

English IB Introduction to Introduction to Literature

Instructor: Kaser Office: KRCC A-2

Office Hours: M 3-4 and W 3-4 (Ext. 308) or by appointment.

Message: You may leave messages with the receptionist.

Class Meets: M - 6-8:50

Last Day To Drop: October 15

Purpose: This course is intended to help students sharpen their ability to critically analyze various forms of literature and to express their observations in writing. It is a writing/editing and reading analysis course focused on fiction, poetry, and dramatic literatures.

Text: The Riverside Anthology of Literature. 2nd Edition. Hunt

The course falls naturally into three sections (short fiction, poetry, and drama) but focus on critical approaches and use of critical vocabulary will be similar throughout the course.

Tests: At the end of the fiction and at the end of the poetry studies students will take identification/brief essay tests covering critical terms and genre information related to the selections read and discussed. Each of these two tests will constitute ten percent of the course grade.

Final: The final will be an identification/short essay test covering material from the three sections but with an emphasis on the last: drama. The final will constitute 25 percent of the course grade.

Class Analyses and Exercises: Throughout the semester there will be frequent class exercises both written and oral (discussion, etc.). These assignments will cumulative count for fifteen percent of your course grade. The formula for credit is as follows: All completed or one assignment missing = A. Two assignments missing = B. Three assignments missing = C. Four assignments missing = D.

Longer Papers: At the end of the fiction and the end of the poetry studies, students will turn in critical analysis essays on a selection of their choice (within limits). These essays will be at least four hundred words each and may be rewritten for a second grading. They are to be typed and are graded on organization and structure, grammar and usage, and demonstration of an understanding of critical terms and methods. Each of these essays will constitute twenty percent of the course grade.

Course Grade Calculation:

Two Section Tests: 10% each

Two Section Essays: 20 % each

Final Exam: 25%

Class Exercises: 15%

Attendance: Students missing the equivalent of two weeks of class will be dropped. When possible, notify the instructor if you must miss a class.