

ENGLISH

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES

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CURRICULUM

The department offers a range of courses for native speakers and advanced second-language students, including remedial and preparatory courses in reading and writing; college-level composition and reading courses for transfer and associate degree students; and courses in creative writing and literature. The curriculum emphasizes the integration of reading and writing throughout its courses, reflecting the faculty's concern that students not divorce the study of language from the study of cultures nor lose sight of the uses or abuses of writing within a cultural context. The courses offered through the department meet general education and transfer requirements in English, critical thinking, literature, and humanities.

MAJOR

Students majoring in English at the lower-division level concentrate on learning how to interpret literature critically and imaginatively, and how to write prose that is clear, exact, and expressive. Thus the major is appropriate for students who desire or require the ability to be closely attentive to language and to its ramifications. Students anticipating careers in law, education, communications, governmental affairs, and business may find the English major especially helpful. The wide versatility of the English major makes it generally appropriate for students whose career inclinations may be uncertain or indefinite, since the abilities one masters as an English major may be applied to a wide range of contexts and circumstances. The major is also designed for transfer students intending upper division study in literature, criticism, or related fields.

English majors at Irvine Valley College may elect an emphasis either in literature or in writing. In both cases, students should complete both Writing 1 and Writing 2 in fulfillment of language and rationality requirements within the general education package. The faculty recommends that English majors do not select a literature course to meet the humanities requirement for general education, but explore related subjects in the humanities that may be of interest to them.

DEGREE OPTIONS

• Associate in Arts Degree in English

Literature Emphasis

Writing Emphasis

Students must complete a minimum of 60 units of credit, including the courses in the major ("Major Requirements") and general education requirements (pages 56-61), with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Irvine Valley College. See pages 52-54 for further information.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Irvine Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a baccalaureate degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should (1) refer to the University Studies major (page 182) and "Transfer Planning" (page 63); (2) consult the catalog of their prospective transfer institution (see the IVC Transfer Center for assistance); and (3) schedule an appointment with an IVC counselor to develop a plan of study before beginning their program. It may be helpful to meet with the department faculty at IVC.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: ENGLISH

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

LITERATURE EMPHASIS

Complete the following courses:		Units
WR 2	College Writing 2: Critical Thinking/Writing	4
LIT 1	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT 46	Intercultural Literature	3

Complete 6 units from the following courses:

LIT 20	British Literature to Blake	3
LIT 21	British Literature, Blake to the Present	3
LIT 22	American Literature to Twain	3
LIT 23	American Literature, Twain to the Present	3

Complete 3 units from the following courses:

LIT 30	Introduction to the Novel	3
LIT 31	Introduction to Short Fiction	3
LIT 32	Introduction to Poetry	3
LIT 33	Introduction to Drama	3

Complete 3 units from the following courses:

LIT 40	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)	3
LIT 41	The Bible, Matthew to Revelations	3
LIT 42	The Myths of the Ancient World	3
LIT 43	Introduction to Shakespeare	3

TOTAL UNITS: 22

Recommended Electives: PHIL 1, 10, 11; HIST 10, 11; WR 10, 11, 12, 13; RD 174; any humanities or literature course, or courses in the history and criticism of the arts, or foreign language courses.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: ENGLISH

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

WRITING EMPHASIS

Complete the following courses:

		Units
WR 2	College Writing 2: Critical Thinking/Writing	4
WR 10	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
LIT 1	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT 24	Contemporary Literature	3

Complete 3 units from the following courses:

WR 11	Writing Short Fiction	3
WR 12	Writing Longer Fiction	3
WR 13	Writing Poetry	3

Complete 3 units from the following courses:

LIT 30	Introduction to the Novel	3
LIT 31	Introduction to Short Fiction	3
LIT 32	Introduction to Poetry	3
LIT 33	Introduction to Drama	3

Complete 3 units from the following courses:

LIT 40	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)	3
LIT 41	Introduction to the New Testament)	3
LIT 42	The Myths of the Ancient World	3
LIT 43	Introduction to Shakespeare	3

Complete one of the following courses:

LIT 47	Fable and Folktale	3
LIT 110	Popular Literature	3

TOTAL UNITS: 25

Recommended Electives: PHIL 1; HIST 10, 11; any humanities or literature course, or courses in the history and criticism of the arts.

