

**LANGUAGE ARTS 009 F—Advanced Level  
Course Outline**

Winter Semester 2013  
Academic Foundations Program  
Keyano College-Fort Chipewyan Campus

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Classroom: 113

**Class times:** Monday 10:30 -11:20 a.m.; 1:00-1:50 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:30-10:20 a.m.; 3:00-3:50 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30-10:20 a.m.; 2:00-3:50 p.m.  
Thursday 8:30-10:20 a.m.  
Friday 9:30-10:20 a.m.  
(Twelve hours per week)

**Office Hours:** Tuesday 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.; 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.  
Wednesday 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.  
Or at your convenience

**Course Description:**

Welcome to LA 009 F.

This section of the course will concentrate on improving reading and writing skills in order to strengthen communication skills and strategies. A variety of material from various sources (books, magazines, and the internet) will be used. This will allow you to practice the numerous techniques being studied.

Grammar and Mechanics will be studied. A full review of the parts of speech will be completed.

The writing and reading portions of this class will build students' spoken and written vocabulary, and build critical reading and comprehension skills. A variety of articles, stories and a novel will be studied. Students will become familiar with the various literary devices found in a novel

Students will practice writing in context, comprehension, analysis, while demonstrating creativity in and reading and writing.

Students will sharpen research while gaining (or stretching) basic Internet and word-processing skills.

At the end of the course, students will become a more confident writers working at the grade nine level.

Credits: total of 9

This section of 009 will require the following supplies:

- ✓ A notebook suitable for writing responses
- ✓ **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck
- ✓ A dictionary and thesaurus are recommended.
- ✓ There will be readings and assignments from various other texts
- ✓ A binder with dividers and loose leaf are important to keep things organized.
- ✓ USB drive

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of LA 009F, students will successfully write in complete complex sentences and paragraph structure. Various styles of writing will be studied and compared.

Students will be using proper sentence and paragraph structure: main topics, supporting sentences and concluding statements. Students will self-correct individual mistakes and be able to apply various strategies, so as to become a more polished writer.

Students will explore reading skills through a novel and material of interest. This will allow students to become a more informed and thoughtful reader.

Students will use the computer in order to polish and present finished work.

**Course Evaluation:**

Homework & Assignments	25%
Grammar and Mechanics	20 %
Novel Study	15%
Writing	20%
Final	20%

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100%

Grading:

4.0 Grading Scale:

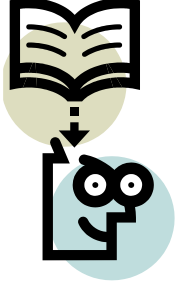
Excellent	A+	4.0	91-100%
	A	3.8	86-90
	A-	3.7	80-85
Good	B+	3.3	76-79%
	B	3.0	73-75
	B-	2.7	70-72
Satisfactory (minimum required to progress)	C+	2.3	67-69%
	C	2.0	64-66
	C-	1.7	60-63
Pass	D+	1.3	57-59%
Minimum Pas	D	1.0	50-56
Failure	F	0.0	0-49

**Class Schedule**

<b>January 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First day of class, Winter Semester Introduction of class content, review of course outline and discussion of class responsibilities.</b>
<b>January 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tour of the library. Students will choose a novel to read. Preparation for Book Report unit</b>
<b>January 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Review of Parts of Speech</b>
<b>Week of January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Various sentence structures leading up to paragraph structure. Fact and Opinion Using Critical thinking skills Building on reading skills</b>
<b>Week of January 28<sup>th</sup> –February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Using writing skills: using various techniques Various writing responses</b>
<b>February 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Family Day --College Closed</b>
<b>February 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Review and midterm exam</b>
<b>February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Reading Week – no classes</b>
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Introduction to the novel Discussion of the reading schedule</b>
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NOVEL STUDY Study of various literary devices Reader response in small groups Assignments in computer lab</b>
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paragraph Skills</b>
<b>March 29<sup>th</sup>- April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>College Closed-Easter Break</b>
<b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grammar Review</b>
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Final Review Week</b>
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Final Exam Week</b>

**\*\*Please note: This is a tentative schedule which may change at the  
Instructor's discretion.**

## **LEARNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



If you have been diagnosed with a Learning Disability in the past, or you feel that you would benefit from some assistance from a Disabilities Counsellor, please call our office 780-792-5608 to book an appointment. Services and accommodations are intended to assist you in your course, while maintaining the academic standards of Keyano College. We can be of assistance to you in disclosing your disability to your instructor, receiving accommodations, and your overall success at Keyano College.

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### **General Information**

Here are some helpful hints:

- Try your very best to be here each day! Be on time! Let me know if you are going to miss class time.
- Come prepared and willing to learn. Attitude is everything
- Never hesitate to ask for help. Catch up on notes or assignments you have missed. If you cannot see me during office hours, we will find a more suitable time.
- Students should be aware of their rights and responsibilities indicated in the Keyano College Credit Calendar 2012-2013, on pages 36-40.
- In order to “refrain from unduly disturbing, disrupting or otherwise interfering with studies, students should turn cell phones and pagers off when they come to class.
- Maintain a sense of humour!

## Important Dates

January 7 Monday	Winter semester begins for academic programs
January 11 Friday	Last day to add for academic programs Winter semester fees due
January 14 Monday	Winter late fee applied
January 18 Friday	Last day to drop for academic programs Last day to withdraw from full year courses without academic penalty
February 15 Friday	Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund
February 18 Monday	College closed (Family Day) Reading Week to be announced. No classes
March 5 Tuesday	Aboriginal Day
March 8 Friday	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty
March 29 Friday	College closed (Good Friday)
April 1 Monday	College closed (Easter Monday)
April 19 Friday programs	Last day of classes for Certificate, Diploma, and University programs
April 18-23	Final Exams for Academic Upgrading
April 26 Friday	Fort Chipewyan Campus Graduation
April 30 Tuesday	End of winter semester for academic programs

The above dates can be found in the printed Keyano College calendar and on the Keyano website.