



Bloomington High School is a diverse community that supports lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens in our global society. Together we will provide a safe environment that guides students to reach their full potential in pursuit of academic and personal fulfillment.

**Course Title:** 01031-2 Freshman Literature and Composition (Year, 1 credit)

**Course Description:** This year long course in the study of reading comprehension, analysis, and written composition for the student who has average to above average reading and writing skills. It is designed to improve the student's ability to write clearly and effectively. Writing process will be analyzed and practiced. This course also examines the genres of the short story, drama, classical heritage, and the novel. Spelling, vocabulary, and composition skills will be reinforced.

- *Mythology (The Odyssey and various myths)*
- *Drama / Tragedy (Romeo and Juliet)*
- *Nonfiction (Our America, American Born Chinese)*
- *Modern Fiction (Of Mice and Men)*

**Required Readings May Include:**

Textbook

The Odyssey

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet

Our America

American Born Chinese

The Hate You Give

Of Mice and Men

**BHS Grading Scale and Policy:**

The semester final grade is obtained from running semester grade (80%) and the semester final exam grade (20%). This means that you will have already earned 80% of your final grade by the time you reach semester exams. Semester exams are required. [BHS Handbook, pg. 17](#)

**90-100% = A**

**80-89% = B**

**70-79% = C**

**60-69% = D**

**Below 60% = F**

**BHS Makeup Work Policy:**

All students are expected to do makeup work in a timely fashion. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments prior to a pre-arranged absence, and immediately upon return for all other absences. General rule: one day absence affords one day to complete formative makeup work. For summative, students should expect to complete on the day of return. Failure to complete makeup work by the teacher deadline will result in a zero/missing in Gradebook. [BHS Handbook, pg. 37](#).

**Discussing Controversial Issues in the Classroom:**

The guidelines set forth by the District 87 Board Policy 6.070 will be used handling controversial issues in the classroom. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.