

Columbia College
English for Professional Purposes (ENG0102)

Lecture 1

Course Outline

Semester Dates: May 25– June 27, 2026

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Class Time: 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM (Tues/Thurs.)

Room: Online class (MS Teams)

Credit: Non-Credit Course

Prerequisite: None

Note: It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

When a holiday falls on a scheduled class day or a class needs to be rescheduled, a make-up class will be scheduled for Friday. Students are required to make arrangements to attend the rescheduled class.

Course Description:

This course is designed to prepare students with the literacy skills and knowledge needed to enter professional college-level programs. The course develops proficiency in various forms of writing, critical thinking and analysis, listening and speaking, and examination of multiple forms of reading materials. There is a concentration on writing essays and personal reflections. (5 weeks, 40 hrs.)

Classes are held online. Students will need access to a computer, a microphone, a camera, and a reliable internet connection during the scheduled class times. Instructions and login information for Microsoft Teams (online classroom) and Moodle will be provided to new students before classes begin.

The final exam will be held on campus. All students living within a 130 km radius of Calgary are expected to attend in person. The college is committed to following Alberta Health protocols for pandemic safety. Depending on public health measures, the exam may be moved online. Should this change occur, adequate notice will be provided to the students. Students who live more than 130km from Calgary should notify the principal of Academic Upgrading by the end of Class 1 if alternative arrangements are needed.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

- Use a variety of appropriate strategies to explore, comprehend and analyze texts both individually and in collaboration with others;
- Apply knowledge of organizational patterns and structural features to understand the purpose, content and effectiveness of a text.
- Respond to questions about assigned readings in written/oral form
- Create critical/analytical oral and written responses to a variety of texts
- Write unified and coherent paragraphs
- Understand how to use varied sentence structures to suit specific purposes

- Edit for spelling, punctuation, word usage, grammar
- Write well-developed short answers using appropriate style and word choice
- Demonstrate the skills of writing short essay-type papers
- Demonstrate the skills of writing a reflective paper
- Demonstrate the skills of writing a persuasive essay
- Communicate orally competently and professionally in various circumstances, including giving presentations
- Use language, both oral and written, to show respect and consideration
- Appreciate diversity of expression, opinion and perspective
- Set appropriate personal goals for participation in a group

Course Format:

This course uses a variety of teaching/learning methods, including discussion, personal reflection, experiential exercises, student presentations, role-plays, group activities and especially case studies. Our faculty aims to create a learning environment where the learner is actively engaged in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving. The classroom provides you with a place where you can learn with and from others in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

Learners are expected to take a very active part in class discussions and take responsibility for their own learning. Be a positive and cooperative team member. Columbia College uses a facilitation model of instruction where the facilitator's role is to facilitate learning. The expectation is that students will come to class prepared with pre-class homework completed. The facilitator will engage learners in activities that are based on their completed homework and readings. An enthusiastic and positive approach in the classroom will create an atmosphere that will help every student develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for success.

How students conduct themselves in our classes will, to a large extent, mirror their conduct in society and at a future work site. For example, if they tend to ask questions, challenge the ideas of others in a respectful manner, draw out the best from their colleagues, and encourage both group development and task accomplishment in this class, they will likely do the same at work. A high level of student involvement and developing professionalism is expected in the classroom as learners work towards their goals.

Required Textbooks and Equipment:

Lipschutz, G., Scarry, S., & Scarry, J. (2020). *The Canadian writer's workplace* (9th ed.). Nelson.

Please call the Main Office (403-235-9300) to make arrangements for payment and textbook pick up.

Homework Assignment Due for the First Class:

This reading assignment is to be completed **BEFORE** your first class. You do not need to do all the questions, but you should understand the contents/techniques/ideas and be able to apply them before the quiz.

1. **Chapter 14. *The Canadian Writer's Workplace.***
2. **Chapter 18. *The Canadian Writer's Workplace.***

3. Be prepared for a quiz on this homework during class 1.
4. Prepare 3 questions that have arisen from your reading that you would like to have answered. You will be instructed on how to submit these questions to your facilitator on the first day of your course

Please note: You will not be reading the text in class. Columbia College follows a facilitation model that requires everyone to participate in the class. Please ensure that you know as much as possible before the class begins, because there is no time to go over everything before writing a quiz.

Evaluation - Assessment of Student Performance:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following elements. Wherever possible, facilitators will use rubrics to assess your performance and offer feedback.

| Title of Assignment / Examination | Due Date | Weight |
|--|---------------------|--------|
| Daily Tests | Classes 1 through 9 | 20% |
| Homework, Writing Activities – Reflections, Essays, and Student Engagement | Classes 1 through 9 | 20% |
| #1 Assignment – Formal Outline of an Article | Class 6 | 10% |
| #2 Assignment – In-class Formal Essay | Class 8 | 15% |
| #3 Assignment – Reading and Writing Portfolio | Class 9 | 5% |
| Final Exam - Location to be announced | Class 10 | 30% |

Please note that all homework and assignments are **due at the beginning of each class**.

