


Course Outline

School:	English & Liberal Studies
Department:	English and ESL
Course Title:	College Communications 1 (ESL)
Course Code:	COMM 161
Course Hours/Credits:	42
Prerequisites:	COMM 141, COMM 142, EAPP 300, EAPP 301, EAPP 302, EAPP 303, EAPP 304, ELL 506, ELL 507, ELL 508
Co-requisites:	N/A
Eligible for Prior Learning, Assessment and Recognition:	N/A
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Approved by:	

James Papple, Associate Dean/Dean,
English & Liberal Studies

Students are expected to review and understand all areas of the course outline.

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Centennial is proud to be a part of a rich history of education in this province and in this city. We acknowledge that we are on the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and pay tribute to their legacy and the legacy of all First Peoples of Canada, as we strengthen ties with the communities we serve and build the future through learning and through our graduates. Today the traditional meeting place of Toronto is still home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the communities that have grown in the treaty lands of the Mississaugas. We acknowledge that we are all treaty people and accept our responsibility to honor all our relations.

Course Description

The course introduces the standards of college-level English. It enables the student to develop skills in grammar, sentence variety, paragraph development, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. These are language skills which are essential to success in college programs and professional life. Understanding cultural references related to studying, working and living in a Canadian context will be embedded throughout the course. COMM 161 is designed for second language learners and is taught by a T.E.S.L. (Teacher of English as a Second Language) trained professor.

External Standard Information (ESI)

N/A

Program Outcomes

N/A

Course Learning Outcomes

The student will reliably demonstrate the ability to:

1. analyze readings for main and subordinate ideas, organization, purpose, audience, tone, and style;
2. develop reading skills to distinguish fact from opinion and infer meaning;
3. respond to questions on the readings using an introductory statement, complete sentences and paraphrasing;
4. apply critical thinking skills to compose well-written academic paragraphs for a specific purpose and audience in response to a reading, while acknowledging the source;
5. compose a preliminary essay in response to a specified reading;
6. apply editing and proofreading skills to revise written assignments for sentence variety and proper grammar and mechanics.
7. apply speaking skills to deliver an oral presentation for a specified audience
8. incorporate paraphrased content from a reading into one's own writing while acknowledging the source appropriately;

Essential Employability Skills (EES)

The student will reliably demonstrate the ability to*:

1. Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
11. Take responsibility for one's own actions, decisions, and consequences.

**There are 11 Essential Employability Skills outcomes as per the Ministry Program Standard. Of these 11 outcomes, the following will be assessed in this course.*

New Essential Skills (NES)

N/A

Global Citizenship and Equity (GC&E) Outcomes

The student will reliably demonstrate the ability to*:

1. Identify one's roles and responsibilities as a global citizen in personal and professional life.

**There are 6 institutional Global Citizenship & Equity outcomes. Of these 6 outcomes, the following will be assessed in this course.*

Text and Other Instructional/Learning Materials

Text Book(s):

Lipschutz, G., Scarry, S., & Scarry, J. (2021). The Canadian writer's workplace (9th Ed.). Toronto: Nelson Education.

ISBN-13: 978-0176831004

Online Resource(s):

MindTap Online Learning Solution

ISBN-13: 9780176887865

Evaluation Scheme

- ✦ Introduce Yourself Video Assignment: This is a speaking assignment. Students will produce a one-minute video to introduce themselves to their professor. In their video, they will provide general personal information about themselves and their education goals.
- ✦ Writing Test #1: Students will write an extended paragraph in response reading.
- ✦ Reading Tests: Two reading tests will assess students' ability to clearly and effectively respond to reading comprehension and analysis questions. Students may be tested on one or more readings as determined by the professor.
- ✦ Writing Test #2: Students will write a preliminary essay using appropriate structure, support, style, coherence and grammar in response to a reading.
- ✦ Oral Presentation: The Oral Presentation Assignment is the culminating task on culture. For this assignment, students' speaking skills and knowledge of culture will be assessed whereby students will analyze and present their personal culture to the class.
- ✦ Final Test: Students will write a preliminary essay using appropriate structure, support, style, coherence and grammar in response to a sight reading.
- ✦ Grammar and Skills Building Assignment: Understanding and applying proper grammar and writing mechanics is an essential component of the course. The Grammar and Skills Building Assignment assesses students' knowledge of grammar and sentence structure by way of a quiz or reading/writing assignment as determined by the professor.

