

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### ENGLISH

#### **0102 Writing & Literature 9**

**Category:** English                      **Grade:** 9                      **No. of trimesters:** 3                      **Credits:** 1

This course is built upon a strong foundation of reading strategies and comprehension skills. Grammar components discussed include the sentence base, verb usage, and mechanics. Writing targets the components of the writing process and construction of the three part essay, research writing, and creative short stories. Literature consists of short stories, poetry, and novels, both classic and contemporary, as well as multicultural literature. The literature is used as a basis for writing, discussion, and the introduction of relevant vocabulary words.

#### **0103 Honors Writing & Literature 9**

**Category:** English                      **Grade:** 9                      **No. of trimesters:** 3                      **Credits:** 1

This course will focus on six general areas: grammar, literature, writing, vocabulary, drama, and poetry. Emphasis will be placed on analysis of classic and contemporary literature. Also stressed will be correct grammar and usage. This course requires maximum student responsibility, motivation and participation, thus providing a medium for individual creativity and growth.

#### **0128 College Prep Writing & World Literature 10**

**Category:** English                      **Grade:** 10                      **No. of trimesters:** 3                      **Credits:** 1

This course is designed to examine and develop an appreciation for world literature with emphasis on the ways in which culture and history influence the forms and the content of literary texts. Readings will include plays, novels, poems, essays, and short stories from various international voices both classical and modern. Students will have the opportunity to make independent reading selections as well, in order to improve fluency and enjoyment of reading and improve vocabulary. We will investigate the ways in which written language can and has affected human perception. Using the writing process, we will practice various modes of writing, including; narration, persuasion, and exposition for analytical and creative purposes. Conventions (i.e. grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.) will be addressed as part of the writing process. Vocabulary study will focus on word origins and derivatives, as well as student selections from literature and life. Each trimester will include opportunities for students to hone speaking and listening skills.

#### **0129 Honors Writing & World Literature 10**

**Category:** English                      **Grade:** 10                      **No. of trimesters:** 3                      **Credits:** 1

This course will examine some of the "great works" of world literature and evaluate the contributions that these classics have made to the evolution of western thought. Reading will include works from around the world. Analytical and critical writing skills will be emphasized. Supplementary reading and writing are required.

#### **0152 Tech Prep English 11**

**Category:** English                      **Grade:** 11                      **No. of trimesters:** 3                      **Credits:** 1

The focus of this class will be placed on the literary works of American authors. Students will read a variety of novels, short stories, plays and forms of poetry. Writing activities will include expository and persuasive pieces with an emphasis on the writing process and development of ideas, clarity and voice. Preparation for the SAT will also be covered. This course is designed for students planning to attend community colleges or other two-year programs