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SYLLABUS

**Course Number and Title: AP 524.300 Preparing Students for the AP Exam:
English Literature and Composition**

Attendance Policy: The classes will meet from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Friday during the week of July 9-13, 2018. All classes must be attended in order to receive credit.

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A man's reach should exceed his grasp.

Course Description:

This course will combine the examination of methodology and content with sharing ideas, developing strategies, and reviewing samples from the 2018 AP exam. Hands-on strategies can be introduced immediately into participants' own courses. Participants can expect interactive sessions where they learn and practice the basics that are essential in implementing a successful AP English Literature course with their students. This course uses College Board-developed materials, as well as other resources and guest speakers, to expand the participants' knowledge base and to provide a framework for teachers in developing a curriculum.

Course Objectives: The course will prepare the AP English Literature teacher to:

- ***Gain familiarity with the strategies necessary to prepare for success on the AP English Literature Exam***
- ***Create lessons which will increase students' skills in analytical reading and writing***
- ***Become familiar with the structure and grading of the AP English Literature Exam***
- ***Share strategies which will lead to AP success***
- ***Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills***

Additionally, the course will meet the following Graduate Program in Education standards:

- ***Demonstrate the ability to incorporate theory and research into practice related to the area of specialization***
- ***Use reflective practice within the area of specialization***
- ***Apply knowledge of psychological and educational theory, research, and/or philosophy related to the area of specialization***
- ***Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills related to the area of specialization***

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Required Text

Morrison, Toni Song of Solomon

Class Schedule

Monday

Introductions and Expectations

What is AP? (Size of class, Student selection, Expectations, Books chosen)

The AP Syllabus

Levels of Questions (Cisneros and Soto), Jones

SOAPStone (Hayden and Millay), Wordsworth

Argumentation and Thesis (Hardy, Remarque, and Levertov), Roethke and Hayden

Homework (Vertical Team Definitions)

Tuesday

Recap

The Multiple Choice Question

Creating Prompts

The Essay

Homework- Review Song of Solomon

Wednesday

Recap

Song of Solomon

The Reading

Alternative Texts for AP

Homework – Choosing a Text

Thursday

Recap

Formulating Lesson Plans

Student Presentations

Friday

Recap

E. Ethelbert Miller

Review and Evaluation

Next Steps

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Description of Requirements for Graduate Credit:

The student will:

- **Present a lesson during the course which will enhance a student's critical reading and writing skills.**
- **Submit (Postmarked by July 23, 2018) a lesson on a text of your choosing and the proscribed text that clearly meet the objectives of the AP Literature course.**
- **Submit (Postmarked by July 23, 2018) an essay of from 500-750 words that articulates your philosophy for teaching the course.**

All submissions should be mailed or emailed to:

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Instructions to receive a transcript of credits earned after the completion of the course:

Goucher College does not issue grade reports. You can obtain your grade approximately 3 weeks after concluding the course by going to the myGoucher website (myGoucher) and following the prompts to receive your grade. If you have misplaced your password, please contact the help desk (helpdesk@goucher.edu) and they will help you through this procedure.

If you need a paper copy of grades for tuition reimbursement, you will need to request a transcript in writing. You can fax your request to Student Administrative Services (SAS) at 410-337-6504 or mail to SAS at:

**Goucher College, SAS
1021 Dulaney Valley Road
Baltimore, MD 21204**

There is no charge for this request. Please allow 3-5 working days to process. To access the transcript request form, please go to <http://www.goucher.edu/x1891.xml>

Questions? Please call Shelley Johnson or Barbara Bisset at 410-337-6200.