COURSES

ENGLISH (BASIC WRITING)

WR 201: Introduction to College Writing

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Wr. 301
Corequisite: WR 180

This is an introductory course in the basic conventions and expectations of college essay writing. Students write essays in response to assigned readings from a range of college-level texts. Students learn how to state and support a thesis, develop unified and coherent supporting paragraphs, organize the various parts of an essay, and write clear and effective sentences. The course also introduces students to critical reading, reasoning, and writing. NR

WR 301: Introduction to Writing

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Corequisite: WR 180

Writing 301 is an introductory course in the basic conventions of writing. Students write to observe, to integrate, and to communicate, often in response to assigned readings. Students learn how to explore, evaluate, and state ideas based on consideration of audience and purpose. NR

WR 380: Word Analysis Techniques

2 Units
2 hours lecture
Limitation: Placement in this course is based on learning disability assessment, eligibility, and an individual education plan.

This course is designed to offer specialized prescriptive instruction in spelling and pronunciation to students with a history of difficulties in learning spelling. The course will teach the basic rules of spelling using a variety of learning strategies and modalities. Writing 380 is also listed as ESS 340; credit will be given in either area, not both. R-E-3

ENGLISH (COLLEGE WRITING)

WR 1: College Writing 1

4 Units
4 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Wr. 201

Writing 1 is an introductory course in college composition, concentrating on analysis and interpretation. The course focuses on how the student writer might present and develop a particular point of view in a clear, logical, and convincing manner. Students read from a variety of texts offering different ideas, traditions, contexts, and cultural perspectives. Students then write essays in response to issues and concerns derived from a critical reading of those texts. The course features extensive individual and small-group instruction in composition. (CAN ENGL 2) NR

WR 2: College Writing 2: Critical Thinking/Writing

4 Units
4 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Wr. 1

Writing 2, the second college-level course in academic essay writing, concentrates on critical reasoning, argumentation, evaluation, analysis, and research at an advanced level. Students write and critique argumentative essays in response to assigned readings from a diversity of traditions representing a diversity of intellectual and cultural perspectives. (CAN ENGL 4) NR

ENGLISH (WRITING CONFERENCE)

WR 180: Writing Conference

.5 Unit
1 hour learning center
This is a credit/no-credit course which may be taken in connection with any course at the college that requires written assignments. Students receive credit for conferring with English instructors. R-E-3

ENGLISH (CREATIVE WRITING)

WR 10: Introduction to Creative Writing

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Wr. 201

This course introduces students to the fundamental conventions of poetry and fiction, both as readers and as writers. Students write original poems and short fiction and critically evaluate writing in a workshop atmosphere. (CAN ENGL 6) NR

WR 11: Writing Short Fiction

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Wr. 201

WR 11 is designed for student writers of short fictional narratives. Students will study the fundamentals of short fiction, write original fiction and evaluate the work of other student writers in a workshop setting. UC credit provisions (see UC course list). R-E-3

WR 12: Writing Longer Fiction

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Wr. 201

Writing 12 is for student writers of longer fictional narratives. Students study the fundamentals of fiction, write original fiction, and evaluate the work of other student writers in a workshop setting. The course is designed for both beginning and experienced writers. UC credit provisions (see UC course list). R-E-3

