

# English I (English)

Required – Year – 9

Prerequisites: None

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## **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 multimedia projects. 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. understand and daily use a daily planner.
4. write an effective paragraph.
5. increase vocabulary and reading comprehension.
6. study and interpret a play and novels.
7. gain a higher appreciation of the world through literature study.
8. evaluate literature through the light of Christian values.
9. 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. Literature - novels, Shakespearean play
- IV. Speech
- V. Composition, Literary Terms

## **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:**

Daily work:	15%
Quizzes:	25%
Tests:	45%
Semester exam:	15%

**Student Materials:**

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

**Classroom Procedures:**

1. 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 should be on time and prepared for class. Missing work is entered as missing and results in a zero. Work that is handed in late will still receive credit.
2. When a student knows they will be absent from class (voice lessons, band lessons, dentist appointments, student council, funeral, etc.) please excuse with the teacher BEFORE class. The student is responsible for getting homework to the teacher, making up any missed work, and getting the new material.
3. If a student is absent from class, they should see the teacher when they return. IF possible, E-mail the teacher or call the front office to receive assignments and/or have a responsible classmate pick up the assignments for you. When students are absent from class, they are expected to make-up all work in a timely manner. The student should see the teacher to take a missed quiz or test. Make-up quizzes are best done before or after school or during a study hall.