

COURSE NUMBER: HS551
COURSE TITLE: English 10
COURSE LENGTH: Year, Two Credits
PREREQUISITE: None
GRADE LEVEL: 10

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

English 10 continues the emphasis on literature, grammar, composition and vocabulary as begun in English 9. Students will work to improve their writing skills through daily practice writing, various types of essays and bibliographies, journal writing and longer compositions. A number of novels, short stories, and plays will be perused.

COURSE RATIONALE:

This course combines the elements of both literature and writing. Basic sentence structure, formal and informal writing, and writing from experiences forms the basis for the writing portion of the class. Short stories, nonfiction, drama, poetry, and novels complete the literature component. These genres are taught through discussion, written and oral analyzation, and research.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Methods used in the course include: textbook, videos, lectures, discussions (both class and small group), individual study, and study guides.

ASSESSMENT:

Based on oral and written daily work, tests, and assigned projects.

CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:

1. to increase critical reading skills
2. to introduce students to literary terminology and its application
3. to develop an appreciation and understanding of poetry
4. to reinforce and expand grammatical and compositional skills
5. to acquaint students with drama techniques and terms
6. to provide an in-depth analysis and study of the novel
7. to introduce students to various prose forms
8. to develop speaking and listening skills
9. to introduce creative writing skills
10. to encourage students to read independently for pleasure
11. To achieve competency in written composition
12. To be able to recognize more than one level of meaning in literature
13. To practice making judgments on sufficient evidence and facts