

OCS ENGLISH 1 SYLLABUS

TEACHER INFORMATION

Classroom Teacher: Mrs. Robb

Instructional Assistant: Ms. Dove

NCVPS Teacher: Mrs. Woodard

NCVPS TEACHER AND STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Welcome to class! I am looking forward to working with you! As your biggest fan and supporter in learning, I will ...

- grade assignments with meaningful feedback that is very specific and directive within 24 hours of submission. Assignments, such as essays, discussion forums, honors assignments, and research papers, may require longer than 24 hours for grading.
- respond to all Canvas messages within 24 hours. Responses are typically sent in less than 24 hours unless it's late at night or on a weekend. I want to work to get to know you better.
- post announcements to introduce and/or review the learning for the day and celebrate you and your classmates! I will do this daily, so it is very important that you review the announcements.
- provide individualized learning resources to help you learn the course material.

COURSE STANDARDS AND OVERVIEW

Course Standards

NCVPS courses follow the standards set by the state of North Carolina

Course Overview

The OCS English I course is intended for Occupational Course of Study (OCS) students who will be working with both their face-to-face classroom teacher and an NCPVS online teacher. This course is strategically aligned with North Carolina Standards for English I. Students will gain mastery of curricular concepts through a survey of world literature. Through textual analysis of literary genres including short stories, poetry, drama, epics, nonfiction, persuasion and argumentation, presentation techniques, cause and effect writing, and research focusing on career readiness, the student will explore, examine, and evaluate a wide variety of modes of expression. Technology skills will be honed through regular use of a variety of web tools and technical processes. Pre-Assessments will be used as diagnostic tools, Completion Activities and Formative Assessments will measure learning throughout the unit, and Mastery Assignments and Post-Assessments will measure mastery. This course is designed to be implemented in a blended learning environment with collaborative instruction delivered by an online highly-qualified English teacher as well as a face-to-face OCS teacher.

Final Exam

All students taking this course in a public or public charter school will complete the North Carolina Final Exam associated with English 1.

Course Prerequisite

There are no course prerequisites for OCS English I.

Course Outline

Unit One: Narrative Elements

- Lesson 1: Plot Elements
- Lesson 2: Inferences and Arguments
- Lesson 3: Subject-Verb Agreement, Parallel Structure

Unit 2: Writing a Narrative

- Lesson 1: Narratives, Novel Elements, and Persuasion
- Lesson 2: Symbolism and Theme

Unit 3: Analyzing Text

- Lesson 1: *Romeo and Juliet* Foil, pun, and oxymoron
- Lesson 2: *Romeo and Juliet* Conflict
- Lesson 3: Avoiding Sentence Fragments and Run-on Sentences

Unit 4: Heros in Fiction and Non-Fiction

- Lesson 1: *The Odyssey* Epics, Comparative Text/Media, Characterization, Sequencing, Cause and Effect
- Lesson 2: Main Idea and Author's Purpose

Unit 5: Usage and Mechanics

- Lesson 1: Commonly Confused Words
- Lesson 2: Capitalization and End Punctuation
- Lesson 3: Comma Usage

Unit 6: Explore: Find Your Career

- Lesson 1: Research Basics Using Careers
- Lesson 2: Paragraph Structure
- Lesson 3: Using Quotation Marks
- Lesson 4: Presenting Your Research

Unit 7- Poetry

- Lesson 1: Sonnets and Personification
- Lesson 2: Theme and Ballads

Grading Information

Students will complete activities online and in google classroom. Grades will be based on the school's grading scale and the classroom teacher's gradebook.

Communication Policy

All communication should occur in the *Messages* system in Canvas. This function works just like e-mail. Messages received from students on Monday through Thursday will be answered within 24 hours. Messages sent on Friday through the weekend will be answered by Monday.

Course Specific Information

Students are encouraged to communicate with the online teacher through messages within the course.

