yfnccr](http://www.yukonu.ca/yfnccr).

**ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in section 8.0 of the Yukon University Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon University website). It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations. If a student requires an academic accommodation, he/she should contact the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC): [lac@yukonu.ca](mailto:lac@yukonu.ca).

**COMMUNICATION**

As an adult student, it is your responsibility to communicate regularly with your instructor. If you need additional assistance, if you need to miss classes, or if you need to renegotiate a deadline, it is your responsibility to initiate communication with the instructor. The instructor can be approached at the end of class, during office hours, by email, or by telephone. There may also be an opportunity to communicate during one-on-one feedback sessions during class time.

**APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR**



In all areas of the college environment, students are responsible for showing respect for others. Swearing, or language that is discriminatory or derogatory in relation to race, sex, ethnic background, religious beliefs, age, and physical condition is not appropriate and will not be tolerated.

### **DISTRACTIONS DURING CLASS TIME**

In order to be successful in classes and minimize distractions for others, students are asked to be present and participatory during scheduled Zoom class times. Cell phones, used for purposes other than note-taking and research should be silenced and put away while students are attending Zoom classes.

### **TOPIC OUTLINE**

Introduction to Critical Thinking

Academic Writing

Short Stories

Poetry

Novel

Drama

Research

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### **APPENDIX I: BCCAT Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

#### **Critical and Creative Thinking**

- recognize tone, including irony and understatement in poetry, fiction, and drama
- evaluate argument for validity, reliability, currency and objectivity
- recognize structural elements associated with particular standard formats for literature and academic writing
- demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the power of language in literature and academic writing; the importance of word choice and organization

in furthering the problem solving process (initiating, developing and organizing thought); and the influence of communication formats on language choices and usage

- analyze literary elements in various genres

### Speaking and Listening

- interact effectively in formal or informal situations
- adjust speaking style to suit audience, purpose, and situation
- use effective presentation aids (e.g., diagrams, line drawings, overheads) to enhance communications
- demonstrate a critical understanding of arguments

### Reading, Research and Reference

- evaluate the effectiveness of one's own and others' written material (literary or academic) using criteria that include the following:
  - plain language
  - coherence and organization
  - consistency in the application of usage conventions
  - relevance to argument of supporting evidence and examples
  - appropriateness to intended purpose and audience
  - attention to detail
- summarize, make inferences, draw conclusions and critically evaluate
- paraphrase main ideas in written material
- distinguish between implicit and explicit messages
- apply prior knowledge and experience to assist understanding of new material
- use a variety of strategies and sources to gather and evaluate information, including print sources, library resources and the internet
- evaluate the influences, writing style and background of particular authors in order to understand their writings.
- read and demonstrate an understanding of short stories, poetry, drama and the novel, including works by Canadian authors.
- place a piece of literature in its historical and cultural context
- describe the social and personal benefits of reading literature

### Written Communication

- apply a writing process approach (pre-write, draft, revise, edit)

- produce work that demonstrates effective organization, support (e.g., examples, evidence) and sentence structure.
- gather, evaluate, synthesize, and organize information into a research paper or report of approximately 1500 words using an appropriate documentation style (e.g., APA, MLA or Chicago)
- understand and avoid plagiarism
- produce writing on demand (e.g., essays, exams)
- write essays using appropriate structure and development techniques
- write literary essays using appropriate structure, development techniques, and literary conventions.
- discuss literary terms (e.g., conflict, theme, character, mood, tone, irony, foreshadowing, point of view, and setting) in the analysis of works studied.

#### Cooperative Communication

- describe the value and limitations of collaborative work
- collaborate and consult effectively with others in completing communications tasks through means that include:
  - interacting confidently
  - assuming responsibility for roles in teams
  - respecting and promoting respect for the contributions of other team members
  - demonstrating a commitment to the team and to project goals
  - employing advanced problem-solving skills in cooperative communication activities
  - using a variety of resources and technologies when working with others
  - evaluating group processes and individual roles in and contributions to group processes