

English 146: Contemporary Literature



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Section A02: 9:30-10:20 am Tues/Wed/Fri

Section A07: 10:30-11:30 am Tues/Wed/Fri

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Section A13: 1:30-2:20 pm Tues/Wed/Fri

English 146 fulfills the academic writing requirement

(picture by Sean Henry, Saanich Peninsula)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In English 146, you will encounter some of the most exciting literature produced in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Bringing different forms of writing together, the course invites you to think about works comparatively, asking questions such as, “What is different about the ways a short story and a poem reflect on human experience?” Literature has changed in dramatic ways since 1900, and this course will encourage you to think about how writers have adapted and sometimes revolutionized forms, techniques, and styles to address the questions and challenges that characterize our era.

PROPOSED TEXTS:

- Bernardine Evaristo, *Girl, Woman, Other*
- A variety of poems and short stories drawn from Scholes et al. (eds), *Elements of Literature*
- Other poems and short stories provided by the instructor

PROPOSED ASSIGNMENTS:

- Three short close reading exercises (25% total)
- Poetry essay (15%)
- Final research essay (25%)
- Final exam (25%)
- Participation and preparedness (10%)