

## **ENGLISH I LITERATURE**

English I Literature is a full year core curriculum course designed to allow ninth grade students to develop their reading comprehension and fluency in a variety of literary genres and media sources. This class works in conjunction with its complement, English I Composition, to offer students a more complete experience in the area of language and literature. The focus of the course is on the consolidation of reading, writing, listening, speaking and study skills which will prepare them for a focused literary study in the following grades and are necessary to complete high school.

## **ENGLISH I COMPOSITION**

English I Composition is a required course for all ninth graders at Santa Fe Indian School. It is a year-long course, and students are required to pass both semesters in order to advance. The course is designed to complement English I Literature, which is also a requirement for all ninth graders. In particular, this class will concentrate on the language and writing skills delineated in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ninth and tenth grade English language arts. In addition, the reading, speaking, and listening skills from the CCSS will be addressed.

## **ENGLISH II**

English II is a full year, required course for 10th graders. Students will focus on continuing to develop the skills needed to be college and career ready readers and writers. The course encompasses reading, both literature and non-fiction, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and listening and speaking.

## **ENGLISH II HONORS**

English II Honors is a full year, required course for 10th graders. It is meant to prepare students for AP level English courses in the 11th and 12th grades. The course encompasses reading, both literature and non-fiction, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and listening and speaking.

## **ENGLISH III**

This course is a survey of American Literature that stresses literary and cultural themes. This course includes a variety of literary genres. There is a strong emphasis on writing, speaking, and discussion.

## **ENGLISH IV**

English IV is a semester long class that will engage students in an extensive and intensive exploration of representative novels, plays, short stories, and poetry. Position and analysis papers, along with responding to works of recognized literary merit, will be assigned throughout the course. In addition, students will create relevant projects and presentations while engaging in vocabulary study that includes many literary terms and rhetorical devices. This is a rigorous course designed to prepare students for work in college and careers.

## **ENGLISH IV/RESEARCH & PUBLIC SPEAKING (SENIOR HONORS PROJECT)**

English IV/Research and Public Speaking, also known as the Senior Honors Project (SHP), is a required one-semester course for seniors at SFIS. For general education English IV students, it replaces one semester of English IV/Literature and Composition; for Advanced Placement students, it is a stand-alone class to be taken

either in fall or spring semester. Students may also elect to receive dual credit for SHP through Northern New Mexico College.

The course is designed to develop students' skills in 21st century writing, research, and presentation, and as such it invites a real commitment to creative and critical thinking at all levels. In English IV/SHP, students will conduct thorough multimodal research on issues that concern today's local, regional, and global indigenous communities. Issues will be identified by students with the guidance of family and community leaders, and will be examined from multiple perspectives within broader historical and global contexts. Assignments and homework will emphasize critical reading, carefully crafted writing (particularly in networked spaces), collaborative discussion (both online and in a classroom setting), and information gathering for the purposes of problem identification and problem-solving. The course will culminate with students sharing their research with the public at the Senior Honors Symposium, to be held on the SFIS campus at the end of the semester.

### **COLLEGE READING**

The focus of this course is to prepare students to use college level vocabulary, reading and critical thinking skills. High School College reading is an elective course for juniors and seniors.

### **READING EXPLORATIONS**

This course is to increase reading comprehension and reading levels in preparation for New Mexico Reading and Writing Proficiency Exams. High School Explorations is a required course for SFIS students needing a reading credit or an elective.