

English 12 Course Outline

This online course develops advanced English Language Arts skills for high school graduation and postsecondary studies. Students explore literal and nonliteral meanings in stories and poems, and analyze facts and arguments in nonfiction prose. Students write free compositions, essays on stories and poems, and research papers on topics of their own choice. This is a 4-credit course, which students should expect to complete in 90 to 120 hours.

Required Resources

The student must have regular and reliable access to a computer with an Internet connection. There is no required textbook. All assignment instructions, lessons, readings, course information, and other important documents and links, are provided on the course website.

Assessment Strategies

There are four units, each with three assignments and one test. Assignments may be submitted from home or school, but password-protected tests are written at school. Students write tests at Columbia Square Education Centre or in Room 187 at New Westminster Secondary School.

For each unit, the student practices skills by writing and rewriting assignment responses. For each assignment, the student submits a response, the teacher replies with advice for improvement, the student resubmits, the teacher replies with further advice, and so on, until the student's response meets expectations for organization, content, and use of language.

After completing the assignments in each unit, the student writes the unit test. The midterm grade is based on the first two units (Composition and Fiction); the final grade, all four units. Both midterm and final grades are based 20% on assignment marks and 80% on tests marks.

Contact

Your teacher is Glenn Bullard. Please email him at gbullard@sd40.bc.ca with any questions or concerns, or with your suggestions for improving the course.

Further Information

On the course website, the 8-page PDF file, **Course Information**, includes sections on **Criteria and Expectations** (for student writing), **Understanding the Ten-Point Scale** (used to grade student writing), **Understanding My Grades, Interim Marks and Provincial Exams**, and **Plagiarism Self-Reports**. To request a copy of this 8-page PDF file before deciding to take the course, please email the teacher at gbullard@sd40.bc.ca.