

Course Syllabus

English 1010G - This University

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Learn about Western, its story, its architecture, academic calendar, governance, codes of conduct, research; and learn about universities, their origins in the Middle Ages, their development and current campus issues. Read a short story by Western's own Nobel prizewinner Alice Munro, and think about universities in the world today.

Taught in a flexible hybrid format, 0.5 course

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What, exactly, is a university? A Canadian university? Western? What purposes does it serve in society? When did they start, and how are they changing today?

In this course we will think about these issues, and on a more pragmatic level we'll learn the basics about Western and its physical structures, its government and its particular concerns. The course is a blended one, with two required units, and five of the other available units.

Students do not have to do the introductory unit first, though it would make sense, and all of the units will be open so that students can look through each one and decide which to do and when. The one requirement will be that students complete at least two units in January, two units in February, three units in March, an

can find a time for the last few members of the class (please note, just send me your university obligations, not other engagements or concerns). Note that after the introductory lecture and discussion, I will assign a question for you to answer in an online paper within the next six hours in a paper of at least 350 words. Obviously, each introductory lecture will have a different question to answer. You can attend only one of these, so make su

not click into an assessment that is going to fall due at the precise time that internet in your house or residence always falters because of oversubscription. Go to a library to do these. Or, take the assessment at a different time. You can overcome these hurdles.

You may complete up to two units more than the required five units, and I will count the best five units for your final fÖò

