

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Students will be able to use reading skills such as identifying supporting details, implied ideas, organization and evaluating sources to better understand the meaning, purpose and tone of texts.
- Students will develop critical thinking skills by examining a number of texts and engaging in class discussions and writing assignments.
- Students will gain a better understanding of the writing process through a series of instructor led lectures and activities focused on developing basic writing skills, vocabulary, as well as paragraph and essay writing.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course aims to provide students with the skills to understand and appreciate language and to use it confidently and competently for a range of purposed tasks. Students will develop a positive attitude towards reading and writing in an academic arena as they work through material in a structured, collaborative and positive learning environment. Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to:

- Explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences
- Comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.
- View and represent to manage ideas and information
- Enhance clarity and artistry of communication

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca>.

EVALUATIONS:

Article of the Week 10%

Other Assignments/Projects 10%

Test/Quizzes 20%

Major writing assignments 30%

Final 30%

Course Total 100%

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

***Please Note: This is a For Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) course. Students will need to receive an overall grade of 50% or higher to receive credits for this course and to progress to EN0090.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

- Students will consult My-Class/Monthly calendars for pacing of reading and assignment deadlines.

Generally, our weeks will follow this routine:

- Mondays- Introduce Sentence of the Week, Article of the Week and weekly reading.
- Tuesdays- Focus on grammar, parts of speech, spelling and more.
- Wednesdays- Active Vocabulary practice (focus on general and academic words).
- Thursdays- Focus on reading fluency and comprehension as well as catch up on weekly reading and assignments.
- Fridays- Submit Article of the Week and write sentence of the week quiz

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Good attendance is a requirement of this course and of academic success generally.** As a student, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed in class from My-Class and/or your classmates.
- **Good attendance means more than simply being present physically during class time.** It means coming to class prepared, having read the assigned material(s) for the day, and showing respect to all the other members of the class by being attentive. Disruptive activities – for instance, habitually arriving late or leaving early – will not be tolerated.
- **Students are required to check the My-Class site for this course regularly.** Students should check it before each class to stay informed concerning course updates, readings, and announcements. It is the responsibility of the student, not the instructor, to print off readings and assignments from My-Class as necessary.

- **Cell phones are to be kept out of sight and silent at all times.** This means that cell phones may be used only as a learning resource- any phone calls, texts or other distracting behavior will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this rule may result in your removal from class.
- **All formal assignments are to be submitted via My-Class or as hard copies.**
- **All assignments are to be submitted by the assigned date by 4:00 pm.** Late assignments will be penalized 10% per day, with weekends counting as one day. After three days, I will no longer accept the assignment for marking. I will grant extensions for assignments in extenuating circumstances only. Last-minute requests for extensions will not be granted unless medical/or other professional documentation can be provided. Please note that I will not accept any late assignments after I have handed back marked assignments to the class. (Turnaround time for marked assignments is usually about one week).

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies>

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.