

# Success in the Classroom

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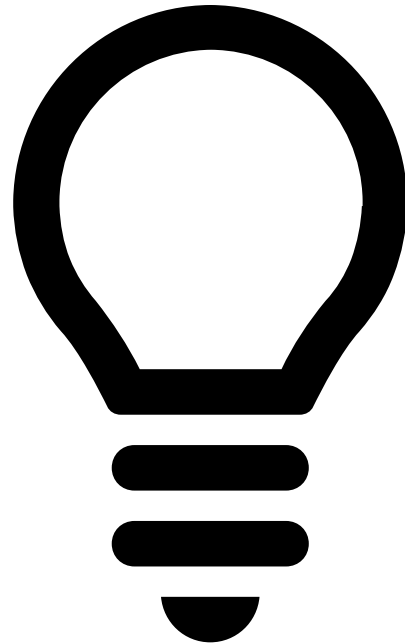
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Tip #1:  
Read Your Course  
Outline/Syllabus



# A course outline/ syllabus tells you:

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## Course Syllabus

**Department:** Humanities

**Date:** March 6, 2012

### I. Course Prefix and Number: ENG 105

**Course Name:** Freshman English II Honors

**Credit Hours and Contact Hours:** 3 credit hours and 3 contact hours

#### Catalog Description including pre- and co-requisites:

An advanced reading and writing course for students with strong backgrounds in these areas. Readings will encompass four genres: the novel, short story, poetry, and drama. Papers emphasize analytical and writing skills. This course is designed for the student who has a special interest in examining literature in depth and in learning about critical modes. This course is a substitute for ENG 102. Prerequisite: ENG 101 or ENG 104

### II. Course Outcomes and Objectives

#### Student Learning Outcomes:

Successful completion of English 105 means that students will be able to

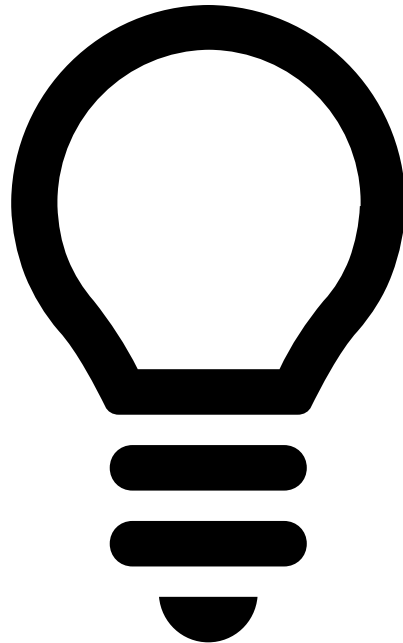
1. Demonstrate the ability to read with comprehension literature from a wide range of genres and historical periods by:

- recognizing the characteristics of the genre and using these features to interpret the work;
- interpreting multiple levels of meaning in a work;
- evaluating the effectiveness of passages in a work;
- identifying, applying, and understanding literary devices (such as narrative point of view, character motivation, use of setting, etc.);
- examining how literature or language expresses insights about the human condition
- analyzing and explaining how the work of a particular writer reflects its historical, cultural, and/or political context.

2. Compose coherent essays using common college-level written forms which not only narrate and explain but also interpret and analyze by


- Contract
- Learning Outcomes
- Topics
- Evaluations
- Schedule

# Tip #2: Map the Big Picture



# Mapping the Big Picture


January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <b>Classes START</b> 	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Last Day to drop a course without financial penalty	16	17 History Quiz 1 (5%)	18 English Moodle Post 1 (2%)	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Math Assignment 1 (10%)	30 Psychology Forum Discussion (20%)	31 Caritas Day  (No Classes)			
		HISTORY = BLUE English = RED		Psychology = PURPLE Math = GREEN		



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 History Quiz 2 (5%)	8 English Moodle Post 2 (2%)	9 English Assignment (15%)	10
11	12	13 Psychology Forum Discussion (20%)	14	15 Math Assignment 2 (10%)	16	17 
18	19 <b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED</b>	 <b>READING WEEK</b> 		22	23	24
25	26 Math Mid-term (15%)	27 Psychology Mid-term (30%)	28 History Mid-Term (20%)	29 Leap Year		
		HISTORY = BLUE English = RED		Psychology = PURPLE Math = GREEN		

