

Course ID:	Course Title:	Fall 2019
EN 115	Introduction to Literature and Language	Prerequisite:
		Credits: 3

Class Information		Instructor Information		Important Dates	
Days:	T/TH	Instructor:	Rita Dirks, BA, MA, PhD	First day of classes:	Wed, Sept 4
Time:	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Email:	rita.dirks@ambrose.edu	Last day to add/drop, or change to audit:	Sun, Sept 15
Room:	A2131	Phone:	(403) 410-2000, ext. 5900	Last day to request revised final exam:	Fri, Nov 1
Lab/ Tutorial:	n/a	Office:	L2067	Last day to withdraw from course:	Mon, Nov 18
	n/a	Office Hours:	T/TH 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Last day to apply for coursework extension:	Mon, Nov 25
Final Exam:	December 14, 9:00 AM – 12 PM, Room A2210			Last day of classes:	Wed, Dec 11

Course Description

This course introduces students to post-secondary studies in English by exploring developments in literature and language in and over time. Students will have opportunities to study particular themes and compare different genres.

Expected Learning Outcomes

1. Competence in writing, with acquired skills in grammar, mechanics, structure, argument, revision, and research capabilities
2. An understanding of reading and analytical techniques with which to understand literature for their instruction and delight
3. An understanding of literary genres, such as a short story, poem, and essay

Textbooks

Required:

Messenger, William E. *et al.* ed. *The Concise Canadian Writer's Handbook*. Third Edition. Don Mills: Oxford UP, 2017.

Messenger, William E. *et al.* ed. *The Concise Canadian Writer's Handbook: Student Workbook*. Third Edition. Don Mills: Oxford UP, 2017.

Additional readings will be distributed in class.

Recommended:

The Oxford English Dictionary, print, or available online via the library website.

Course Schedule

September	5	Introduction to the study of Literature and Language
	10	Preliminary placement Grammar Test
	12	Review of Grammar Test
	17	Understanding Sentences
	19	Short Story: Mary Oliver, "Bird"
	24	Parts of Speech
October	1	Quiz I
	3	Short Story: Colette Langlois, "The Emigrants"
	8	Writing Effective Sentences
	10	MIDTERM
	15	Mechanics and Spelling
	17	Selected Poems
	22	Diction; Essay 1 due
	24	Essays
	29	Principles of Composition
	31	Essay: Poe, "The Philosophy of Composition";
November	5	Research, Writing, and Documentation
	7	Quiz II; Excerpts from Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i>
	19	Revising, Editing, and Proofreading
	21	Essays: Lydia Davis, "Revising One Sentence"; Thomas King, from <i>The Truth about Stories</i>
	26	How to Write a Research Essay
	28	Quiz III

December	3	Excerpts from two novels: Brontë, <i>Jane Eyre</i> ; Woolf, <i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>
	5	How to Write a Research Essay, cont'd
	10	Review for Final Exam; Research Essay due; Workbook due

Requirements:

Preliminary Grammar Test	5%
Quizzes x 3 (5% each)	15%
Midterm	10%
Workbook	10%
Essay I	10%
Essay II (Research Essay)	20%
Final Exam	30%

Submission of Assignments:

Assignments are due on the dates specified. Late assignments will not be accepted, unless extenuating circumstances can be shown. Students may not submit work done for another class. Essays are to be submitted via Moodle/Turnitin and by email to rita.dirks@ambrose.edu. All papers for this course are subject to an originality analysis. For more information, see <http://turnitin.com> and the paragraph on "Academic Integrity" below. Essays are to be submitted in MLA format.

Attendance:

Students should do all the prescribed readings before class and be prepared to participate in class discussion. Students are responsible for all the information given in class, and also for any changes to the syllabus that are announced in class. Although I do not formally take attendance, your absence will affect your participation grade and, possibly, your exam grades because you will be missing information presented in class lectures.

Grade Summary:

96-100	A+	Excellent
91-95	A	
86-90	A-	Good
82-85	B+	
75-81	B	

72-74	B-	
68-71	C+	
63-67	C	Satisfactory
60-62	C-	
56-59	D+	
50-55	D	Minimal Pass
0-49	F	Failure

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform College-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are not mailed out.

Ambrose University Academic Policies:

Communication

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters (cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions. If students do not wish to use their Ambrose accounts, they will need to forward all messages from the Ambrose account to another personal account.

Registration

During the **Registration Revision Period** students may enter a course without permission, change the designation of any class from credit to audit and /or voluntary withdraw from a course without financial or academic penalty or record. Courses should be added or dropped on the student portal by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. After that date, the original status remains and the student is responsible for related fees.

Students intending to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period must apply to the Office of the Registrar by submitting a "Request to Withdraw from a Course" form or by sending an email to the Registrar's Office by the **Withdrawal Deadline**; please consult the List of Important Dates on the my.ambrose.edu website. Students will not receive a tuition refund for courses from which they withdraw after the Registration Revision period. A grade of "W" will appear on their transcript.

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus. A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration.

Exam Scheduling

Students, who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a Revised Examination Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) the student has three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Electronic Etiquette

Students are expected to treat their instructor, guest speakers, and fellow students with respect. It is disruptive to the learning goals of a course or seminar and disrespectful to fellow students and the instructor to use electronics for purposes unrelated to the course during a class session. Turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices during class. Laptops should be used for class-related purposes only. Do not use iPods, MP3 players, or headphones. Do not text, read, or send personal emails, go on Facebook or other social networks, search the internet, or play computer games during class. Some professors will not allow the use of any electronic devices in class. The professor has the right to disallow the student to use a

laptop in future lectures and/or to ask a student to withdraw from the session if s/he does not comply with this policy. Repeat offenders will be directed to the Dean. If you are expecting communication due to an emergency, please speak with the professor before the class begins.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. Personal information (information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual) may be required as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Extensions

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a course Extension from the Registrar's Office. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

Appeal of Grade

An appeal for change of grade on any course work must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Registrar's Office in writing and providing the basis for appeal within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to acknowledge to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record.

Note: Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records.