

Course Description

In the Preliminary English (ESL) course, students acquire and develop specific English language skills, knowledge and understanding by exploring a range of texts which include prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and/or multimedia, as well as Australian texts. Through this close study of text, students develop their understanding of the ways ideas and processes are represented in texts.

In the HSC English (ESL) course, students reinforce and extend their language skills through the close study of at least three types of prescribed texts drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and multimedia and a wide range of additional related texts and textual forms. Through this close study of texts, students develop and apply skills in synthesis.

Main Topics Covered

Preliminary Course - The course has two sections:

- Language Study within Areas of Study, which is undertaken through a unit of work called an Area of Study. Students acquire and develop their specific English language skills, knowledge and understanding through exploration of an idea or process represented in texts. The Area of Study comprises 60% of the content.
- Electives where students develop and use their English language skills in their examination and analysis of particular aspects of shaping meaning. The Electives comprise 40% of the content.

Particular Course Requirements

In the **Preliminary English (ESL) Course** students are required to:

- study Australian and other texts
- explore a range of types of text drawn from: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction; film, media, multimedia texts
- undertake wide reading programs involving texts and textual forms composed in and for a variety of contexts
- integrate the modes of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing and representing as appropriate
- engage in the integrated study of language and text.

Faculty: English

BOS Course No: 15150

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course.

Exclusions: English (Standard); English (Advanced); English (Extension)



Eligibility rules apply. Please ask your teacher to check the Stage 6 English syllabus.