

Effective Semester: Fall 2024

COURSE INFORMATION
Course Title: Introduction to Novel and Drama

Course Number: ENGL 121

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level:
 First Year
 Second Year
 New
 Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: English **Department Head:** B. Lord

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites: (one of the below)

- English 12 minimum C+
- Minimum overall score of 6.0 on the IELTS (Academic) with a minimum score of 6.0 on the writing component
- Minimum overall score of 60 on the PTE (Academic) with a minimum score of 60 on the writing component
- Minimum overall score of 80 on the TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 19 on the writing component
- Minimum score of 70 on the writing band of CAEL
- Coquitlam College ENGL 099 with an "S" grade (minimum 60%)
- Acceptable achievement on the Coquitlam College University English Assessment Test

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students continue with the development of academic writing skills through an examination of the relationship between close reading and writing. Students are introduced to the different forms of storytelling found in drama and novels. The course begins with the classical idea of tragedy, but will focus mainly on modern writers, perspectives on fate, free will, memory and history, to name only a few themes discussed. Students have the opportunity to read these texts closely and to articulate their own critical perspectives.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Be familiar with the histories and forms of drama and the novel in the Western literary tradition
- Analyze literacy settings, symbols, characters, and themes
- Close read and analyze passages in novels and dramatic dialogue
- Demonstrate familiarity with a range of theories and concepts used in the analysis of literature
- Evaluate literature in relation to its cultural and historical contexts
- Develop and support a cogent and insightful literary analysis thesis in the form of a research paper
- Identify and interpret key literary passages as primary sources
- Research, evaluate, and utilize literary scholarly journals as secondary sources

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING
Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (specify):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 20% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i> Two Close Readings (10% each)	Lab Work: % <i>Specify nature of participation:</i> Attendance and Participation	Participation: 7% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i> Attendance and Participation	Project: % <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: 8%	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 25%	Other: Research paper - 20%

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

(Readings are dependent upon instructor)

Sophocles Antigone: A New Translation. Edited by Diane J. Raynor

Atwood, Margaret. *The Handmaid's Tale.*

King, Thomas. *Truth and Bright Water.*

Tamaki, Mariko and Jillian, *Skim.*

Additional readings will be posted on C4

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week 1	Introduction and Elements of Fiction
Week 2	Introduction to Tragedy Aristotle, <i>Poetics</i>
Week 3	Drama <i>Sophocles, Antigone</i>
Week 4	Drama <i>Sophocles, Antigone</i>
Week 5	Introduction to the Novel <i>Attwood, The Handmaid's Tale</i>
Week 6	The Novel and Dystopia <i>Attwood, The Handmaid's Tale (continued)</i>
Week 7	Midterm Exam
Week 8	Indigenous Literature <i>King, Truth and Bright Water</i>
Week 9	Indigenous Literature <i>King, Truth and Bright Water (continued)</i>

Week 10	Indigenous Literature King, <i>Truth and Bright Water</i> (continued)
Week 11	Graphic Novel Tamaki & Tamaki, <i>Skim</i>
Week 12	Graphic Novel Tamaki & Tamaki, <i>Skim</i>
Week 13	Final Exam Review

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](#)

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