WR 13: Writing Poetry

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Wr. 201

Writing 13 provides instruction in the craft of writing poetry for both the beginning and the experienced writer. The course is organized and taught in the form of a traditional writer's workshop, a directed forum in which students read, discuss, and critique the poems they have written in response to weekly assignments. Students study modern and contemporary poems for evidence of poetic techniques put into practice. Students are thus directed to read closely, to write consciously, and to recognize a well-written poem. UC credit provisions (see UC course list). R-E-3

ENGLISH (LITERATURE)

LIT 1: Introduction to Literature

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Literature 1 introduces the major types of literary expression as well as recurrent conventions, concerns, and values central to literature and to the understanding of literary texts and contexts. Students read from and respond extensively to literary materials that reflect diversity in genre, historical period, and cultural expression. In this endeavor students will learn how literature might embody and generate meaning, reflect and create culture and engage the human imagination. NR

LIT 20: Survey of British Literature to 1776

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Literature 20 offers a general introduction to and survey of the history of literature written in the British Isles from the pre-Norman period to the American Revolution, with an emphasis on major (influential or otherwise significant) texts and authors; intellectual and historical contexts; development of literary traditions, conventions, and genres; and the emergence of a "national" literature. (CAN ENGL 8; Lit. 20+21: CAN LIT SEQ B) NR

LIT 21: British Literature:

Blake to the Present
3 Units
3 hours lecture
Literature 21 studies the history of British literature commencing with the rise of English Romanticism and ending with consideration of late modern and contemporary British authors and texts. Issues of central concern include the rise of Romanticism, its variants and consequences; Victorian optimism and pessimism; the flowering of the novel; the Celtic renaissance; neo-gothicism; the Modernist rebellion, its storm troopers and their critics; and British literary culture since the Second World War. Authors include Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Keats, Shelley, Byron, the Brontes, Austen, Tennyson, Dickens, Carlyle, Arnold, Browning, George Eliot, Hardy, Wilde, Conrad, Yeats, Pound, T.S. Eliot, Woolfe, Lawrence, Shaw, Joyce, Auden, Beckett, and selected contemporaries. (CAN ENGL 10; Lit. 20+21: CAN LIT SEQ B) NR

LIT 22: American Literature to Twain

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Literature 22 surveys American literature from the exploration narratives and ancient oral traditions through the captivity narratives and sermons of the colonial period and the political treatises and self-examination of the enlightenment and federalist period, culminating in the Romanticism of the mid-nineteenth century expressions of writers through Whitman. Readings include works by major authors and noncanonical materials, many of which will initially seem nonliterary. Particularly designed for transfer students, this course examines the genesis of American literary traditions and what, in the views of diverse observers, it meant to be an American. (CAN ENGL 14; Lit. 22+23: CAN LIT SEQ C) NR

LIT 23: American Literature: Twain to the Present

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Literature 23 surveys the rich cultural diversity of American literature from 1865 through the present. Students will explore the distinctively American treatment of such genres as domestic fiction, westerns, slave tales, and oral and folk narratives as well as the more conventional forms of drama, poetry, autobiography and fiction that comprise the "high-art" of realism, naturalism, modernism, the Harlem Renaissance, regionalism, and post-modernism. Students will also examine the cultural forces at work in the reconstruction of the American canon and the variety of critical approaches to literature of this period. (CAN ENGL 16; Lit. 22+23: CAN LIT SEQ C) NR

LIT 24: Contemporary Literature

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Literature 24 examines the work of selected contemporary writers from various traditions, media, and cultures. Emphasis is on contemporary writers from the sixties through the nineties in the novel, short story, and poetry. Students will study these writings from a recent historical perspective to determine major themes and concerns of contemporary literature. NR

LIT 30: Introduction to the Novel

3 Units
3 hours lecture
Literature 30 introduces the novel, exploring its history, variations, flexibility and limitations as a literary genre. Students read from a variety of major novels—classic to modern—in order to study the diversity of novelistic form and content and to discuss the purposes for which the novel has proven especially popular or effective. NR

