EDUCATION 412-4
DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: LANGUAGE ARTS
Secondary

This is an instructional course organized for self-study through distance education. It is designed for secondary teachers of English who teach language arts. The job of the course is to improve your chances for having an educated imagination and passing on this gift to your students.

To help you in that process, you are asked to do a lot of reading and writing and thinking in a very structured and interactive setting using electronic conferencing.

It is designed around three basic components:

YOUR WORDS which focuses on the teacher as writer and teacher of writing. In this section you will develop your imagination using the writing skills, attitudes and processes of professional writers.

CLASSICAL WORDS, which focuses on the study of Shakespeare. You will learn ways to bring Shakespeare to the classroom in ways that are inventive and student-centered.

EVERY MAN'S WORDS which focuses on the study of the short story. In this section you will educate your imagination by examining short stories which are of particular appeal to secondary students today.

PREREQUISITE: Education 401/402 or an equivalent teaching practicum.

REQUIRED TEXT: None.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS: This course is delivered online using a computer conferencing system called FirstClass Intranet Client. Access to a computer and modem is required. Please see reverse for details.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Portfolio ("process" assignments)	50%
4 graded ("product") assignments	50%

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:

Course Materials & Service Fee	$30
Deposit for Additional Materials	$20

See Reverse

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 604-291-3234 (Burnaby) or 604-291-5030 (Harbour Centre).

SFU Students activate your SFU Computing Account online at: <http://my.sfu.ca>

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

Hardware
- Macintosh with System 7.1 or higher OR PC with Windows 95 or later (98, 2000, NT, ME, etc.)
- 6 MB RAM
- 10 MB free disk space
- 28.8 baud modem
- CD-ROM drive

Software & Other
- Internet Connection
- Email (e.g., Eudora, Outlook, Webmail, etc.)
- Internet Browser (e.g. Netscape or Internet Explorer)
- FirstClass Conferencing System*(provided in your course materials package)
- SFU Computing Account (SFU Students only). Get it online at <http://my.sfu.ca>

*Described in course materials package.

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.
- If you are having problems getting started with FirstClass, you may drop in to Teaching and Learning Technologies (WMC 1340) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the first week of classes. Students unable to access the Burnaby campus may call the Centre or email **<help@firstclass.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 604-291-4721 (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 about computer requirements or FirstClass, contact Teaching and Learning Technologies by email at **<help@firstclass.sfu.ca>**