Grading:

Grades for each component will be added together at the end of the semester. The final total will be translated to Columbia College's 4.0 grading scale as follows:

Marking and Grading Conversion:

| Description | Letter Grade | Grade Points | Percentage Scale | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----|
| Excellent | A+ | 4.0 | 100 | 95 |
| | A | 4.0 | 94 | 90 |
| | A- | 3.7 | 89 | 85 |
| Good | B+ | 3.3 | 84 | 80 |
| | B | 3.0 | 79 | 75 |
| | B- | 2.7 | 74 | 70 |
| Satisfactory | C+ | 2.3 | 69 | 65 |
| | C | 2.0 | 64 | 60 |
| | C- | 1.7 | 59 | 55 |
| Poor | D | 1.0 | 54 | 50 |
| Failure | F | 0.0 | 49 | 0 |

Learners wanting to enter the Dental Assisting and Nursing Programs must achieve a minimum of 75% on the final exam as well as receive a final mark of over 75% to pass this course. Students entering the non-Diploma Programs will need 70% on the exam and 70% as a final grade to enter their programs.

Submission and Completion of Assignments:

You are expected to **submit assignments by the due date**. If you are unable to submit an assignment on the due date, you **must request an extension before the due date** by filling out an [Application for Assignment Extension form \(SSPP-F012\)](#) that is to be **submitted to the Department Chair for approval**. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802 – Main Office and from Department Chairs. Any late assignments may be assessed with a marking penalty of 5% per day.

Requesting an Examination Deferral:

If you are requesting an exam to be deferred, you must submit an Application for [Deferred Examinations form \(SSPP-F012\)](#) to the Department Chair **within 48 hours of the missed examination date and time**. Applications for deferred examinations will only be considered due to a medical or personal emergency. A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation may be required. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802-Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Attendance Requirements:

Columbia College believes that students are committed to their program and learning experiences. However, it is understood that there are times when students may be absent. Any absences can be viewed as a potentially serious disruption of the learning process and the necessary achievement of the learning objectives. **Being late is also considered unacceptable** as it interferes with the learning opportunities of others. Unavoidable absences or lateness must be reported to the course facilitator in advance. Please refer to Columbia College's [Attendance Policy and Regulations \(ADM-P151\)](#) for detailed information on Attendance Requirements.

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is a serious violation that may lead to suspension or expulsion from Columbia College. Students are responsible for understanding both the [Student Code of Conduct \(ADM-P229\)](#) and the [AI Use Policy for Students \(ADM-P457\)](#). Ignorance of these policies is not an acceptable excuse.

Student Conduct:

It is the responsibility of each student to uphold the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the [Student Code of Conduct Policy \(ADM-P229\)](#) and any additional requirements established by your program.

Generally, each student will:

- be respectful and courteous toward others;
- demonstrate appropriate and supportive communication skills, and coach, assist, advise, and otherwise support other students in their studies;
- manage any personal stress and conflict in a positive and resourceful manner, and assist others to do the same;
- be dressed in a manner appropriate for their workplace or learning environment, as established by the program;
- professionally conduct themselves concerning their communication with others and their behaviour in class;
- conduct themselves with academic integrity in all of their learning activities, tests, exams, and assignments
- keep up with day-to-day classroom and course expectations.

Important Dates:

| Description | Date |
|---|---|
| Last to add/drop courses | 5 school operating days from the start of the semester OR before the third scheduled class, whichever is greater |
| Last day to withdraw without academic penalty | 50% or less of the semester has been completed |
| Final Examination | A final exam may take many formats. If a final exam is scheduled, it will be taken in an assigned room under the supervision of a Test Proctor. <u>Students must be on time, as they will not be permitted to enter once the exam has started.</u> Exam schedules are available in each building on a bulletin board, as well as online at www.columbia.ab.ca/exams . <u>It is the student's responsibility to check this exam posting.</u> |

Appeals:

Please refer to the [Student Appeal Policy \(ADM-P177\)](#).

Students with Temporary or Permanent Disabilities:

Students with temporary or permanent disabilities or medical conditions may apply for accommodations. To be considered for an accommodation, a student must register with Columbia College's Accessibility Services by making an appointment with an Accessibility Services Advisor – Main Office – Bldg. 802 or emailing accessibilityservices@columbia.ab.ca. The Department Chair or facilitator is not able to provide you with any accommodations without you taking this step. Please refer to Columbia College's website to review the [Accommodation Policy and Handbook \(ADM-P188\)](#).

