

# LANGUAGE ARTS

## PHLA101 English 1

Level: 9  
Credit: 1 unit

This course is founded on the premise that students will develop clear, effective thinking and writing skills through the study of literature. English 1 is designed to introduce students to the elements of fiction, and to a variety of literary genres by a wide range of authors. Particular attention is paid to historical and contemporary content connected to students' lives. Major works include ***Romeo and Juliet***, ***Warriors Don't Cry***, ***The Odyssey***, and ***When the Legends Die***. Interactive communication skills will be developed through class discussion and cooperative learning activities. Students will write descriptive, imaginative, expository, and analytical pieces. Students will develop the ability to analyze literature in terms of literary devices such as plot, conflict, characterization, setting, theme and symbols.

## PHLA201 English 2 Prerequisite: English 1

Level: 10  
Credit: 1 unit

This course is founded on the premise that students will continue to develop clear, effective thinking and writing skills through the study of literature. English 2 will stress knowledge of the elements of fictional literature, as well as the characteristics of the various genres of literature. Major literary works include ***Night***, ***To Kill a Mockingbird***, ***A Shakespearean Tragedy***, various selections from the ***Arthurian legend***, and ***Of Mice and Men***. Students will read for inference, recognition of literary genre, and the qualities of good literature. Students will also be introduced to the research process, and will complete a research project. Assignments are designed to strengthen students' skills in the following areas: critical thinking, reading for understanding, writing effective essays, and responding to essay questions. Instruction in sentence variety, vocabulary acquisition, application of literary terminology, usage, spelling, and punctuation is included. Interactive speaking and listening skills will be further developed through class discussion and learning activities.

**PHLA301 English 3**  
**Prerequisite: English 2**

**Level: 11**  
**Credit: 1 unit**

This course is founded on the premise that students will continue to develop clear, effective thinking and writing skills through the study of literature. English 3 is designed to encourage students to discover ideas, beliefs, and values of Americans from the Puritans to modern society. The course work follows Americans' changing relationships and attitudes by surveying literature written over a period of approximately two hundred years. Several literary schools of thought will be read, discussed, and analyzed as background for understanding contemporary America. Major works include *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Crucible*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *The Scarlet Letter*, and *The Great Gatsby*. Class activities include discussion, group study and presentation, and close reading of the texts. Emphasis will be placed on developing skills for analyzing literature through discussion and writing assignments. Students will investigate each of the following styles of writing: narrative, informative, argumentative, analytical, and expository.

**PHLA303 American Studies/English 3**  
**Prerequisite: English 2**

**Level: 11**  
**Credit: 2 unit**

American Studies is founded on the philosophy that students create a better understanding of American culture through the integrated study of literature and history. The course is designed to investigate significant events, ideas, and values in America from colonial times to modern society. The content of this course is the same as the individual English 3 and American History courses—only the approach is different. This approach creates new opportunities for students to expand learning, such as field trips and project-based assessments. Because this a double credit course, students meet every day and the class is team-taught with teachers from the English and Social Studies department. Therefore, enroll in American Studies/History **and** American Studies/English 3.