LIT 31: Introduction to Short Fiction

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course traces the development of various forms of short fiction and introduces students to ancient and modern authors and their works. Students examine representative short stories within diverse historical, cultural, and literary traditions, and analyze how writers use central conventions and combine major elements of fiction such as plot, character and setting to establish theme and achieve desired narrative effect. NR

LIT 32: Introduction to Poetry

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Literature 32 provides an introduction to the study of lyric poetry in the form of a historical survey of world poetry from antiquity to the present. Students consider poetic conventions and traditions in historical and cultural context and become familiar with the terms and concepts fundamental to the study of poetry, as drawn from prosody, rhetoric, aesthetics, and criticism. In addition, the class introduces students to essential concerns in the history of poetics, including issues such as the value of poetry, the nature and status of the poem, the question of taste, the role of tradition, the relationship of criticism to poetry, theories of craft and inspiration, and the politics of style and judgment. (CAN ENGL 20) NR

LIT 33: Introduction to Drama

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course introduces students to the themes and concerns central to the study and appreciation of drama. The course focuses on close reading and textual analysis of major plays selected from the ancient, medieval, early modern, and modern periods within a historical and social context. (CAN ENGL 22) NR

LIT 40: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course offers a general introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), with particular focus on historical, textual, cultural, and literary issues. Students will consider the historical development of narrative, lyric, dramatic, and legal texts that eventually came to constitute the Hebrew Bible; explore questions of authorship and textual evolution; and study the processes and themes by which these writings exerted a formative influence on the development of Western literature. NR

LIT 41: Introduction to the New Testament

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Literature 41 offers a non-doctrinal, literary and historical introduction to the New Testament and related texts. Of central interest in the course will be consideration of the various cultural, philosophical, and literary contexts out of which the Christian Bible emerged. Students will engage in such topics as the representation of Jesus; the influence of Paul; the nature and role of the early Christian churches; the variety of interpretive approaches to the text; the composition and formation of a canon; the relationship of Jewish eschatological and gnostic literature; and the influence of central New Testament themes, characters, and motifs on subsequent literature. NR

LIT 42: The Myths of the Ancient World

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course will examine and analyze texts central to the Mediterranean and medieval European myth traditions. The focus of the course will be on texts that have shaped the structures, themes, and imagery of later European literature. NR

LIT 43: Introduction to Shakespeare

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Literature 43 provides an introduction to the work of William Shakespeare. The course emphasizes Shakespeare's variety and development as a dramatic artist by means of close study of early and late plays selected from the histories, comedies, tragedies, satires, and romances. Consideration is given to the social, cultural, and political milieu from which the plays emerged, as well as to the role, function, and performance of dramatic literature within Elizabethan and Jacobean England. NR

LIT 45: Women in Literature

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Literature 45 examines the works of selected women poets, novelists, short story writers, essayists, and dramatists from various historical periods and cultures. Emphasis is on the participation of women in traditional and nontraditional literary activity, the major thematic concerns in women's writing, and the distinctive forms and language that may apply in works by women. NR

LIT 46: Intercultural Literature

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course examines the literature of people of an emergent culture (defined by gender, ethnicity, race, culture, orientation, or ideology) whose identity and concerns are traditionally ignored or stereotyped by the larger, dominant culture in which it exists. Special emphasis will be placed on the following (1) the relation between this literature and the traditional literary and critical canon by which it is ignored or marginalized; (2) the way the very existence of such literature challenges the validity of a traditional canon; (3) the way this literature works to define the cultural and personal identity of members of the emergent culture; and (4) the ways this literature works to revise the perception of this culture within the dominant culture. NR

LIT 47: Fable and Folktale

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Literature 47 examines traditional and contemporary fable and folktale across the world using various strategies of critical and literary analysis. Emphasis is on classic themes, motifs, and story types that persist in a wide variety of tales. Students will apply historical and current theoretical models to determine major themes and concerns of folk-based legendstock. NR

