

Course ID:	Course Title:	Winter 2024	
HUM 101 – 1	Reading and Writing for University (Empires and Nations)	Prerequisite:	N/A
		Credits:	3

Class Information		Instructor Information		Important Dates	
Delivery:	In-Person	Instructor:	Aaron Peters, PhD	First Day of Classes:	Jan. 8, 2024
Days:	Wed. / Fri.	Email:	aaron.peters@ambrose.edu	Last Day to Add/Drop:	Jan. 21, 2024
Time:	11:15AM-12:30PM	Phone:	403-410-2000 ext. 6929	Last Day to Withdraw:	Mar. 28, 2024
Room:	A1085-1	Office:	L2062	Last Day to Apply for Extension:	Apr. 2, 2024
Lab/Tutorial:	N/A	Office Hours:	Wed. / Fri. 10-11AM	Last Day of Classes:	Apr. 12, 2024
Final Exam:	Final Paper Due. April 12				

Important Dates and Information

For a list of all important dates and information regarding participating in classes at Ambrose University, please refer to the Academic Calendar at <https://ambrose.edu/academic-calendar>.

Course Description

A themed introduction to critical reading and writing for university students. This course combines a systematic consideration of the elements of expository and argumentative writing, training in active reading strategies that facilitate that writing, and instruction in the fundamentals of English grammar and sentence structure.

The course is divided into two units. Students will be presented, in Unit 1, with the basic concepts of thesis statements, evidence, interpretation, argumentation, and audience, and in Unit 2, with ideas relating to structure, organization, and citation. This course also illustrates the importance of revising written drafts and offers strategies for doing so.

To provide a context for student writing, each section of HUM 101 will explore at an introductory level a different theme reflecting conversations across the Humanities. The thematic focus for this section is Empires and Nations. Students will read and engage with primary source documents and journal articles that explore the

interconnections between nationalism and imperialism. Emphasis will be placed on the context of the Asia-Pacific region and will introduce topics such as early modern trade boundaries between empires and the varied uses of Orientalism by both the colonizer and the colonized. Despite these different themes, all sections' primary emphasis will be on core writing skills training—not only critical reading and writing but skills that will help students manage the requirements of a university education.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- Identify, restate, and evaluate basic arguments from academic literature in the Humanities.
- Formulate argumentative thesis statements.
- Practice basic skills of argumentation, including responsible selection of supporting evidence, analysis and interpretation of that evidence, and formulation of appropriate counter-arguments.
- Use the different parts of an essay effectively and appropriately when writing (including introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion, and bibliographic apparatus).
- Organize an argumentative essay, both at the level of overall structure and through use of internal transitions.
- Practice basic university-level procedures for source use and citation.
- Practice basic strategies for revising a written draft.
- Apply the fundamentals of English grammar to written composition, particularly with reference to proper sentence structure.

Textbooks

Messenger et al. *The Concise Canadian Writer's Handbook*, 3/e.

Articles and Primary Texts (posted on Moodle):

Kumar, Krishan. "Empire and English Nationalism." *Nations and Nationalism* 12, no. 1 (2006): 1–13.

Joseph Chamberlain (1897). "The True Conception of Empire".

<http://www.historymuse.net/readings/ChamberlainTRUECONCEPTIONOFEMPIRE1897.htm>

Aljazeera English. (2020) *Vikings vs Neo-Nazis: Battling the Far-Right in Sweden*. YouTube video, 25:00.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ulv-RpmUxU>

Okakura, Kakuzo, "The Range of Ideals" in *The Ideals of the East*. New York: E.P Dutton and Co., 1904.

<https://www.sacred-texts.com/shi/ioe/ioe03.htm>

Saaler Sven and Christopher W.A. Szpilman, "Pan-Asianism as an Ideal of Asian Identity and Solidarity, 1850–Present"

The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus (April 2011):1-27 [https://apjif.org/2011/9/17/Christopher-W.-](https://apjif.org/2011/9/17/Christopher-W.-A.Szpilman/3519/article.html)

[A.Szpilman/3519/article.html](https://apjif.org/2011/9/17/Christopher-W.-A.Szpilman/3519/article.html)

Gandhi, Mohandas K. "Civilization" and "What is True Civilization" in *Hind Swaraj*. Phoenix, Natal: The International Printing Press, 1910.

