

English I (English)

Required – Year – 9

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

This course is a combination of composition, grammar, literature, and hands-on practice exercises. This course reinforces good study habits, including time management, note taking, and listening skills. This course will include a study skills unit, a short story unit, a novel, a Shakespeare play, and several projects and presentations. Students are encouraged and guided to use their God given talents to the best of their abilities.

Course Goal:

The Christian teacher will:

1. foster a greater appreciation for the gift of language in both literature and grammar.
2. foster a better understanding of the English language.
3. assist the freshman student in the transition between grade school and high school.
4. encourage students to apply applications to literature and life.

Course Objectives:

The successful student will be able to:

1. appreciate God's gift of language.
2. understand and practice good study habits.
3. write an effective paragraph.
4. increase vocabulary and reading comprehension.
5. study and interpret a play and novels.
6. gain a higher appreciation of the world through literature study.
7. evaluate literature through the light of Christian values.
8. communicate effectively through public speaking.

Course Outline:

- I. Study Skills
 - A. Time management
 - B. Note taking – lecture and textbook
 - C. Listening skills
 - D. Test taking
- II. Grammar
 - A. Parts of Speech
 - B. Parts of the Sentence
 - C. Sentence Structure
 - D. Punctuation, abbreviations
- III. Writing
 - A. Sentence building
 - B. Paragraph building
- IV. Literature - novels, Shakespearean play
- V. Literary Terms
- VI. Vocabulary Development

Instructional Strategies:

A large variety of strategies will be used. Student participation is used quite often through large group, small group, and individual work. Lectures, self-guided discovery, self-assessment, and multi-media are also used.

Grading:

Semester grade is based on a point system. Points will be derived from daily assignments, quizzes, projects, chapter/unit tests, and the semester test.

Student Materials:

3-ring binder, loose-leaf paper, red pen, pencil

Classroom Procedures:

All students are expected to behave in an appropriate Christian manner. Words and actions reveal a lot about an individual, both positive and negative. Students are responsible for missed assignments, therefore make-up work should be completed in a timely fashion. Students should be on time and prepared for class.