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 English Essay (12%)	2
3	4	5	6	7 English Mid-Term (25%)	8	9
10	11 Math Assignment 3 (10%)	12 Psychology Paper (10%)	13 History Quiz 3 (5%)	14	15 English Moodle Post 3 (2%)	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Psychology Forum Discussion (20%)	29 <b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED</b>	30 Mom's 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party 
		HISTORY = BLUE English = RED		Psychology = PURPLE Math = GREEN		

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	1 <b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED</b>	2	3 English Moodle Post 4 (2%)	4	5	6
7	8	9 Psychology Final Report (25%)	10 <b>CLASSES END</b>	11 Reading Day	12 EXAMS	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Exams End
21  <b>CELEBRATE</b> 	22	23	24	25	26	27
		HISTORY = BLUE English = RED		Psychology = PURPLE Math = GREEN		

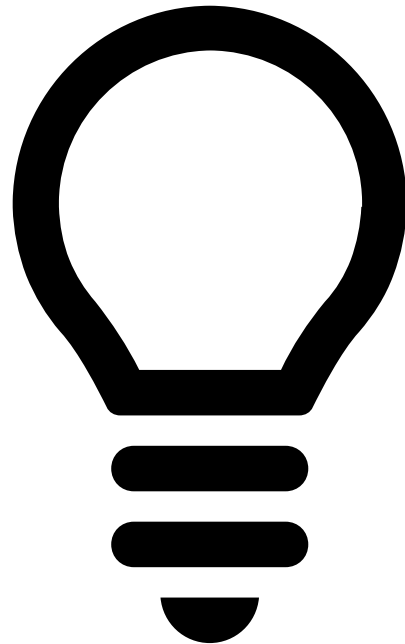
For each semester map out the next four months:

- **DEADLINES:** Find all the critical deadlines from each course outline (assignments, tests, presentations, etc.) and add them to the Big Picture calendar.
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** Write down important university dates – start/end of classes, final exam period, course add/drop deadlines, etc.
- **KEEP IT SIMPLE:** Include just the key information – consider using an agenda/day planner for day-to-day task lists and assignment/test details.
- **FREE TIME:** Highlight times when there are no classes: e.g., Holidays, Reading Week, Winter Break, etc., seeing that a small break is coming may help with motivation to complete current tasks.
- **FUN TIME:** Write down important personal events that are happening during the semester, especially enjoyable activities that are part of your self-care.
- **IN PLAIN SIGHT:** Keep the Big Picture calendar in a place where you can see it and refer to it easily (such as a wall in your home study space).

Also consider:

- **COLOUR-CODING:** having each course a different colour, creating an additional visual cue.
- **VALUES:** including the value (% towards final grade) for each assignment/test/etc. can help with prioritizing tasks when there are multiple things due.
- **DONE:** cross/check off days/assignments when completed, this shows your progress (and it is very satisfying to cross something off our task lists!).

# Tip #3: Understand Assignments





## Understand the Assignment Requirements

- **Read the Assignment:** Carefully read the instructions, noting any specific requirements, formatting guidelines, and deadlines.
- **Identify Key Objectives:** Highlight the main objectives or questions the assignment is asking you to address.
- **Clarify Doubts:** If anything is unclear, consult your professor or classmates for clarification.

Writing Centre: Writing Guide

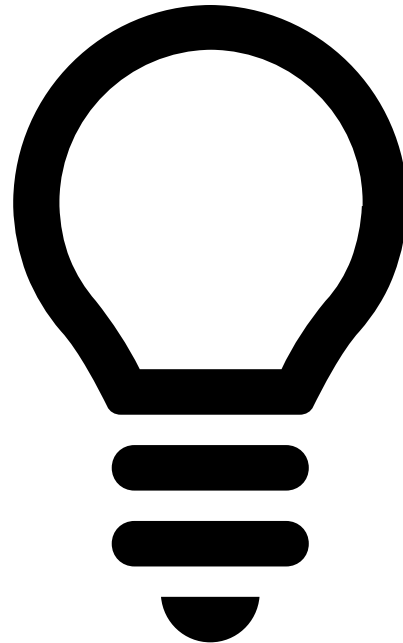
MSVU Library: Research & Citation Guides

Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_

AT A GLANCE				NOTES:		
Due Date		Value				
# Resources Required		% Final Grade				
Length		Citation Style				
Format						
Other						
AUDIENCE				TO DO	TIME Est.	Resources
Who is the target audience?					<div>Scheduled</div> <div>Completed</div>	
What do you need to know about the reader?					<div>Scheduled</div> <div>Completed</div>	

# Tip #4: Ask for Help




# Student Services at MSVU

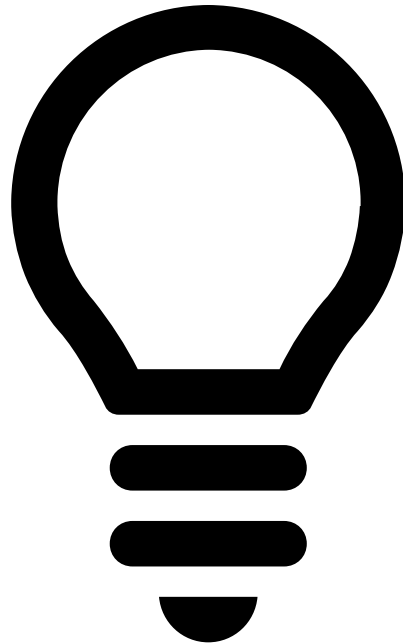
- Library Services
- Accessibility Services
- Career Services
- Counselling Services
- Learning Strategist
- Mount Mentors
- Mount 101 / 102
- Writing Centre

And more.....