LIT 107: Children's Literature

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Literature 107 is a course surveying types of children's literature as they are encountered by children developmentally. Emphasis will be placed upon criteria for evaluating children's literature as distinct from adult literature and upon mechanisms for determining the use of literature in the psychological, cognitive, behavioral, social, and psychological advancement of children. This course is particularly designed for current or prospective teachers, parents, and English or liberal arts majors. NR

LIT 110: Popular Literature

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Literature 110 is a lower-division course in which students study a genre or theme within the field of popular literature. Topics proposed, developed, and approved by the Department of English encourage the study of popular literature through a provocative inquiry. Emphasis is given to the traditional roots of the selected genre of popular literature. R-E-3

ENGLISH (COLLEGE READING)

RD 171: Efficient and Flexible Reading

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Reading 171 is designed to improve reading comprehension, flexibility, and efficiency, and to expand college-level vocabulary. The course introduces strategies that allow students to match their rate of reading to the material and to their purpose. The course is intended for students who are proficient in basic reading skills. NR

RD 174: Critical Reading

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Wr. 1

Reading 174 addresses the relationship between critical reading and critical thinking. The course emphasizes the development of reading skills that facilitate the interpretation, analysis, criticism and advocacy of ideas encountered in academic, professional, and personal environments. NR

RD 270: Reading for College Success

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Corequisite: Rd. 271

Reading 270 is designed to prepare students for college-level reading. The course presents strategies for improving comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills, and introduces students to a variety of study techniques. Students practice these techniques using selections from textbooks in a variety of disciplines including the natural sciences, the social sciences, business and humanities. The course is recommended for students whose current reading level is between the seventh and eleventh grade. NR

RD 271: Reading Laboratory

.5 Unit

1 hour learning center

Corequisite: One of the following: Rd. 171, 174, 270; ESS 340, 345; Wr. 280

Reading Laboratory is a credit/no-credit auto-tutorial lab providing diagnosis and practice in comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, study skills, and reading rate. Specific course content varies according to student need and ability. Students will receive credit for successful completion of assignments designed, monitored, and evaluated by the faculty staffing the course. R-E-3

ENGLISH (SPECIAL SERVICES)

ESS 310: Basic English and Computer Skills

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Limitation: Placement in this course is based on learning disability assessment, eligibility, and an individual education plan.

This course is designed for students who are learning disabled and who need assistance in developing and writing multi-paragraph essays, employing listening skills in various activities, developing a comprehensive listening and writing vocabulary, and developing an understanding of analogies in reading literature. In addition, this course is designed for the student who needs extra assistance in acquiring word-processing skills for writing papers. The student will learn to use appropriate computer software. R-E-1

ESS 315: Learning Development Practicum

.5 Unit

2 hours lab

Limitation: Placement in this course is based on learning disability assessment, eligibility, and an individual education plan.

This course, intended for the student with learning disabilities, offers prescriptive instruction based on a diagnosis of individual need. Instruction focuses on remediating deficiencies in basic skills and developing compensatory study skills. This course is offered on a credit/no-credit basis. R-E-3

ESS 340: Word Analysis Techniques

2 Units

2 hours lecture

Limitation: Placement in this course is based on learning disability assessment, eligibility, and an individual education plan.

This course is designed to offer specialized prescriptive instruction in spelling and pronunciation to students with a history of difficulties in learning spelling. The course will teach the basic rules of spelling using a variety of learning strategies and modalities. ESS 340 is also listed as Writing 380; credit will be given in either area, not both. R-E-3

ESS 345: Basic Reading and Vocabulary Development

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Limitation: Placement in this course is based on learning disability assessment, eligibility, and an individual education plan.

This course is designed to improve a learning disabled student's overall reading and vocabulary skills. Using a variety of computer drills, the student will strengthen his/her reading comprehension, textbook reading, and vocabulary. R-E-1