Evaluation Name	CLO(s)	EES Outcome(s)	NES Outcome(s)	GCE Outcome(s)	Weight/100
Introduce Yourself Video Assignment	7				0
Writing Test #1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8	1			15
Reading Tests	1, 2, 3, 6, 8	1			20
Writing Test #2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	1			20
Oral Presentation	6, 7	1, 11		1	10
Final Test	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	1			25
Grammar and Skills Building Assignment	1, 2				10
Total					100%

If students are unable to write a test they should immediately contact their professor or program Associate Dean for advice. In exceptional and well documented circumstances (e.g. unforeseen family problems, serious illness, or death of a close family member), students may be able to write a make-up test.

All submitted work may be reviewed for authenticity and originality utilizing College approved plagiarism prevention software. Students who do not wish to have their work submitted to College approved plagiarism prevention software must, by the end of the second week of class, communicate this in writing to the instructor and make mutually agreeable alternate arrangements.

When writing tests, students must be able to produce official Centennial College photo identification or they may be refused the right to take the test or test results will be void.

Tests or assignments conducted remotely may require the use of online proctoring technology where the student's identification is verified and their activity is monitored and/or recorded, both audibly and visually through remote access to the student's computer and web camera. Students must communicate in writing to the instructor as soon as possible and prior to the test or assignment due date if they require an alternate assessment format to explore mutually agreeable alternatives.

Student Accommodation

The Centre for Accessible Learning and Counselling Services (CALCS) (<http://centennialcollege.ca/calcs>) provides programs and services which empower students in meeting their wellness goals, accommodation and disability-related needs. Our team of professional psychotherapists, social workers, educators, and staff offer brief, solution-focused psychotherapy, accommodation planning, health and wellness education, group counselling, psycho-educational workshops, adaptive technology, and peer support. Walk in for your first intake session at one of our service locations (Ashtonbee Room L1-04, Morningside Room 190, Progress Room C1-03, The Story Arts Centre Room 285, Downsview Room 105) or contact us at calcs@centennialcollege.ca, 416-289-5000 ext. 3850 to learn more about accessing CALCS services.

Use of Dictionaries

- Any dictionary (hard copy or electronic) may be used in regular class work.
- Dictionaries may be used in tests and examinations, or in portions of tests and examinations, as long

as they are non-electronic (not capable of storing information) and hard copy (reviewed by the invigilator to ensure notes are not incorporated that would affect test or examination integrity).

Program or School Policies

School of English and Liberal Studies Policy for Missed Tests and Late Assignments Students who have missed a test and present documented evidence of their absence upon returning to class are permitted to do an alternative assessment, typically completing the assessment within two weeks of returning to class. Students are strongly advised to contact the professor before the scheduled test date. Students who do not contact the professor within 24 hours of the missed class and do not present documented evidence will receive a mark of zero for the assessment. Make-up assessments will not be given. Assignments are due on their due dates. Students who are unable to submit an out-of-class assignment on the day it is due must inform the professor on or before the due date. A mark of 10% will be deducted for each day past the due date unless an alternate due date has been negotiated. A hard copy of the assignment should be presented to the professor for grading and feedback; however, an electronic copy may first be submitted as proof that the work has been completed. There will be no make-up assignments. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of all returned assignment and test / exam marks.

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College Policies

Students should familiarize themselves with all College Policies that cover academic matters and student conduct.

All students and employees have the right to study and work in an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and promotes respect and equity. Centennial policies ensure all incidents of harassment, discrimination, bullying and violence will be addressed and responded to accordingly.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is integral to the learning process and a necessary ingredient of academic integrity. Forms of academic dishonesty include cheating, plagiarism, and impersonation, among others. Breaches

of academic honesty may result in a failing grade on the assignment or course, suspension, or expulsion from the college. Students are bound to the College's AC100-11 Academic Honesty and Plagiarism policy.

To learn more, please visit the Libraries information page about Academic Integrity

<https://libraryguides.centennialcollege.ca/academicintegrity> and review Centennial College's Academic Honesty Module:

https://myappform.centennialcollege.ca/centennial/articulate/Centennial_College_Academic_Integrity_Module_%202/story.html

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PLAR Process

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Semester: Fall 2024
 Section Code: 073
 Meeting Time & Location: Wednesday 8:30-11:20am online
 Last Date to Drop Course: 9/17/2024

Professor(s) Name: Georgette Hajjar
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 Delivery Method: Synchronous Online

Topical Outline (subject to change):