Sun Yat-Sen, "Pan-Asianism." in *China and Japan: Natural Friends – Unnatural Enemies*. Shanghai: China United Press, 1941: 141-151. (Original speech given in 1924)

Course Schedule

UNIT	CLASS	DATE	TOPIC/ELEMENT OF WRITING	ASSIGNMENTS
1	1	January 10	Introduction to Course	
1	2	January 12	Parts of Speech	Read Part III of Messenger text
1	3	January 17	Sentence Patterns and Conventions	Read Part II of Messenger text
1	4	January 19	Effective Sentences and Common Sentence Problems	Read Part IV of Messenger text
1	5	January 24	Punctuation	Read Part V and VI of Messenger text
1	6	January 26	Diction	Read Part VII of Messenger text FOR NEXT CLASS: read Kumar, "Empire and English Nationalism"
1	7	January 31	Thesis Statements	
1	8	February 2	Grammar Test I	FOR NEXT CLASS: read Abstract Assignment Prompt

1	9	February 7	Analysis/Use of Evidence	FOR NEXT CLASS: read Chamberlain, "The True Conception of Empire"
1	10	February 9	Argument/Counter-Argument	FOR NEXT CLASS: Read Paper I Assignment Prompt

1	11	February 14	Identifying Fallacies	DUE: 200-250 word Abstract
1	12	February 16	Stakes, Introductions/Conclusions, Orienting the Reader	FOR NEXT CLASS: read Okakura Kakuzo, "The Range of Ideals"
1	13	February 28	Understanding Narrative	
2	14	March 1	Grammar Test II	FOR NEXT CLASS: read Gandhi, "Civilization" and "What is True Civilization"; Sun Yat-Sen, "Pan-Asianism"

2	15	March 6	Macro-Structure, Organization	
2	16	March 8	Micro-Structure (spec. Internal Transitions)	FOR NEXT CLASS: watch "Vikings vs. Neo-Nazis: Battling the Far Right in Sweden" and read Paper II Assignment Prompt Paper I Due
2	17	March 13	"Reading" and Analyzing Films/Documentaries	
2	18	March 15	Conducting Research	FOR NEXT CLASS: read Saaler and Szpilman "Pan-Asianism as an Ideal of Asian Identity and Solidarity"
2	19	March 20	Incorporating Sources	
2	20	March 22	Citation Practices	

2	21	March 27	Editing and Proofreading	
2	22	April 3	Grammar Test III	Paper II Due April 12

Requirements:

10% Attendance/Participation

30% Grammar Tests

There will be three grammar tests (worth 10% each) based on Parts II – VI of the textbook. The tests will be scheduled as follows:

Grammar Test I: February 2

Grammar Test II: March 1

Grammar Test III: April 3

15% Abstract (Feb. 14 @ 11:59PM on Moodle)

This assignment develops and tests skill in careful reading of college-level arguments and begins work on concise written articulation. Students will be required to identify and briefly summarize the argument of an academic article, as well as establish the significance of the argument within the existing scholarly literature. **Length: 200-250 words.**

20% Paper I: Primary Source Analysis (Mar. 8 @ 11:59PM on Moodle)

In this single-source paper, students are offered an extended opportunity to further develop and test skills in close reading, as well as initial engagement with argumentative writing at some length. The whole paper must address one source. Therefore, citation is not yet a key focus of evaluation. Students must complete a draft and arrange a meeting with the course instructor to discuss their draft **during the week of Feb 26-Mar 1. Failure to produce a complete draft and schedule a meeting within this period will result in an F on the final version.** The final paper alone receives a grade. **Length: 3-4 pages.**

25% Paper II: Comparative Analysis Paper (April 12 @ 11:59PM on Moodle)

In this comparative paper, students must carefully read, compare, and synthesize ideas from several sources (at least two and no more than five). The more complex set of sources also allows development/testing of competency in written organization and structure. Along with a larger number of sources come added expectations, chiefly full compliance with citation formatting requirements. Students must complete a draft and arrange a meeting with the course instructor to discuss their draft **during the week of March 25 – April 3. Failure to produce a complete draft and schedule a meeting within this period will result in an F on the final version.** The final paper alone receives a grade. **Length: 4-6 pages.**

Abstracts and paper assignments are to be submitted online via Moodle. **The late policy is a 2% deduction per day late for 7 days.** Late papers can be Emailed but students are advised that papers over a week late without prior consultation will **not** be accepted. In case of illness or other traumatic emergency, late papers will be graded without penalty **on the condition** that students provide appropriate documentation confirming their illness/emergency. Students may request regrades on assignments but **are warned that the regrade may go down as well as up.**

Attendance:

Attendance at lectures is mandatory. Be sure to turn off all mobile phones and use computers only for note taking and not for any other purpose (such as emailing, playing games, etc.). Once the class begins students should stop chatting and engaging in any other kind of disruptive or distracting behavior. When you attend lectures, you are expected to stay for the entire period. If you are unable to attend a lecture due to illness or traumatic emergency, please notify me by Email as soon as possible. While participating in class discussions, students are reminded to be courteous and respectful towards their fellow classmates and their instructor.

