









English Language & Writing Skills (ENGL) 177

English for Academic Purposes (Revision 8)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the course listing  for the current revision 
Delivery mode:	Individualized study online  with eText 
Credits:	3
Area of study:	No Area of Study
Prerequisites:	None
Precluded:	None
Challenge:	ENGL 177 is not available for challenge.
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences 
Notes:	The English Language Studies Assessment  test is designed to help students understand their strengths and weaknesses in English and guide them to the most appropriate course(s).



Overview

This course provides an introduction to university studies for students who wish to attend a postsecondary institution where English is the medium of instruction. The aim of this course is to prepare students to succeed in complex academic tasks in writing and reading. This is a general academic preparatory course designed from an ESL perspective. However, it is also appropriate for native speakers of English who are in need of general academic and writing preparation.

Outline

This course is composed of six units, which are each divided into three or more lessons drawn from the instructional material in *The Canadian Writer's World*. In many cases supplementary material is also available, along with helpful online exercises. The first lesson in each unit, on structure and language, tackles one or more elements of English grammar and usage. The second lesson, on reading, presents a selection of essays that exemplify a particular way of organizing and communicating ideas. The third lesson, on writing, which may be subdivided into two or more sections, looks at how those essays have been composed and offers a number of exercises to practice the necessary skills. Each unit ends with an assignment that asks you to reflect on your progress through the course and to compose a piece of writing that demonstrates your understanding of the skills that were practiced in that unit.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** , you must complete all the assignments and achieve a minimum grade of 50 percent on the final examination and a composite course grade of at least **C– (60 percent)** . The weighting of the course assignments is as follows:


Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Diagnostic Assignment	Complete/Incomplete
Assignment 2: Summary and Paragraph Writing	10%

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Assignment 3: Paragraph Writing	10%
Assignment 4: Short Essay	10%
Assignment 5: Definition Essay	15%
Assignment 6: Research Paper	15%
Assignment 7: Narrative Essay	10%
Reflective Journal	10%
Online Quizzes	Complete/Incomplete
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#) section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#).

Materials

Gaetz, L., Phadke, S., & Sandberg, R. (2019). *The Canadian writer's world* (3rd ed.). Pearson Canada.  (eText)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** [↗](#), please refer to our **eText Initiative site** [↗](#).

Other Resources

All learning resources will be available online.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) [↗](#)
- › [Program planning](#) [↗](#)
- › [Request assistance](#) [↗](#)
- › [Support services](#) [↗](#)

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