

Course Outline: Canadian Language and Culture

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & LINGUISTICS

Course Code

AP/ESL1000 6.0 C Canadian Language and Culture

Course Description

This course has two main objectives. First, it aims at fostering those language skills which students using English as a second language need to succeed academically in the multicultural, English-medium context at York. The course accomplishes this goal primarily through content, rather than explicit language exercises, as is appropriate to learners at the university level. Second, the course aims to promote students' awareness of various aspects of Canadian society through the discussion and analysis of fiction and non-fiction texts focused on exploring themes such as language and communication, culture and identity, immigration and multiculturalism and Canada's minorities.

Course Delivery

Delivery Mode: In person

All activities, debates, assessments, presentations will be conducted online during class time. Readings and other activities are assigned asynchronously. Active participation is essential in this class.

Course Materials

All course readings comprise digital resources (secure library links, publicly available materials and open access education resources) which will be made available by the Course Director on the course eClass website. The readings include a range of topics reflecting the course description as well as representing a cross-section of genres.

Tentative Grade Breakdown and Deadlines

Assessment	Weight	Mode	Tentative Deadline
Oral presentation	15%	In person	Ongoing March 2027
Online participation & active learning	20%	In person	ongoing
Critical response quiz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Timed written response</i> 	10%	In person	Dec 2, 2026
Research inquiry project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Annotated bibliography</i> • <i>Proposal</i> • <i>Paper</i> 	30% 10% 5% 15%	In person/Asynchronous	March 2027
In-class debates	10%	In person	ongoing
Final Test	15%	In person	March 31, 2027
	100%		