Student Support:

Students should be aware that Life Coaching, Career and Disability Services, and Student Support Services (i.e. tutoring, academic strategists, etc.) are provided by Columbia College. Inquire how to request these services at the Main Office in building 802. It is the student's responsibility to discuss their specific learning needs with the appropriate service provider.

Class Schedule/Overview:

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to check the email address you have given to the school on a daily basis for any messages from the Department Chair/designate, facilitator or College Administration. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

Additional homework may be assigned in class.

| Class Session | Topics | Pre-Class Readings & Assignments |
|---------------|--|--|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and Syllabus Review • Reading Strategies • 4 Stages of Writing • Discuss Assignment #3 - Portfolio Project [due class 9] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 14. & Chapter 18. • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Grammar Assessment Pre-test |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Homework Review Test • Paraphrasing and Summarizing • Paragraph Writing • Spelling and Vocabulary • Discuss Assignment #2 – In-class Essay [due class 8] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. 15, Ch. 19 & Ch. 20. • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Reflection and work on portfolio |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Homework Review Test • Quoting and Answering Questions • Essay Writing • Spelling and Vocabulary • Discuss Assignment #1 – Formal Outline of an Article. [due class 6] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. 16, & Ch.17 • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Sentence Skills as assigned by the facilitator. • Reflection and work on portfolio |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Homework Review Test • Style in writing • Reading- text comprehension and analysis • Spelling and Vocabulary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. 21 & Article assigned by facilitator. • Comprehension Questions - bring to class. • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Sentence Skills as assigned by the facilitator. • Preliminary Essay response and work on portfolio |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Homework Review Test • Reading-text comprehension and analysis • Writing Arguments • Spelling and Vocabulary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch.25. pp. 281-298 & Article assigned by facilitator, including Comprehension Questions. • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Sentence Skills as assigned by the facilitator. • 5-Paragraph Essay response and work on portfolio |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Homework Review Test • Reading-text comprehension and analysis • Writing about Process • Concluding Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. p. 324-333 & Article assigned by facilitator. • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Sentence Skills as assigned by the facilitator. • 5-Paragraph Essay response and work on portfolio • Assignment #1 – Formal Outline of an Article will be completed in class. |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Homework Review Test • Reading-text comprehension and analysis • Writing Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. 29 pp. 334-345 & Article assigned by facilitator, including Comprehension Questions. • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Sentence Skills as assigned by the facilitator. • 5-Paragraph Essay response and work on portfolio |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Homework Review Test • Reading-text comprehension and analysis • Writing Narratives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch.32 pp. 364-375 & Article assigned by facilitator, including Comprehension Questions. • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • 5-Paragraph Essay response and work on portfolio • Assignment #2 – In-class Essay will be completed in class |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course evaluation • Portfolio Conferences and Sharing • Grammar Assessment Post-test • Exam Preparation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence Skills as assigned by the facilitator. • Review spelling and vocabulary. (Appendix A in text and online Appendix C) • Prepare 3 questions on the readings. • Assignment #3 - Portfolio Project |
| 10 | 3-hour In-Person Final Exam – location to be announced | |

Appendix 1 Assignment Outlines

ASSIGNMENTS – All assignments must be completed and handed in to meet the requirements of English 102. All assignments are to be typed according to APA format. You may be required to send your completed assignments by email to the facilitator. This is a common practice in many professional programs.

Please note that should there be **any evidence** of unintentional plagiarism, you will be **assigned a mark of “0.”** As we are here to help you learn how not to plagiarize, you may be allowed to rewrite the paper until you can see how a paper looks that does not contain plagiarism. Your mark will be an average of the marks attained throughout the efforts to rewrite the paper without calculating the “0.” The facilitator will determine how many times an individual must write the paper in order to score an acceptable grade above “0.”

Assignment #1 – Formal Outline of an Article

Value 10%

Due: Class 6.

After an introduction in class #3, the students will be asked to complete a template using the assigned readings *for practice and class discussions* [classes 4&5 homework].

During class #6, using an article provided by your facilitator, develop a formal and detailed outline of the article using the outline template also provided by your facilitator.

Assignment #2 – In-class Writing of Formal Essay

Value 15%

Due: Class 8.

During the class, you will be given 90 minutes to complete a 5-paragraph essay using the knowledge you have gained during the course. The facilitator will provide you with the topic and any articles needed for background information. **Discussed in Class 2.**

Assignment #3 – Reading and Writing Portfolio

Value 5%

Due: Class 9.

