

## Florida Department of Education

## COURSE DESCRIPTION - GRADES 9-12, ADULT

**Subject Area:** Language Arts  
**Course Number:** 1001320  
**Course Title:** English Honors I  
**Credit:** 1.0

**Will meet graduation requirements for English**

**Basic Assumptions for Language Arts Education:**

- Reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing competencies are integrated throughout students' learning experiences.
- Benchmarks for the Sunshine State Standards are repeated as needed in course sequences. As students progress from one course to the next, increases should occur in the complexity of materials and tasks and in the students' independence in the application of skills and strategies.
- Learning tasks and materials accommodate the individual needs of students.
- Technology is available for students to develop competencies in the language arts.

**A. Major Concepts/Content.** The purpose of this course is to provide integrated educational experiences in the language arts strands of reading, writing, listening, viewing, speaking, language, and literature.

The content should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- using reading strategies to construct meaning from informative, technical, and literary texts
- acquiring an extensive vocabulary through reading, discussion, listening, and systematic word study
- using process writing strategies, student inquiry, and self-monitoring techniques
- using speaking, listening, and viewing strategies in formal presentations and informal discussions
- understanding and responding to a variety of literary forms
- understanding and using language successfully to impact readers, writers, listeners, speakers, and viewers

This course shall integrate the Goal 3 Student Performance Standards of the Florida System of School Improvement and Accountability as appropriate to the content and processes of the subject matter.

- B. Special Note.** Students earning credit in English Honors I may not earn credit in English Skills I, English I, or English I Through ESOL.

The course requirements for this honors course are consistent with English I, Course Number 1001310. The district shall develop a description of additional requirements to provide for in-depth or enriched study of the course requirements.

- C. Course Requirements.** These requirements include the benchmarks from the Sunshine State Standards that are most relevant to this course.

**After successfully completing this course, the student will:**

- 1. Use reading strategies effectively to construct meaning from a range of technical, informative, and literary texts.**
  - LA.A.1.4.1 select and use prereading strategies that are appropriate to the text, such as discussion, making predictions, brainstorming, generating questions, and previewing to anticipate content, purpose, and organization of a reading selection.
  - LA.A.1.4.2 select and use strategies to understand words and text, and to make and confirm inferences from what is read, including interpreting diagrams, graphs, and statistical illustrations.
  - LA.A.1.4.3 refine vocabulary for interpersonal, academic, and workplace situations, including figurative, idiomatic, and technical meanings.
  - LA.A.1.4.4 apply a variety of response strategies, including rereading, note taking, summarizing, outlining, writing a formal report, and relating what is read to his or her own experiences and feelings.
  - LA.A.2.4.1 determine the main idea and identify relevant details, methods of development, and their effectiveness in a variety of types of written material.
  - LA.A.2.4.2 determine the author's purpose and point of view and their effects on text.
  - LA.A.2.4.4 locate, gather, analyze, and evaluate written information for a variety of purposes, including research projects, real-world tasks, and self-improvement.
  - LA.A.2.4.5 identify devices of persuasion and methods of appeal and their effectiveness.

- LA.A.2.4.6 select and use appropriate study and research skills and tools according to the type of information being gathered or organized, including almanacs, government publications, microfiche, news sources, and information services.
- LA.A.2.4.7 analyze the validity and reliability of primary source information and use the information appropriately.
- LA.A.2.4.8 synthesize information from multiple sources to draw conclusions.

**2. Use process writing strategies effectively to meet the needs of a variety of audiences, writers, and types of information being communicated.**

- LA.B.1.4.1 select and use appropriate prewriting strategies, such as brainstorming, graphic organizers, and outlining.
- LA.B.1.4.2 draft and revise writing that
- is focused, purposeful, and reflects insight into the writing situation;
  - has an organizational pattern that provides for a logical progression of ideas;
  - has effective use of transitional devices that contribute to a sense of completeness;
  - has support that is substantial, specific, relevant, and concrete;
  - demonstrates a commitment to and involvement with the subject;
  - uses creative writing strategies as appropriate to the purpose of the paper;
  - demonstrates a mature command of language with precision of expression;
  - has varied sentence structure; and
  - has few, if any, convention errors in mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling.
- LA.B.1.4.3 produce final documents that have been edited for
- correct spelling;
  - correct punctuation, including commas, colons, and common use of semicolons;
  - correct capitalization;
  - correct sentence formation;
  - correct instances of possessives, subject/verb agreement, instances of noun/pronoun agreement, and the intentional use of fragments for effect; and

- correct formatting that appeals to readers, including appropriate use of a variety of graphics, tables, charts, and illustrations in both standard and innovative forms.

