

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Literary Studies
COURSE LENGTH: 1 semester
COURSE CREDIT: 0.5 high school credit;
3 hours college credit through SLU

COURSE TYPE: elective
(fulfills English IV requirement)
GRADE LEVEL: 12
PREREQUISITE: Composition and Rhetoric,
GPA of 3.0 or better

COURSE GOALS:

1. Students will identify and explain the content, form, structure, techniques, and themes of literature at the college level.
2. Students will analyze and interpret short stories, poems, drama, and novels, including a variety of authors, periods, and subjects.
3. Students will compare works from various periods and genres and will assess relationships among pieces of literature.
4. Students will produce analytical essays on literary subjects, demonstrating advanced composition techniques, proper MLA format for organization and citation, and sophisticated sentence structure.
5. Students will evaluate the writings of others using standards of successful analysis and argument.
6. Students will generate essays that meet standards of college analysis and composition.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Short stories, written by a selection American authors
2. Poems, representing a variety of forms and styles
3. Drama, including *The Glass Menagerie*
4. Peer review and editing
5. Response essays
6. Analytical essays
7. Literary techniques, including symbol, irony, allusion, etc.
8. Principles of literary theory and critique