**Introduction to English Studies**

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Monday and Wednesday: 9.30 AM- 10.45 AM

Merrill Hall 211

This class is an introduction to reading and writing about literature and culture. We will read a range of contemporary books, including two novels, a play, a book of poetry, short stories, and a young adult work of fiction. In other words, we will explore all the major genres of literature. We will also learn to use different literary theories, or ways of interpreting texts. For example, we will learn to place a novel in its social context. We will also learn how an author’s life influences the creation of a literary work. We will also study the formal technical devices that the books employ, as well as the motivations and desires of the fictional characters.

In this class, we will read and enjoy modern literature. You will become better academic writers, and you will develop your skills as public speakers by asking questions and debating your classmates. You will also conduct research on the selected texts.

I have not selected the books yet, but they all will be popular, contemporary texts.