



BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

School: Computing and Academic Studies

Department: Pre-Entry Communication

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Course Outline

COMM. 0004

Introduction to BCIT for EAL Students

Start Date:	April 7	End Date:	May 13
Course Credits:	0	Term/Level:	Spring 2001
Total Hours:	84		
Total Weeks:	6		
Hours/Week:	14		

Prerequisites: COMM 0003 or Placement Test
Students in COMM 0004 must be at an advanced level of English. In the first class of this 84-hour course, you are given a placement test to determine eligibility.

Course 0004 is a Prerequisite for:
0005
You will need to obtain a minimum grade of 65% in COMM 0004 to enter COMM 0005.

Course Calendar Description: Students will learn the writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills needed to carry out writing and speaking tasks in COMM 0005 and in trades' courses. This course covers sentence and paragraph development, reading comprehension, speaking, and grammatical skills.

Course Goals: COMM 0004 consists of 12 seven-hour classes. This course is designed to prepare students whose first language is not English, yet who have good writing and speaking skills for study at BCIT. The course focuses on developing reading, writing, speaking, and study skills required for technical and business communication, with particular emphasis on writing skills.

Evaluation

Writing Assignments	45%
Presentation	15%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	25%
TOTAL	100%

Course Learning Outcomes/Competencies: When you have successfully completed this course, you should be able to:

Writing Skills

1. write sentences that are clear, concise, and grammatically correct
2. identify and correct spelling errors
3. organize paragraphs effectively
4. develop ideas effectively in written assignments
5. edit and proofread written assignments

Reading and Learning Skills

1. read textbooks, handouts, and articles with greater comprehension and retention
2. identify main ideas and important details in reading assignments and lectures
3. prepare successfully for exams
4. use an English-to-English dictionary.

Listening and Speaking Skills

1. plan, organize, and deliver an effective oral presentation.

Course Content Verification

I verify that the content of this course outline is current, accurate, and complies with BCIT Policy.

Program Head/Chief Instructor

Date

Note: Should changes be required to the content of this course outline, students will be given reasonable notice.



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Learning Resources

Required:

For your hand-written assignments, you'll need

- 3-hole lined 8-1/2 by 11" notepaper
- a pen (black or blue ink only) or HB pencil
- liquid paper or other means of making corrections neatly
- 2 write – on overhead transparencies
- 2 different colored water-soluble (washable) overhead transparency pens

Recommended: You'll want to have a good **English –to English dictionary**. I strongly recommend you bring your English dictionary to each class if you want to improve your spelling, vocabulary, and comprehension.

BCIT Policy Information for Students: As a BCIT student, you should familiarize yourself with the following BCIT policies and the procedures used in applying these policies:

Conduct and attendance Policy: BCIT is committed to creating and maintaining an environment that is conducive to learning. In doing so, students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at all times, respecting other people's rights, property, environment, health and safety, and are held responsible for their own and collective actions. See page 2 of the 1999 Full-time Calendar for more information about this policy.

Harassment and Discrimination Policy: BCIT and its management, together with the unions and the Student Association, are committed to providing an environment where the individual differences of all students and employees are valued and respected - an environment free from harassment and discrimination. See the 1999 Full-time Calendar for more information about this policy.

I.D. Required in Examination Centres

Effective December 2000, in order to write exams, students will be required to produce photo-identification at examination centres. Photo I.D. must be placed on the desk before an exam will be

issued to the student. The I.D. must remain in view on the desk while writing the exam, for inspection by invigilators. Students should bring a BCIT OneCard or alternatively two pieces of identification, one of which must be government photo I.D. such as a drivers license. Please see BCIT Policy #5300, Formal Invigilation Procedures.

This is not a complete list of all BCIT policies relating to students. Other policies, including Reassessment and Appeal Policy and Freedom of Information Policy are outlined in the 1999 Full-time Calendar. Check with the Pre-Entry program head if you have any questions about policies.

Assignment Details: You are required to complete all assignments—practice and graded—for this course as well as write the midterm and the final exam. IN-class assignments must be completed and handed in during the class in which they are given. Any take-home assignments must be submitted at the beginning of the next class.

If you miss an in-class assignment, it is your responsibility to arrange with the instructor to write it in another class or at another time under the instructor's supervision. If you fail to do so, you will receive a grade of zero for the assignment. Assignments received after other students' marked assignments have been returned will receive comments but no grade.

All writing assignments must meet the following requirements:

1 ☐ **Acceptable Paper.** Use lined 8-1/2 by 11" notepaper. If you want to word-process assignments, ask your instructor. Please start writing on the side of the page that has holes on the left.

2 ☐ **Functional Margins and Double-Spaced.** Leave 1" margins on all sides of the assignment to allow for marking. Write only on every second line to leave room for the instructor's comments.

Proper Identification. Write your name and course number on the top right hand corner of each page.

Professionalism and Participation: BCIT prides itself on the professionalism of its students, who are welcome in any workplace because of their proven ability to show up and do the job in a way that earns the respect of their coworkers and supervisors.

To meet workplace standards, you'll have to

- Submit all assignments on time, or obtain extensions before deadlines
- Attend all classes, or explain an absence the same way you would have to excuse yourself for not being able to come in to work
- Treat each other and your instructor with courtesy and consideration
- Contribute to the success of your course by participating actively in every class.

OUTLINE OF YOUR WORK FOR THIS COURSE

(schedule is subject to change based on the instructor's perception of the needs of the class)

Week	Topic	Language skill/ structure
1	Introduction to the course: Getting to know each other Technical Writing: Assignment #1 Classifying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sentence structure • types of sentences • Writing paragraphs • Main idea sentences • Supporting details • Classification language • Passive and active voice • Listing structures • Parallel structure
2	Comparing: Assignment #2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative vocabulary • Subject/verb agreement • comparative paragraphs
3	Improving Your Study Skills: Assignment #4 MIDTERM EXAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing all language skills learned to date
4	Process Description: Assignment #5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequence • explaining procedures and decisions • conditions
5	Cause and Effect: Assignment #6 Preparing for Oral Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyzing reasons • describing results • Indirect speech Review of all language structures learned
6	Giving Oral Presentations: Assignment #7 END OF TERM EXAM	

COMM 0004 OUTLINE

Find the answers to the following questions in the outline. Then discuss the answers in your group.

1. When does this course end?
2. Which course(s) does this course prepare you for?
3. What did Comm 0004 used to be called?
4. Is this course a prerequisite for another course?
5. What is a prerequisite?
6. What aspect of English does this course focus most on- Speaking, Listening, Reading or Writing? Why do you think so?
7. Do you have to give any speeches in this class?
8. What kinds of activities will you do in this class?
9. How will this class be different from any other English classes you have taken?
10. Will you have to write any assignments in class?