ORIGINAL TOPICAL

Week	Topics	Readings/Materials	Weekly Learning Outcome(s)	Instructional Strategies	Evaluation Name and Weight	Evaluation Date
1	Introduction to COMM 161 Pre-course Writing Sample Assignment Introduce Yourself Video Assignment	Readings: -Course Outline -Using eCentennial and other technology -Expectations and Responsibilities -Academic Honesty Policy	-Identify the goals and content of COMM 161 -Connect with the professor -Describe the course expectations -Explain academic honesty policy -Write a preliminary (3-paragraph) essay -Produce a video to introduce yourself to the class	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work	Pre-course Writing Sample (not graded - 0%) Introduce Yourself Video Assignment (not graded - 0%)	
2	Active Reading Skills Stated and Implied Main Ideas Supporting Points Introduction to Culture	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Why Am I Here, p.v Unit II - Chapter 14: Understanding what You Read Unit V - Major Readings: TBA	-Use reading strategies to process reading content -Identify the main idea of a reading -Identify subordinate ideas in a reading -Identify types of supports used -Identify features of culture -Define culture	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work		
3	Answering Reading Comprehension Questions Tone, Audience, and Purpose	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit I - Chapter 1: Parts of Speech	-Identify steps to answer assignment questions -Answer comprehension questions clearly and correctly -Apply steps for paraphrasing ideas from a reading -Explain the intended meaning in a reading	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work		

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	Fact or Opinion Culture: Individualism Vs. Collectivism Grammar Topic	Unit II - Chapter 15: Paraphrasing and Summarizing Unit II - Chapter 16: Quoting Unit II - Chapter 17: Answering the Question Unit III - Chapter 21: Style Unit V: Major Readings:TBA	-Distinguish between fact and opinion -Identify features of cultural behaviours -Identify parts of speech			
4	Making an Argument Techniques for Making a Persuasive Argument Culture: Communication Styles - Indirect and Direct How to Form Verb Tenses Reading Test #1 Grammar Topic	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit 1 - Chapter 3: Solving Verb Problems Unit IV - Chapter 25: Argumentation Unit V - Major Readings:TBA	-Research both sides of an issue -Produce an argument for one side of a debate or an issue -Answer comprehension questions clearly and correctly -Express answers in one's own words while maintaining the original ideas -Explain the author's intended purpose -Produce correct phrasing for introducing references -Identify communication variances among cultures -Apply understanding of direct and indirect communication -Form verb tenses	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work Individual work to be evaluated for assessment	Reading Test #1 - 10%	
5	How to Write a Paragraph Examples of an Outline and a Paragraph Comparing and Contrasting	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit III - Chapter 19: The Paragraph Unit III - Chapter 19: Model Paragraph:	-Demonstrate knowledge of the structure of a paragraph -Create a paragraph outline with a valid topic sentence to answer a question -Integrate and cite references using APA format -Identify relevant and irrelevant supporting details -Write a concluding statement	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work Individual work to be evaluated for assessment		

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	Referencing Using In-Text Citations (APA Style 7th Edition) Transition Signals Culture: Power Distance Grammar Topic	"Let's Junk It" Unit III - Chapter 24: Documentation Unit IV - Chapter 26: Model Paragraph: "Titanic Blunders" Unit IV - Chapter 27: Model Paragraph: "The Freedom of Freelancing (I) and (II)" Unit V - Major Readings: TBA	-Identify features of Power Distance in cultures			
6	Paraphrasing Ideas from a Reading Subject-Verb Agreement Culture: Cultural Conditioning Writing Test #1 Grammar Topic	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit I - Chapter 4: Subject-Verb Agreement Unit II - Chapter 15: Paraphrasing and Summarizing Unit III - Chapter 19: The Paragraph Unit V - Major Readings: TBA	-Apply steps for paraphrasing a piece of writing -Integrate paraphrased ideas -Use APA format to cite someone else's ideas -Explain the difference between paraphrasing and summarizing -Identify aspects of cultural conditioning -Write an extended paragraph using appropriate structure, support, style, coherence and grammar	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work Individual work to be evaluated for assessment	Writing Test #1 - 15% Write an extended paragraph with reference to a reading	
7	Culture: Oral Presentation Assignment (10%) Structure of an Essay From the Paragraph to the Essay	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit I - Chapter 5: Coordination and Subordination Unit III - Chapter 20:	-Identify components of an essay -Write a thesis statement with three subordinate ideas -Produce three types of correctly punctuated sentences -Demonstrate knowledge of speaking skills by producing an oral presentation for an audience	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work Individual work to be evaluated for assessment		

