

# W.C. Miller Senior English Course Options

2022-2023

*Note: Students are required to take one English credit in each of their Grade 11 and Grade 12 years. Students are expected to take English courses at their grade level. They may take additional English credits, up to 3 per year with one from each focus area (ELT: Transactional Focus, ELC: Comprehensive Focus, ELL: Literary Focus). Each ELT: Transactional Focus courses may only be taken once each and only one Transactional Focus course may be taken at the 30S level and one at the 40S level.*

## **ELT: TRANSACTIONAL FOCUS**

*Prerequisite: ELA Grade 10 (20F)*

### **ELT: Public Speaking 30S/ELA: Public Speaking 40S**

In this course students will write, read, listen to, and watch many different forms of literature. As a core course, it emphasizes taking students' speaking and writing skills from wherever they are to as high a level as possible. This course will focus specifically on how we express our ideas verbally, how we present in front of others, and how we then listen in kind. Presentations could include motivational speeches, eulogies, lessons, debates, stories, rants, and interviews.

### **ELT: True Stories 30S/ELA: True Stories 40S**

This course will focus on Non-Fiction texts in a wide range of styles, including Memoirs, Autobiographies/Biographies, Eulogies, Articles, Editorials, Blogs, and Documentaries. These styles will be read, but also written, focusing on the types of writing that happen in our actual lives. As much as possible, these texts will be presented authentically, such as Letters to the Editor, blogs, resumes, business letters, letters of reference, and proposals.

## **ELC: COMPREHENSIVE FOCUS**

*Prerequisite: ELA Grade 10 (20F)*

### **ELC: Comprehensive Focus 30S/ ELA: Comprehensive Focus 40S**

This is a course in which students read, write, listen to, and watch many different forms of literature. There will be some emphasis put on writing designed to accomplish objectives that are pragmatic in nature. However, the majority of the course will focus on fiction's many genres. Possibilities include: mystery, gothic, horror, historical fiction, romance, tragedy, comedy, sci-fi, and fantasy. The study of a variety of forms will be included such as novel, poetry, drama, and short story. Work in this class will include some analytical and reflective work with these forms but will also move toward students writing their own creative compositions.

## **ELL: LITERARY FOCUS**

*Prerequisite: ELA Grade 10 (20F)*

### **ELL: Literary Focus 30S/ELA: Literary Focus 40S**

Literature is the branch of English that looks at our world's most important texts – the English canon. In this class we will study poetry, drama, short story, and novel, diving into Literary Theory and different ways of reading, exploring, and enjoying texts. Epic and classic texts will be balanced with important contemporary work. Types of writing will include reflections, creative writing, a reading journal, literary analysis, and argumentative and research essays.

- If you are planning to go to University at all, it is **important** to take this class at least once. It will prepare you for the reading and writing of higher education.