

English T

Rationale

Literature is the study of different texts and the many themes, symbols and devices that are used to create them. To me Literature is a powerful expression of deeper level of understanding of human thoughts and emotions. Literature teaches you to enlighten, persuade, express emotion, analyse, critique and to enjoy the power of stories.[1]

Curriculum

At ISS students can take the Australian Capital Territory Literature T Course. Prerequisites for this course would be completion of the IGCSE English to Year 10 level.

Literature focuses on the study of literary texts, developing students as independent, innovative and creative learners and thinkers, who appreciate the aesthetic use of language, evaluate perspectives and evidence, and challenge ideas and interpretations. *Literature* explores how literary texts shape perceptions of the world and enable us to enter other worlds of the imagination. In this subject students actively participate in the dialogue and detail of literary analysis and the creation of imaginative and analytical texts in a range of modes, mediums and forms.[2]

Topics included are diverse and are based around four units of study:

Unit 1 – Ways of Reading and Creating

Unit 2 – Intertextuality

Unit 3 – Power of Literature

Unit 4 – Literary Interpretations

Where does it lead to?

The *Literature* course has been developed to highlight not only analytical and critical thinking, but to demonstrate to students the power of stories. The ACT BSSS *Literature* course can provide a pathway to tertiary education, particularly in the field of arts and literature. There are a range of exciting careers that utilise learning in literature. These can include: communications, media, journalism, publishing and writing, teaching, advertising, marketing and public relations.

[1] Reflection from a student.

[2] Excerpt taken from the Board of Senior Secondary Studies Literature course document.