

## Earl of March English Department

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### EWC 4U – Course Outline

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	Grade 12 Writer’s Craft, University English
<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	EWC 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

Writer’s Craft “This course emphasizes knowledge and skills related to the craft of writing. Students will analyze models of effective writing; use a workshop approach to produce a range of works; identify and use techniques required for specialized forms of writing; and identify effective ways to improve the quality of their writing. They will also complete a major paper as part of a creative or analytical independent study project and investigate opportunities for publication and for writing careers.”

*The Ontario Curriculum, English*

Writer’s Craft is an optional English course, and it is designed primarily as a writer’s workshop where students will write daily and confer with teacher and peers as they develop their skills. Emphasis is placed on the writing process and students are encouraged to examine and improve their own process. A language component is also included where students will examine style, structure, language, and grammar. Students will also explore the work of published writers and complete a number of required reading assignments.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

#### ***Students will...***

1. Write on a daily basis – independently and collaboratively.
2. Write in a variety of genres.
3. Peer edit, assess, and evaluate in a classroom situation.
4. Improve their fundamental writing skills throughout the course.
5. Complete an Independent Study assignment.
6. Develop an appreciation for different writing styles.

## **Course Content:**

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

### **Unit 1: Poetry**

### **Unit 2: Short Stories and the Art of Storytelling**

### **Unit 3: Genre Study**

### **Unit 4: Writing With Purpose**

### **Unit 5: Fables and Fairy Tales**

### **Unit 6: The Whole Picture and Media**

### **Unit 7: Independent Study**

## **Evaluation**

Writer's Craft is primarily a workshop course. As the course progresses, students will be working more and more independently. Therefore, each student is expected to act responsibly in class to ensure that all in attendance will benefit from the class. All English Department Policies will apply.

Self-assessment is an important learning skill for students in the senior division and will be used frequently along with peer and teacher assessment throughout the course. Course assessment and evaluation strategies may also include the following: teacher observation, oral presentations, interviews, essays, reports, letter, tests, quizzes, reader responses, a writer's notebook, pre-writing, critiques, etc.

- **Term** **80%**
  - Knowledge/Understanding 20%
  - Thinking 20%
  - Communication 30%
  - Application 10%
  
- **Summative** **20%**
  - Summative Assignment 20%

## **COMPONENTS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:**

### **1. WRITING:**

Includes all polished pieces, Writing Folders and evidence of process, and the Writer's Notebook.

## **2. WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES/CLASS WORK:**

Includes all class exercises, participation in peer evaluation, reading activities, tests/quizzes, and class discussions. Students are expected to share their work with the class. Each student will be asked to read his or her final work to the class on numerous occasions. Good attendance, being on time, being prepared and working diligently in class is included in your overall assessment.

**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.