LA.B.2.4.2 organize information using appropriate systems.

LA.B.2.4.3 write fluently for a variety of occasions, audiences, and purposes, making appropriate choices regarding style, tone, level of detail, and organization.

**3. Select and use appropriate speaking, listening, and viewing skills to clarify and interpret meaning in both formal and informal situations.**

LA.C.1.4.1 select and use appropriate listening strategies according to the intended purpose, such as solving problems, interpreting and evaluating the techniques and intent of a presentation, and take action in career-related situations.

LA.C.1.4.2 describe, evaluate, and expand personal preferences in listening to fiction, drama, literary nonfiction, and informational presentations.

LA.C.1.4.3 use effective strategies for informal and formal discussions, including listening actively and reflectively, connecting to and building on the ideas of a previous speaker, and respecting the viewpoints of others.

LA.C.1.4.4 identify bias, prejudice, or propaganda in oral messages.

LA.C.2.4.1 determine main concept and supporting details in order to analyze and evaluate nonprint media messages.

LA.C.2.4.2 understand factors that influence the effectiveness of nonverbal cues used in nonprint media, such as the viewer's past experiences and preferences, and the context in which the cues are presented.

LA.C.3.4.1 use volume, stress, pacing, enunciation, eye contact, and gestures that meet the needs of the audience and topic.

LA.C.3.4.2 select and use a variety of speaking strategies to clarify meaning and to reflect understanding, interpretation, application, and evaluation of content, processes, or experiences (including asking relevant questions when necessary, making appropriate and meaningful comments, and making insightful observations).

LA.C.3.4.3 use details, illustrations, analogies, and visual aids to make oral presentations that inform, persuade, or entertain.

LA.C.3.4.4 apply oral communication skills to interviews, group presentations, formal presentations, and impromptu situations.

LA.C.3.4.5 develop and sustain a line of argument and provide appropriate support.

**4. Understand the common features of a variety of literary forms.**

LA.E.1.4.1 identify the characteristics that distinguish literary forms.

LA.E.1.4.3 identify universal themes prevalent in the literature of all cultures.

LA.E.1.4.4 understand the characteristics of major types of drama.

LA.E.1.4.5 understand the different stylistic, thematic, and technical qualities present in the literature of different cultures and historical periods.

**5. Respond critically and aesthetically to literature.**

LA.A.2.4.3 describe and evaluate personal preferences regarding fiction and nonfiction.

LA.E.2.4.1 analyze the effectiveness of complex elements of plot, such as setting, major events, problems, conflicts, and resolutions.

LA.E.2.4.2 understand the relationships between and among elements of literature, including characters, plot, setting, tone, point of view, and theme.

LA.E.2.4.3 analyze poetry for the ways in which poets inspire the reader to share emotions, such as the use of imagery, personification, and figures of speech, including simile and metaphor; and the use of sound, such as rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration.

LA.E.2.4.6 recognize and explain those elements in texts that prompt a personal response, such as connections between one's own life and the characters, events, motives, and causes of conflict in texts.

**6. Demonstrate understanding and use of appropriate language for effective visual, oral, and written communication.**

LA.D.1.4.1 apply an understanding that language and literature are primary means by which culture is transmitted.

LA.D.1.4.2 make appropriate adjustments in language use for social, academic, and life situations, demonstrating sensitivity to gender and cultural bias.

LA.D.2.4.1 understand specific ways in which language has shaped the reactions, perceptions, and beliefs of the local, national, and global communities.

LA.D.2.4.2 understand the subtleties of literary devices and techniques in the comprehension and creation of communication.

**7. Select and use a variety of electronic media to create, revise, retrieve, and verify information.**

LA.B.2.4.1 write text, notes, outlines, comments, and observations that demonstrate comprehension and synthesis of content, processes, and experiences from a variety of media.

LA.B.2.4.2 organize information using appropriate systems.

LA.B.2.4.4 select and use a variety of electronic media, such as the Internet, information services, and desktop-publishing software programs, to create, revise, retrieve, and verify information.

**8. Demonstrate understanding of the impact of mass media and the regulations that govern its use.**

LA.D.2.4.5 critically analyze specific elements of mass media with regard to the extent to which they enhance or manipulate information.

LA.D.2.4.6 understand that laws control the delivery and use of media to protect the rights of authors and the rights of media owners.