

## Earl of March English Department

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### ETS 4U – Course Outline

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| <b>COURSE TITLE:</b>     | Grade 12 Studies in Literature  |
| <b>COURSE CODE:</b>      | ETS 4U  |
| <b>CREDIT:</b>           | 1.0   |
| <b>PREREQUISITE:</b>     | English, Grade 11, Academic   |
| <b>POLICY DOCUMENTS:</b> | <i>The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 and 12, English, Program Planning and Assessment, 2007</i> |

### Description/Rationale

This course is for students with a special interest in literature and literary criticism. The course may focus on themes, genres, time periods, or countries. Students will analyze a range of forms and stylistic elements of literary texts and respond personally, critically, and creatively to them. They will also assess critical interpretations, write analytical essays, and complete an independent study project.

Here at Earl of March Secondary School, this course will focus on the origins and development of Canadian Literature. Close attention will be given to the different voices that reflect the diverse cultural landscape of Canada.

### Course Content:

*Assignment sheets will be provided for all major evaluation tasks.*

#### Unit 1: A brief overview of Colonial Literature

#### Unit 2: Regional Voices and French/English Relations

- *Two Solitudes*
- Selected short stories

#### Unit 3: Ethnic/Immigrant Voices

- *Life of Pi*
- Selected short stories, plays, poetry

#### Unit 4: Gender and Sexuality

- *The Handmaid's Tale*
- *You Went Away*
- Selected short stories and poetry

#### Unit 5: Independent Study Unit: TBA

## **Evaluation**

*Assignment sheets, with instructions and evaluation rubrics, will be provided for all major evaluation tasks*

- **Term** **70%**
  - Knowledge 20%
  - Thinking 20%
  - Communication 20%
  - Application 10%
  
- **Summative** **30%**
  - Summative Assignment 10%
  - Final Exam 20%

## **Core Texts**

*The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood  
*You Went Away*, Timothy Findley  
*Life of Pi*, Yann Martel  
*Two Solitudes*, Hugh MacLennan

**Policy on Late and Missed Assignments (please see the Earl of March Student Planner (pages 10-15) for more details).** Learning to plan and organize work so that is completed well and on time is an important skill both in school and in the workplace. As well, it is important that you submit assignments on time so that you can move to subsequent work with the necessary skills and feedback.