Throughout the course, you will develop a portfolio of work that demonstrates the skills and knowledge you have acquired during the course. You will also be completing daily reflections on your learning and reading that will be included in your portfolio. Complete details concerning what should be in the portfolio will be provided by your facilitator during Class 1. **Assigned in Class 1.**

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Portfolio Rubric
Revised December 2021

Name:

Class: ENG 102

Date: February 5, 2022.



| Area | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cover Page and Table of Contents / 5 | - Properly formatted with no errors - Table of Contents complete and in order | - Properly formatted by a few errors or typos | - Some minor formatting errors in cover page and/or Table of Contents | - Some formatting errors and incomplete Table of Contents | - Sections missing or appear rushed with many errors |
| Content / 5 | - All sections contain an impressive amount of material and demonstrate a high level of organization | - All sections are present and contain a large amount of material | - All sections are included although some content is lacking. | - One or two sections missing and significant material is missing. | - 2 or more sections are missing and other materials are scant. |
| Area | 9-10 | 7-8 | 5-6 | 3-4 | 0-2 |
| Reflections / 10 | - Reflections are organized and corrections are made to improve quality if original had weaknesses. - Final reflection demonstrates strong writing, proofreading, and reflective skills. | - Reflections are all present and organized well. - Final reflection is strong and written in a way that demonstrates both strong reflection and proofreading. | - Reflections are present and complete. - Final Reflection does not demonstrate significant reflection with examples and was not proofread adequately. | - Reflections were left weak. Some important elements are missing. - Final reflection just states what the student <i>did</i> but does not indicate that they reflected on learning. | - Entries are superficial and unclear. - Many errors even in final reflection. |

Total: / 20

- Please note: Earlier reflections are not being marked a second time, but editing that takes into account feedback may help with Portfolio marks. The quality of the final reflection is a major factor in this section.

| | A | B | C | D | F | Score |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-------|
| | 10.0 – 8.5 | 8.4 – 7.5 | 7.4 – 6.0 | 5.9 – 5.0 | 4.9 - 0 | |
| Organization and Structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presents information in a consistently logical structure. · Skillfully shapes introduction and conclusion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presents information in a logical structure. · Carefully constructed introduction and conclusion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presents most of the information in a logical structure. · Introduction and conclusion are adequate though somewhat formulaic. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presents some information in a logical structure. · Introduction and conclusion require further development. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presents information in a random manner, lacking logical structure. · Essay does not have an introduction and/or conclusion. | / 10 |
| Style Expression of Ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conveys all ideas with originality and clarity. · Shows sophisticated development of paragraph and sentence structure, with effective transitions within and between paragraphs. · Uses rich, accurate and effective word choice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conveys most ideas with originality and clarity. · Shows well developed paragraph and sentence structure with effective transitions within and between paragraphs. · Uses accurate and effective word choice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conveys ideas clearly but with little originality. · Paragraph development and sentence structure <u>are</u> usually correct but simplistic in style. · At times uses vague, ineffective word choice. · Style reflects lack of risk taking. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conveys some ideas clearly. · Paragraph and sentence structure is awkward and often faulty. · Uses vague, ineffective word choice throughout the essay. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ideas are not conveyed clearly. · Paragraphs lack focus and appropriate structure; sentence structures are faulty, lacking development. · Poor or incorrect word choice. | / 10 |
| | 15.0 – 12.75 | 12.74 – 11.25 | 11.24 – 9.0 | 8.9 – 7.5 | 7.4 - 0 | |
| Mechanics and Grammar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Mainly error free. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A few minor errors in one or two of the areas of spelling, punctuation, usage, grammar, or mechanics. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Some minor errors in spelling, punctuation, usage, grammar, or mechanics but readability remains clear. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Some errors in spelling, punctuation, usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Frequent errors in spelling, punctuation, usage, grammar, and mechanics, interfering with the readability and meaning of the paper. | /15 |
| | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2.5 | 2.4 - 0 | |
| Professional Format | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Uses APA citation correctly. · Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. · Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Generally, uses APA citation correctly. · Meets requirements for a well written academic response. · Meets requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · APA citation mostly correct. · Meets most requirements for an academic response. · Meets most of the requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Use of APA citation contains many errors. · Meets a few requirements for an academic response. · Meets a few requirements of the question. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge. · Does not meet any requirements for an academic response. · Does not meet any requirements of the question. | /5 |

Plagiarism: A "0" grade will be given to a paper where significant sections of the paper were copied from other, unattributed sources. Total Score out of 50:
Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments:

Thesis statement: topic + your opinion/answer to the question. **Restate thesis statement** in paragraph of conclusion - mirror image / slightly different words. Start with a point – topic sentence **with a hook**. End your essay with a point / **your final thought**. Provide **examples** in body paragraphs. Use **transitions** *within* and *between* body paragraphs.