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	The Thesis Statement Practice: Write a Thesis Statement Types of Sentences Simple Sentences Compound Sentences Complex Sentences Grammar Topic	The Essay Unit III - Chapter 20: Model Preliminary Essay (II): "Benefits of Marijuana" Unit III - Chapter 24: APA Sample Essay: "Social Media and Relationships: A Few Important Rules" (Cohen)				
8	Parallel Structure Good and Bad Thesis Statements Writing Thesis Statements to Answer a Question Grammar Topic	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit I - Chapter 8: Parallel Structure Unit III - Chapter 20: The Essay Unit III - Chapter 20: Model Preliminary Essay (I): "Good Habits" Unit V - Major Readings: TBA	-Write sentences with good parallel structure -Identify steps to answer an assignment question -Demonstrate knowledge of speaking and analytical thinking skills by producing an oral presentation for an audience	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work Individual work to be evaluated for assessment	Oral Presentation - 10%	
9	Steps for Writing a Preliminary Essay Practice Preliminary Essay Writing Correcting	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit I - Chapter 6: Correcting Fragments	-Write a preliminary essay developed with explanations and examples -Write body paragraphs with topic sentences -Correct sentence errors	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work Individual work to be		

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	"Fragments" and "Run-ons"	Unit I - Chapter 7: Correcting Run-ons		evaluated for assessment		
	Grammar Topic	Unit III - Chapter 20: The Essay				
		Unit III - Chapter 20: Model Preliminary Essay (II): "Benefits of Marijuana"				
		Unit V - Major Readings: TBA				
10	Paraphrasing Review	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition):	-Answer reading comprehension questions clearly and correctly	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises	Reading Test #2 - 10%	
	APA Documentation Review	Unit I - Chapter 9: Pronouns	-Express written answers in one's own words while maintaining the original ideas	Individual work		
	Pronouns	Unit I - Chapter 10: Modifiers: Misplaced and Dangling	-Explain the author's intended meaning in a reading	Individual work to be evaluated for assessment		
	Modifiers	Unit II - The Reading Connection (Review of chapters for reading test)	-Produce correct phrasing for introducing reading references			
	Culture: Canadian Cultural Values	Unit V - Major Readings: TBA	-Produce correctly formatted APA in-text citations			
	Culture: Canada's Indigenous Peoples		-Identify aspects of Canadian culture			
	A Brief Lesson on Colonialism					
	Grammar Topic					
11	Review of Preliminary Essay Structure	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition):	-Write a persuasive preliminary essay using appropriate structure, support, style, coherence and grammar	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises	Writing Test #2 - 20%	
	Giving Examples	Unit I - Chapter 11: Punctuation	-Integrate paraphrased reading references	Individual work		
	Punctuation	Unit III - Chapter 21: Style	-Cite reading references using APA formatting	Individual work to be evaluated for assessment		
	Writing Test #2		-Write a variety of sentences with correct grammatical structure and punctuation			

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	Grammar Topic	Unit V - Major Readings: TBA				
12	Review All You Have Learned Articles Collocation Correcting Word Choice Errors Grammar and Skills Building Assignment	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit I - Chapter 13: Using All You Have Learned	-Demonstrate knowledge of grammar and sentence structure -Apply the rules of subject-verb agreement -Demonstrate knowledge of correct pronoun use -Correct sentence errors	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work Individual work to be evaluated for assessment	Grammar and Skills Building Assignment - 10%	
13	Editing Sentences for Errors Editing Exercise Practice: Proofreading and Revising Student Marking Workshop	The Canadian Writer's Workplace (9th Edition): Unit 1 - Chapter 13: Unit 1 Review: Using All You Have Learned Unit III - Chapter 20: The Essay Unit III - Chapter 22: Revising and Editing Unit III - Chapter 22: Sample Student Essay: Revising and Editing the Rough Draft Appendix A: Distinguishing between Words Often Confused	-Demonstrate grammar knowledge by correcting common errors in sentences -Identify and use elements of focus in proofreading punctuation, spelling and grammar	Teacher-led online lesson activities and exercises Individual work		
14	Final Test Information	TBA	-Write a persuasive preliminary essay using appropriate structure, support, style, coherence and grammar	Individual work to be evaluated for assessment	Final Test (25%)	

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	Course Completion		-Integrate paraphrased reading references -Cite reading references using APA formatting -Write a variety of sentences with correct grammatical structure and punctuation			