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<div> <div>2025 - 2026</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div>Student Services A to Z</div>	
<b>General Inquiries</b>	Student Services Desk, EMF 108   902 457 6567   ose@msvu.ca
<b>Academic Advising</b> Seton 303 902 457 6657 advising@msvu.ca	Academic Advisors can help you select courses, decide on an area of focus, plan your program, set and reach your academic goals, and navigate academic policies and procedures. We recommend meeting with an advisor every time you select courses.
<b>Accessibility Services</b> EMF 108 902 457 6567 accessibilityservices@msvu.ca	Our team supports over 700 students by promoting self-advocacy and an equitable learning environment. Some examples of disabilities we support include physical & learning disabilities, medical conditions, vision & hearing loss, ADHD, & mental health.
<b>Art Gallery</b> Seton 209 902 457 6160 art.gallery@msvu.ca	MSVU Art Gallery is a public exhibition space for visual art. The Art Gallery takes care of the university's art collection (seen around campus), and organizes exhibitions & public programs to connect the MSVU community with visual art & artists.
<b>Athletics &amp; Recreation</b> Rosaria 227 902 457 6420 mount.fitness@msvu.ca	Home to the Mount Mystics, our Athletics & Recreation department includes the Mount Fitness Centre, group fitness classes, adult & children's recreation programs, personal training, special events, day camps, student recreation activities, and more.
<b>Black Student Support Office</b> Seton 314 902 457 5547 blackstudentsupport@msvu.ca	Whether you are a Black student from Canada or an international destination, there will likely be times when you are in need of some support at MSVU. Our Black Student Advisor is here to help. Drop by the lounge or make an appointment today!
<b>Career Services</b> McCain 304 902 457 6567 counselling@msvu.ca	We offer a variety of career-related services for students, employers and faculty. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what to do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path.
<b>Counselling Services</b> EMF 141 902 457 6567 counselling@msvu.ca	Our Counselling Services team provides free counselling to any registered MSVU student in a relaxed and confidential environment. We have a number of services available so that the needs of each student are addressed by highly skilled and professional staff.
<b>Financial Aid</b> Evaristus 207 902 457 6351 financial.aid@msvu.ca	We are dedicated to helping students reduce their financial barriers to a high-quality post-secondary education by assisting with everything from budgeting to bursaries and scholarships. We can provide support and direction to all the information you need.
<b>Financial Services</b> Evaristus, 2nd floor counter 902 457 6277 financial.services@msvu.ca	You've likely discovered that paying for your education will be the first major financial decision you will make. It doesn't have to be overwhelming. MSVU is one of the most affordable places to get an education, and we've helped many students figure out a way.
<b>Indigenous Student Centre</b> 46 Melody Drive (lower level) 902 457 6228 indigenousservice@msvu.ca	The Indigenous Student Centre strives to provide an opportunity to empower, encourage, and educate students of all nations in an environment rooted in Indigenous cultures and values, while providing a relaxed place to hang out and study.
<b>International Education Centre</b> Seton Annex 902 457 5982 international@msvu.ca	The International Education Centre (IEC) offers personal, academic, cultural & immigration advising to international students and any student or faculty wishing to study, research, or conduct projects abroad.
<b>IT&amp;S Help Desk</b> EMF 106 902 457 6538 helpdesk@msvu.ca	Technology services available to assist you with your studies include wireless internet, access to over 200 computers, and fully equipped classrooms for your presentation needs. With Office 365 you can access your email, calendar, and 1TB OneDrive storage.
<b>Learning Strategist</b> Seton 346 902 457 6358 learning.strategist@msvu.ca	The university experience is one full of excitement, challenges, and changes. MSVU's Learning Strategist can recommend strategies to become a more effective learner. They can help with managing time, getting organized, setting goals, study skills, and more!
<b>Library</b> EMF Building 902 457 6250 library@msvu.ca	Whether on campus or online, we have scholarly content to assist you with your research and coursework. The dedicated team of library staff take pride in offering quality services and academic resources to meet your teaching, learning and research needs.
<b>Mount 101</b> 902 457 5511 mount101@msvu.ca	Your survival guide for your first year at MSVU. The online program and your Mount Mentor will help you find your success! Visit <a href="https://msvu.ca/mount101">msvu.ca/mount101</a> for more information.
<b>Policy Against Sexual Violence</b> <a href="https://msvu.ca/sexualviolence">msvu.ca/sexualviolence</a>	MSVU is committed to sexual violence prevention and providing a trauma-informed, survivor-centred response. Find the Policy Against Sexual Violence and other resources on <a href="https://msvu.ca/sexualviolence">msvu.ca/sexualviolence</a> .
<b>Print Shop</b> Seton 315 902 457 6135 print.shop@msvu.ca	The MSVU Print Shop is a dedicated resource supporting the MSVU community with high-quality, confidential and expedited print services. We maintain industry leading standards in all products and services. Contact us for a quote on your next project.
<b>Registrar's Office</b> Evaristus 207 902 457 6117 registration@msvu.ca	The Registrar's Office staff are here to assist you from initial inquiry for admission through to the proud day you graduate. We are involved in all aspects of academic life, including admissions, enrolment, retention, exams, convocation, and academic policies.
<b>Residence Life</b> Evaristus 201A 902 457 6356 residence@msvu.ca	Living in residence will add a whole new dimension to your university years! Apart from the convenience of living close to all campus resources, you will also have the opportunity to become more involved in campus life.
<b>Safety &amp; Security</b> Assisi, 1st floor 902 457 6412 902 457 6111 (emergency)	MSVU's safety and security program includes a dedicated security team providing 24/7 service, as well as a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan in the event of a serious incident such as fire, severe weather, or threats to personal safety.
<b>Student Health Services</b> Assisi, 2nd floor 902 457 6354	We are committed to treating all patients with the highest level of respect and confidentiality. It is a convenient on-campus alternative for students who are unable to see their family doctor.
<b>Writing Centre</b> EMF 203 writing@msvu.ca	The Writing Centre offers appointments on weekdays and weekends to all MSVU students, faculty & staff. Experienced tutors help students with all academic written work, including presentations, slides, speeches, and research papers.

Tip #5:  
Be informed of MSVU  
policies





# Important Policies / Regulations

[www.msvu.ca/campus-life/student-policies/](http://www.msvu.ca/campus-life/student-policies/)

[www.msvu.ca/academics/university-academic-calendars/](http://www.msvu.ca/academics/university-academic-calendars/)

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- Accessibility / Academic Accommodations
- Missed / Late Evaluations
- Academic Integrity
  - Mount 101, *Exploring the Mount*
  - MSVU LibGuides ([www.msvu.ca/library](http://www.msvu.ca/library))





# Questions?

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