**English 9 - Course Syllabus**

**Description:**
English 9 is a comprehensive introductory language arts course designed to create effective readers and writers. Students are presented with a wide variety of literary forms including short stories, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and novel excerpts. Through implementation of basic literary analysis skills, students understand and apply strategies to maximize reading comprehension and develop analytical skills. Analytical techniques include making inferences, applying visualization, predicting, and awareness of organizational patterns. Vocabulary development is interwoven in each module page and reading selection. Written literary analysis practice promotes student growth of previous learned writing skills.

**Textbook:** English 9 - Excel Education Systems, Inc.©

**Course objectives:**
Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:
- Read, examine and analyze a variety of literary genres
- Identify literary characteristics of specific genres
- Analyze and identify plot structure, character development, and author’s purpose
- Apply literary analysis skills to increase comprehension of a variety of genres
- Compare and contrast works of literature with similar themes
- Acquire new vocabulary identified in reading selections
- Demonstrate written proficiency in literary analysis
- Enhance expository and persuasive writing skills

**Contents:**

**Semester A**
- Unit 1: Elements of Narrative Structure
- Unit 2: Elements of Characterization
- Unit 3: Setting and Mood
- Unit 4: Literary Theme
- Unit 5: Author’s Purpose

**Semester B**
- Unit 6: Rhetorical Analysis
- Unit 7: Poetic Form
- Unit 8: Literary Humor
- Unit 9: Literature and History
- Unit 10: The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet
- Unit 11: The Odyssey

**Grading Scale**
- **A** = 90-100%
- **B** = 80-89%
- **C** = 70-79%
- **D** = 60-69%
- **F** = under 59%

**Grade Weighting**
- Quizzes… 30%
- Written Assignments 30%
- Final Exam 40%
- Total 100%