



Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements

**Interpretation of Achievement Scale – Advanced Fiction Levels 5-8**

*The goal of Advanced Fiction is for students to become familiar with fiction texts and the unique way of reading them while improving their overall enjoyment of reading in English. This course is designed for upper levels, and specifically for those students who have an interest in English-language stories and their cultural significance. By the end of Advanced Fiction, students will be able to:*

- Read works of English-language fiction, both short stories and longer novels
- Understand works of fiction within the context of overarching literary themes
- Identify important literary terms as they appear in works of fiction
- Analyze individual passages and/or quotations in a fiction text in order to answer specific questions.
- Compare and contrast literary elements in disparate fiction texts.
- Connect background knowledge about a fiction text to the information given in the text.
- Infer unstated ideas from the information given in a fiction text.
- Answer basic comprehension questions about fiction texts.

**Advanced Fiction Teaching Objectives:**

1. Familiarize students with important literary elements and their functions within fiction texts:
  - 1.1. Character, setting, plot
  - 1.2. Symbolism and figurative language
  - 1.3. Irony, foreshadowing, hyperbole, connotation
  - 1.4. Theme
2. Improve students' ability to infer meaning from unstated material
  - 2.1. Author's meaning
  - 2.2. Story's meaning
3. Develop students' ability to apply background knowledge to their interpretations of texts
  - 3.1. Knowledge about the author
  - 3.2. Knowledge about setting in which the story takes place
4. Improve students' overall enjoyment of reading in general, and reading fiction in particular

**Course Evaluation**

Projects	20%
Tests	15%
Quizzes	40%
Comprehensive Final Exam	25%



**Advanced Fiction Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:**

Students will be able to:

- F1.1 Distinguish between key literary terms in order to answer specific questions.**
- F1.2 Identify the use of key literary terms as they appear in a fiction text.**
- F1.3 Infer unstated ideas from the information given in a fiction text.**
- F1.4 Connect background knowledge about a fiction text to the information given in the text, in order to answer specific questions.**
- F1.5 Analyze individual passages and/or quotations in a fiction text in order to answer specific questions.**
- F1.6 Compare and contrast literary elements in disparate fiction texts.**
- F1.7 Correctly identify figurative language in a fiction text.**
- F1.8 Answer basic comprehension questions about fiction texts.**

**Grading Scale**

SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
S 71 - 100	U 0 -70
The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is generally accurate and is characterized by competence in the SLOs listed above.	The student does not demonstrate level-appropriate English ability and is incompetent in the SLOs listed above.

**Advanced Fiction Requirements Passing**

- Students must pass the class with a cumulative grade of C- (71%) or better.