

STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION  
English 261

Section I

Subject Area and Course Number: English 261

Course Title: Literature of the Bible

Course Catalog Description:

Readings and analysis of literature from the Bible. Themes, forms and imagery of Biblical writings will be discussed and related to other literature and the arts. Prerequisite: English 102.

Lecture Hours per week: 3

Credits per course: 3

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- Course Objectives:
1. To provide students with an opportunity to concentrate on one of the world's most important collections of texts: the Bible.
  2. To illustrate the wide range of literary genres and themes in Biblical literature.
  3. To study the enduring influence of Biblical texts on literature, art and music.

SECTION II

Course Scope and Content:

- A. Scope: Students read generous selections from the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, and they analyze/discuss them for form and content. Students also trace the influence of selected passages on literature, art and music.
- B. Required Work: Readings are assigned from the Bible and secondary sources. There is a mid-term and a final examination. Students also write a series of brief papers, or one research paper.
- C. Attendance/Participation: Attendance is required at all classes in accordance with College policy. Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions.
- D. Methods of Instruction: Instruction methods are determined by the teacher and may include lectures/discussions and films, along with conference hours.
- E. Methods of Evaluation: Grades for the course are based on written reports, examinations and class participation, including attendance.
- F. Required texts: The Bible (Authorized "King James" version preferred)