Grade Summary:

The available letters for course grades are as follows:

Grade	Percentage	Interpretation	Grade Points
A+	90-100	Excellent	4.00
A	85-89		4.00
A-	80-84		3.70
B+	77-79	Good	3.30
B	73-76		3.00
B-	70-72		2.70
C+	67-69	Satisfactory	2.30
C	63-66		2.00
C-	60-62		1.70
D+	56-59	Poor	1.30
D	50-55	Minimal Pass	1.0
F	0-49	Failure	0.00

P		Pass	No Grade Points
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Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform University-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 Important Information:

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.

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 Academic Calendar. 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.

Standards of Behaviour in the Classroom Setting

Learning is an active and interactive process, a joint venture between student and instructor and between student and student. Some topics covered within a class may lead to strong reactions and opinions. It is important that Students understand that they are entitled to hold contradictory beliefs and that they should be encouraged to engage with these topics in a critical manner. Committing to this type of "active learning" significantly increases the learning experience for both teacher and student, and reflects the Christian imperative to pursue truth, which lies at the heart of the Ambrose educational experience. However, active discussion of controversial topics will be undertaken with respect and empathy, which are the foundations of civil discourse in the Classroom Setting. Primary responsibility for managing the classroom rests with the instructor. The instructor may direct a student to leave the class if the student engages in any behaviour that disrupts the classroom setting. If necessary, Ambrose security will be contacted to escort the student from class. Please refer to your professor regarding their electronic etiquette expectations.

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.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. The academic calendar can be found at <https://ambrose.edu/content/academic-calendar-2>.

Privacy

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.

Coursework Extensions

Should a request for a time extension on coursework exceed the end of the term, a *Coursework Extension Application* must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Registrar. The extension (if granted) will be recorded on the student record. Extensions are granted at the discretion of the instructor and are normally granted for 30 days beyond the last day of the term.

Normally, Course Extension Applications will be considered only when all of the following conditions are met:

- the quality of prior course work has been satisfactory;
- circumstances beyond your control, such as an extended illness or death of a family member, make it impossible for you to complete the course work on time; and
- you submit *Coursework Extension Application* to the Office of the Registrar on or before the deadline specified in the Academic Schedule.

If granted, time extensions do not excuse you from a final examination where one has been scheduled for the course.

A temporary grade of TX will be assigned until a final grade is submitted in accordance with the new deadline. A final grade of F will apply to:

- all course work submitted after the end of the semester unless a coursework extension has been granted; and all course work submitted after the revised due date provided by an approved extension to coursework.

Academic Success and Supports

Accessibility Services

Academic accommodation is provided to Ambrose students with disabilities in accordance with the Alberta Human Rights Act and the

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Provision of academic accommodation does not lower the academic standards of the university nor remove the need for evaluation and the need to meet essential learning outcomes. Reasonable accommodations are tailored to the individual student, are flexible, and are determined by considering the barriers within the unique environment of a postsecondary institution. It can take time to organize academic accommodations and funding for disability-related services. Students with a disability who wish to have an academic accommodation are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services as early as possible to ensure appropriate planning for any needs that may include accommodations. Staff can then meet with students to determine areas to facilitate success, and if accommodations are required, ensure those accommodations are put in place by working with faculty.

Ambrose Writing Services

Ambrose Writing services provides academic support in the four foundational literacy skills—listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It also assists students with critical thinking and the research process. Throughout the academic year, students can meet with a writing tutor for personalized support, or they can attend a variety of workshops offered by Academic Success. These services are free to students enrolled at Ambrose University. Academic Success serves all students in all disciplines and at all levels, from history to biology and from theatre to theology. To learn more, please visit <https://ambrose.edu/writingcentre>

Ambrose Tutoring Services

Ambrose Tutoring Services provides support in specific disciplinary knowledge, especially in high-demand areas such as chemistry, philosophy, math and statistics, and religious studies. These tutors also coach students in general study skills, including listening and note-taking. During the academic year, Ambrose Tutoring Services offers drop-in tutoring for courses with high demand; for other courses, students can book a one-to-one appointment with a tutor in their discipline. These services are free to students enrolled at Ambrose University. To learn more, please visit <https://ambrose.edu/tutoring>.

Mental Health Support

All of us need a support system. We encourage students to build mental health supports and to reach out when help is needed.

On Campus:

- Counselling Services: ambrose.edu/counselling
- Peer Supportive Listening: One-to-one support in Student Life office. Hours posted at ambrose.edu/wellness.
- For immediate crisis support, there are staff on campus who are trained in Suicide Intervention and Mental Health First Aid. See ambrose.edu/crisissupport for a list of staff members.

Off Campus:

- Distress Centre - 403-266-4357

- Sheldon Chumir Health Care Centre - 403-955-6200
- Emergency - 911

Sexual Violence Support

All staff, faculty, and Residence student leaders have received *Sexual Violence Response to Disclosure* training. We will support you and help you find the resources you need. There is a website with on and off campus supports – ambrose.edu/sexual-violence-response-andawareness.

Off Campus:

- Clinic: Sheldon Chumir Health Centre - 403-955-6200
- Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse - 403-237-5888

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