

English Language B Program

Course Overview, 9th Grade MYP

This course is designed to acquaint second language learners (English) with techniques leading to proficiency and subsequent mastery, as prescribed by International Baccalaureate (IB) instructional philosophy and its classroom implementation. This process involves reading, writing, listening, and speaking objectives that are then crossed on interdisciplinary subjects which include science, math, history, and the humanities.

The syllabus is constructed to provide holistic learning practices while strengthening students' skill building in grammatical correctness, advanced writing techniques, and public speaking.

At the forefront of this approach is the desire to bolster students' abilities to think critically and to widen their knowledge base. Further, it is to supplement their linguistic capabilities using real life experiences in order to prepare them for post-secondary school settings on an international level.

In addition, this course seeks to link families, community, faculty, and administrative staff with student successes through public performances, intercommunication with parents and other interested parties. The highlight of this term will be a 'capstone' project intended for public viewing.

Particular attention is being paid to ensure the highest levels of scholastic achievement through well-developed and well-defined professional teaching practices.

Included below is the spring 2010 term course syllabus.

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Unit 1: History Focus

- Week 1: "My Arabic Name as Living History"
- Week 2: "The Third Saudi: Recent History and Its Repercussions"
- Week 3: "The Exponential Growth of the Kingdom: The Impact of Change"
- Week 4: "The Kingdom's Role in the 21st Century"

Unit 2: English Language and the Biological Sciences

- Week 5: "The Physical Body: Its Function and Role"
- Week 6: "The Heart: A Metaphor for Courage"
- Week 7: "Spiritual Maintenance of the Physical Body"
- Week 8: "The Aging Process: A Continuum Worthy of Respect"

Unit 3: English Language and the Humanities

- Week 9: "The Art and Craft of Reading: Strategies for Life"
- Week 10: "Writing as a Lifeline to Personal Development"
- Week 11: "Speaking: Creating the Professional Self"
- Week 12: "Listening: The Building Blocks of Wisdom"

Unit 4: English Language—Mathematics Focus

- Week 13: "Applied Math and Astronomy"
- Week 14: "Physics for Everyday Use"
- Week 15: "The Universe: Math, Science and Islam"
- Week 16: "New Developments in Math Theory"

Unit 5: English Language Assessment

- Week 17: "The Semester in Review: Preparation for Meaningful Test Strategies"
- Week 18: "Testing to Win—a TOEFL Forum"