

COURSE TITLE: English I  
COURSE LENGTH: 1 year  
COURSE CREDIT: 1 credit

COURSE TYPE: required  
GRADE LEVEL: 9  
PREREQUISITE: n/a

COURSE GOALS:

1. Students will identify the elements of literature through readings in and out of class (i.e., character, setting, plot, climax, mood, and point of view).
2. Students will examine epic poetry and Shakespearean drama to identify the literary elements present.
3. Students will analyze and reproduce poetry with regard to imagery, sound devices, and author's purpose.
4. Students will create and evaluate fiction and nonfiction works to enhance their writing ability.
5. Students will utilize vocabulary found in texts covered.
6. Students will identify the appropriate word choice in writing.
7. Students will employ appropriate punctuation in sentences used for paragraphs and essays.
8. Students will be able to write, revise, and edit for clarity in all writing assignments.

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COURSE CONTENT:

1. Grammar lessons: appropriate word choice, appropriate use of punctuation (end marks, commas, semi-colons, quotations, apostrophes, etc.), and sentence fragments.
2. Characterization, conflict, setting, and theme in short stories
3. Examples of genres in literature including poetry, drama, nonfiction, fiction, etc.
4. MLA formatting
5. Persuasion in writing and how it is used
6. Shakespearean drama
7. Short stories and novels