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.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS: Students must have access to a computer, modem, and printer. Please see reverse for details.

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

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Computer Requirements

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

   http://www.sfu.ca/acs

   Phone numbers for ACS are 291-3234 (Burnaby) or 291-5030 (Harbour Centre).

2. On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, **Minimum Computer Requirements** are:

   Hardware
   - Macintosh running System 7.x or higher OR PC with Windows 95/98/NT
   - 16 MB RAM
   - 30 MB free disk space
   - 28.8 baud modem
   - Internet Connection
   - CD-ROM drive

   Software
   - Email (e.g. Eudora, Outlook Express or equivalent)
   - Internet Browser (e.g. Netscape or Internet Explorer)
   - FirstClass Conferencing System (available free of charge to students registered in this course)*

   *Described in course materials

   General
   - 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.

3. **Please Note:**

   - Support for general computer problems such as operating system difficulties and hardware problems is not available.
   - Drop-in introductory tutorials for FirstClass Conferencing are available at the LohnLab (WMC 1340) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the first week of classes. Students enrolled in Distance Education courses and unable to access the Burnaby campus may email lohn-id@sfu.ca for assistance.
   - The subsidized modem hours allotted to students each semester are 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). Vouchers may be purchased from the campus bookstores and are sold in increments of $20. At 60 cents/hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher.
     - For complete information on SFU's Modem Access Policy, check the ACS web site above.
     - **Out of town students only:** It is recommended that students residing outside the Lower Mainland contact a local Internet Service Provider (ISP) since using SFU dialup services will result in additional long-distance charges. Check your local yellow pages under "Internet" for listings.

For further information, contact the LohnLab by email at **lohn-id@sfu.ca**