



Grade Eleven University Preparation English
ENG 3U Course Outline
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course emphasizes the development of literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills. Students will analyse challenging texts from various periods; conduct research and analyse the information gathered; write persuasive and literary essays; and analyse the relationship among media forms, audiences, and media industry practices. An important focus will be on understanding the development of the English language. (1.0 Credit)

Prerequisite: English 2D

COURSE CONTENT:

UNIT 1: POETRY

- Through an exposure to various poetry anthologies and the possible use of the film, *Dead Poets Society*, students will reflect upon a variety of poems and poetic forms to arrive at a stronger understanding of how poetry can best be understood and appreciated.
- Students will work on poetry analysis, writing, and an individual oral presentation.

UNIT 2: ESSAY ANALYSIS

- Students will read and analyze a variety of persuasive literary and media essays, with an emphasis on determining thesis and recognizing key methods of development.
- Students will work on a terminology test, sight passage test, and essay writing.

UNIT 3: DRAMA: *Othello* or *Macbeth*

- Students will study *Othello* or *Macbeth* and participate in a variety of learning activities; students will appreciate and understand the historical context of the play as well as the relevance of themes of the play, especially with regard to personal integrity,
- Students will work on an oral presentation, a literary essay, and a quotations test.

UNIT 4: NOVEL STUDY: *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Kite Runner*, *The Circle*, or *1984*

- Students will read and analyze a novel, particularly as it connects with contemporary themes..
- Students will work on a literary essay, research assignment, and a photo/media essay presentation.

UNIT 5: WRITING PROCESS / LANGUAGE STUDY (concurrent)

- Students will continue to apply the writing process and to refine their essay writing skills. Some peer editing and evaluation may be involved; review and instruction of vocabulary and grammar will be undertaken as needed.

EVALUATION:

- 70% of the final grade will be based on evaluation of the overall expectations in the four strands of Oral Communication, Reading and Literature, Writing, and Media.
- 30 % of the final grade will be based on two or more tasks covering the overall expectations. One of the summatives will be an essay exam.

