



Teacher: Ms. Acosta
Language & Literature DP I: Syllabus
Conference Period: 7th Period
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Language and Literature DP 1 Course Rationale:

Language and Literature is a two-year course that focuses on the study and appreciation of language and literature across our culture and the cultures of other societies. The course aims at studying the complex and dynamic nature of language and exploring both its practical and aesthetic dimensions. The course will explore the crucial role language plays in communication, reflecting experience and shaping the world, and the roles of individuals themselves as producers of language. Throughout the course, students will explore the various ways in which language choices, text types, literary forms and contextual elements all affect meaning. Through close analysis of various text types and literary forms, students will consider their own interpretations, as well as the critical perspectives of others, to explore how such positions are shaped by cultural belief systems and to negotiate meanings for texts. Burbank High School's goal is to increase the number of students who graduate from the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and our hope is that this is one of the many classes that will lead you to achieving that goal. For more details about the curriculum, please click this [link](#).

Grade Breakdown:

Daily Assignments 60%

Test/Projects 40%

You may access grades through our Frontline system. Progress reports are available every 3rd and 6th week.

Absences and Tardies:

To receive course credit, it is imperative to attend class and participate during class projects and discussions. Per TEA guidelines a student must be present **90%** of the time to receive credit for a course; extenuating circumstances must be communicated to and will be considered by our attendance committee. Arrive on time to class so that you do not miss out on instructional time. Please note, arriving fifteen minutes or later will be considered an absence.

Late Work:

You have **2 days** to make up any missing assignments (for excused/unexcused absences) without penalty. After two day, the penalty for late work is a follows:

The highest grade a late assignment can earn is a 70

Tutoring:

Mondays 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm & Thursdays 8:10 am - 8:30 am or by appointment. Please communicate your needs with me and do not wait until the last minute to set up an appointment.

Classroom Management:

All students are expected to adhere and comply with district rules and policies. Please refer to the [Parent-Student Handbook](#) regarding any concerns.



**Ms. Acosta
Lang. and Lit. DP I
Classroom Rules**



Be Respectful

1. Listen and learn when others are speaking(earbuds and phones should be out of sight).
2. Treat classmates, classroom and class materials with courtesy.
3. Use appropriate language at all times.

Act Responsibly

4. Follow directions the first time they are given.
5. Arrive on time to class with all necessary materials

Remember Safety

6. When a substitute is present, make sure to follow all instructions.
7. Do not put up before the bell, I will instruct you when to do so.

Kindness Matters!

8. Give your best every day.
9. Encourage your classmates.
10. Maintain a positive attitude.

Supplies:

1. Chromebook and charger
2. Writing Utensil-Blue/black ink or pencil
3. Composition Book

Consequences:

Step 1: I will address you respectfully so that we can better understand each other's perspectives.

Step 2: We will have a mini conference to see what support is needed.

Step 3: I will contact a parent or guardian if behavior doesn't improve.

Step 4: We will contact a school counselor, administrator, or other school personnel to figure out ways to help you be successful.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have received and read the 2023-2024 IB course syllabus for the course shown above. I understand the course requirements and agree to comply by the contents of the syllabus.