

## **EDUCATION 485-8**

### **DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: WRITING**

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.

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

Mamchur, C. & Zola, M. *In the Garden*. Pemmican Pub., 1993.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

The requirements include:

- completion of a variety of tasks
- completion of progress log
- completion of four major writing assignments
- completion of four major teaching assignments

Evaluation will be as follows:

40% will be based on ability to write powerful, moving compositions

30% will be based on demonstrating an ability to teach writing (20% of that mark is on assignments and 10% on take-home final exam).

30% will be based on everyday participation and professionalism as indicated by the completion of tasks, progress log and e-mail collaborations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:** Course Materials & Service Fee \$30  
Deposit for Additional Materials \$20

**NOTES:** Students must have access to a computer, modem, and printer. Please see reverse for more information.

1. This course requires active participation over the internet. Students must have access to a computer. Students wishing to connect to the internet from home computers are responsible for connecting to either SFU or an external Internet Service Provider. Information on connection to SFU through modem dialup lines is available at:

**<http://www.sfu.ca/consult>**

(You can access this web page at any of the drop-in labs on campus. The phone number for Academic Computing Service (ACS) is 291-3234 (Burnaby campus) or 291-5030 (Harbour Centre campus).

2. You will need an email program (such as Eudora or equivalent) and an internet browser (e.g. Netscape or Internet Explorer). Other software including conferencing systems may also be required.

3. This course has the following **computer requirements**:

Access to a computer and modem with the following minimum specifications:

- 16 MB RAM, 30 MB free disk space, 14.4 baud modem (28.8 baud modem preferred), Macintosh running system 7.x or greater **OR** PC with Windows 95 or 98.
- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs and maintain your computer).
- Familiarity with the internet and related applications is highly recommended.

Please note the following:

- Support for general computer problems such as operating system difficulties and hardware problems is not available.
- Drop-in tutorials will be available at the LohnLab (WMC 1340) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm during the first week of classes. These tutorials will provide an introduction to the internet software used in this course. Students taking only Distance Education courses who are unable to access the Burnaby campus should call the LohnLab at 268-6603.
- The subsidized modem hours allotted to students each semester is not normally sufficient to complete the required course work.
  - A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 291-4721 (after your subsidized access is used up). You can purchase vouchers at the campus bookstores. They are sold in increments of \$20 (connect time is charged at \$0.6/hour, therefore each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours). Instructions are included with the voucher.
  - For complete information on SFU's Modem Access Policy, check their website at: <http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/>
  - **Out of town students only:** It is recommended that students residing outside of the Lower Mainland contact a local Internet Service Provider (ISP) since using SFU dialup services will result in additional long-distance charges. You can check your local yellow pages under, "Internet" for listings.

For further information contact the LohnLab at (604) 268-6603.