

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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**FAL X99-4
FOUNDATIONS IN ACADEMIC LITERACY
D011**

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Monday: May 4 - July 27, 2:30-4:20 pm
AQ 5051

It is the student's responsibility to ensure there are no conflicts with any other course

PREREQUISITE: None.

DESCRIPTION:

What is the "Blended" version of FAL? Essentially, it follows the same curriculum as the regular FAL; however, one class will be held on campus on Mondays, and the other will be online through WebCT, a distance education learning program.

The Foundations of Academic Literacy (FAL X99) course began in September 2006, offered by the Faculty of Education. FAL X99 has been carefully designed to meet your needs as a learner, to prepare you to achieve your full potential in your studies at SFU, and specifically to succeed on the Writing-Intensive (W) courses that you will take as part of your studies. The course is made up of six units that focus on different styles of academic writing and how to advance writing skills to university level. In addition, you will be better prepared to do group presentations, apply advanced reading strategies and improve study skills.

A successful student in this blended course will be able to keep pace with the assignments and take responsibility for learning through WebCT as well as in class. All due dates are firm, whether they are online or in-class assignments. Time will be given to familiarize students with features of WebCT and get help if necessary.

Please access the class website <http://www.sfu.ca/~smbarber/fal.htm> and the WebCT site after May 1st.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Active learning: 25% (attendance, punctuality, class discussions, group activities, mid-term grade, homework completion, and professionalism)
- Group presentation – 25%
- Portfolio – 50%

REQUIRED READINGS:

Custom Courseware: FAL X99 Foundations of Academic Literacy – will be available for purchase in the SFU Bookstore.