FALL SEMESTER 2003 COURSE OUTLINE

EDUC 485–8 (EDUCATION)
DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: WRITING
C01.00

The course is designed to help students become better teachers of writing. Students will be involved in four aspects of teaching writing: teacher as writer, teacher as teacher of writing skills, teacher as researcher, teacher as developer of curriculum. Techniques for providing effective writing experiences will be studied, demonstrated and practised. Students will observe, use and evaluate these techniques. Course content: Teacher as Writer - writing skills, audience, purpose, writing process, self-evaluation. Teaching writing - research, skill acquisition, self-disclosure, risk and creativity, thought and discipline, evaluation. Teacher as Researcher - reflective observation, analysis of data, program evaluation, peer support systems. Teacher as Developer of Curriculum - student writing, drama, literature, use of texts.

Prerequisite: EDUC 401/402.

TEXT(S):

Mamchur, C. and Zola M.. *In the Garden*. Pemmican Publications Inc., 1993.

REQUIREMENTS:	Ability to write powerful, moving compositions	40%
	Demonstrating an ability to teach writing 20% of that mark is on assignments 10% on take-home final exam	30%
	Everyday participation and professionalism as indicated by the completion of tasks, progress log and e-mail collaborations	30%

DELIVERY MODE: print
FirstClass (mandatory)

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES: Course materials and service fee $40.00
Deposit for additional materials $25.00

If one or more of these symbols appear at the top of this page, it indicates an equipment requirement :

- computer (see over)
- ⊘ CD player
- ☐ TV (Knowledge Network)
- internet access
- ♀ Audio cassette player
- ☎ telephone (teleconference)
- ⊠ email
- VCR

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Computer Requirements: FirstClass

- This course requires active online participation in *FirstClass* (an online computer conferencing tool).
- On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, these are the *minimum* computer requirements:

Hardware
- ❑ PC with *Windows 95* or later OR Mac with *System 8.6* or later
- ❑ 10 MB RAM
- ❑ 6 MB free disk space
- ❑ 28.8-baud modem (56 K or higher is recommended)
- ❑ CD ROM drive

Software & Other
- ❑ Internet connection
- ❑ *FirstClass* software (described and provided in your course materials)

FirstClass Access & Accounts

- **Access to *FirstClass* begins the week before classes begin.**

- **SFU students:** Use your SFU computing account ID and password to log into *FirstClass*. If you don't have an SFU computing ID, get it online at <http://my.sfu.ca>.

- **OU students:** Your *WebCT* ID consists of the letters "ou" followed by your first and last names. Letters should be all together, in lower case, with no spaces in between (e.g., John Doe's ID would be **oujohndoe**). Your password is your OU student number.

Connecting to the Internet from Home
- You are responsible for setting up your connection, either through SFU or your own external Internet service provider (ISP) (e.g., Telus, Shaw, etc).

- For information on Internet service available through SFU, please consult the Academic Computing Services (ACS) web site: **<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>**.

- The subsidized modem hours allotted to you (four hours of access per credit hour) may not be sufficient to complete the required course work.

- A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 604-677-6678 (after your subsidized access is used up). Vouchers may be purchased from campus bookstores in increments of $20. At 60 cents per hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher. See **<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>** for more information.

General
- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs, and maintain your computer). Familiarity with the Internet, e-mail, and related applications is strongly recommended.
- Support is not available for general computer problems (e.g., operating system, hardware).

Need help?
- *FirstClass* support: <help@firstclass.sfu.ca> or 604-291-5575
- Help with SFU computing accounts: <help@sfu.ca>, 604-291-3230, or visit AQ 3148