

Group 1

English Language and Literature

Course Description

The Language and Literature course is split into 4 parts. 2 parts of the course focus on language and its cultural context and connections to mass communication and 2 parts focus on reading and analysing literature from a wide range of literary and non-literary texts in a variety of media.

5 important skills you will need to develop in this class:

1. Producing different styles/types of texts. (purpose and audience dependent)
2. Investigating and Analyzing different types of texts to better understand the nature of language itself and the ways in which it shapes and is influenced by identity and culture
3. Writing in a clear, concise and accurate manner.
4. Speaking in a clear, concise, effective and accurate manner
5. Synthesizing different ideas to show understanding

What is the difference between HL and SL?

The course differs with the added texts analyzed, and the added assessment requirements in relation to written tasks and exams.

SL students are required to study four literary works and a number of non-literary texts whereas HL students are required to study six literary works and a number of non-literary texts.

In paper one (A guided textual analysis) both SL and HL students are presented with two previously unseen non-literary extracts or texts from different text types, each accompanied by a guiding question.

In paper two (A comparative essay) both SL and HL students are required to write a comparative essay based on two literary works studied in the course

In addition, HL students will have to write an essay that requires students to explore a line of inquiry in relation to a studied non-literary text or texts or a literary text or work. The outcome of this exploration is a 1200-1500- word essay in which HL students are expected to demonstrate a deeper understanding of the nature of linguistic or literary study.