

ENGLISH 12 ENG4U

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is designed to help students develop their knowledge of literary texts and enhance their use of the English language. The course adheres to the Ontario Curriculum and explores a wide range of media including audio, visual, written and online social media. In those media it explores persuasive, narrative, and informational texts through plays, films, novels and essays. This course also teaches students the importance of effective communication in multiple contexts. Each student will learn about and exercise skills in writing, presentation and the construction of multi-media texts. This course will prepare students for their academic futures through the development of these skills.

OVERALL LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course students will have learned:

- How to use speaking skills and strategies to effectively communicate in multiple forms and for multiple audiences.
- How to read a variety of texts including literary, informational and graphic tests and use a range of strategies to construct meaning.
- A range of different text forms, textual features and stylistic elements that help to communicate meaning.
- How to generate, gather and organize ideas for writing and communicate those ideas effectively.
- A range of different types of media and how each includes conventions for communicating ideas and meaning.
- How they can reflect on their skills and abilities and find areas for improvement.



OUTLINE OF COURSE CONTENT

	Name of Unit	Time Allocated in Hours
Unit 1	Power of Persuasion	25
Unit 2	Preserving Memory	27
Unit 3	Importance of Being Earnest	20
Unit 4	From the Page to the Screen	14
Unit 5	Reading and Writing Critically	24
	Total	110 hours

TEACHING / LEARNING STRATEGIES

A variety of teaching and learning strategies are used in this course to meet the needs of a diverse range of learners.

Oral Language	Reading	Writing	Learning Strategies
 Repetition Script enactment Debate VoiceThread Response Socratic Questioning Oral presentation Conversation Practice 	 Journal Responses Graphic Organizers Reading Guides Independent Reading Media Analysis Guides Text Annotation Vocabulary Acquisition Strategies 	 Writing Guides Brainstorming / Concept Mapping Graphic Organizers in Writing Writing Outlines Opinion Writing News Paper Article Writing Peer Revision 	 Self-Assessments Personal Reading Habits Metacognitive Activity Reflective Activities



GRADE BREAKDOWN

The grade for this course is divided into two main components:

- 70% for Evaluation Activities (50% are Unit Tests and 50% are Assignments.)
- 30% for the Final Exam

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION CATEGORIES

The achievement chart that follows identifies four categories of learning in science. The achievement chart is a standard Ontario guide for teachers and students. It enables teachers to make judgements about student work that are based on clear performance standards and on a body of evidence collected over time.

Category	Description	Percentage
Knowledge & Understanding	This category measures a student's understanding of different types of texts and the concepts found in literature, media and communication.	25%
Thinking & Investigation	This category measures planning, inferences and critical thinking skills.	25%
Communication	This category measures speaking and writing skills including oral language skills, written form, proper grammar and general clarity of expression.	25%
Application	This category measures how knowledge and skills are used to make connections within and between various contexts.	25%

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STRATEGIES FOR ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

Assessment for Learning	Assessment as Learning	Assessment of Learning
Student Product Journals/Letters/Emails (checklist) Learning Logs (anecdotal) Entrance tickets Exit tickets Peer Assessment	 Student Product Assignment Journals/Letters/Emails (checklist) Quizzes (scale/rubric) Rough drafts (rubric) Portfolios (rubric) Posters (rubric/scale) Graphic organizers (scale) Peer feedback (anecdotal/checklist) Essays (rubric) 	 Student Product Assignment Journals/Letters/Emails (checklist) Tests (scale/rubric) Exam Rough drafts (rubric) Portfolio (rubric) Posters (rubric/scale) Graphic organizers (scale) Reports (rubric) Essays (rubric) Presentations
Observation • Whole class discussions (anecdotal) • Self-proofreading (checklist)	 Observation Class discussions (anecdotal) Presentations (rubric) 	 Observation Presentations (rubric) Performance tasks (anecdotal/scale) Elevator Pitch (rubric) Pecha Kucha (rubric)
 Conversation Student teacher conferences (checklist) Small Group Discussions (checklist) Pair work (checklist) 	 Conversation Student teacher conferences Small group discussions (checklist) Pair work (anecdotal) Peer-feedback (anecdotal) Peer-editing (anecdotal) 	Oral Presentation with question and answer session (rubric)

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