Name of the Course:

PREP ADVANCED WRITING (6 hours)

Objectives:

The objective of this course is to enable students to become effective writers in the English language. Students should be able to express themselves competently and confidently in a variety of genres within a Pre IB syllabus. Work is assessed on the analytic scoring guide.

Course Description:

The Advanced Writing course affords the student direct instruction and practice time to develop their skills in writing. Over the course of the academic year, students complete writing tasks in a variety of genres. The units are creative and anlalytical and include: poetry writing, novella writing, expository essays, persuasive essays, and narrative writing. Throughout the course, vocabulary is studied in depth; special attention is given to etymology. Students work in pairs and small groups. In addition to writing, students work on speaking, active listening, and critical viewing skills.

Books and Resources:

The course utilized Vocabulary Workshop (C) as its language development text. Other resources include TED talks, the NaNoWriMo (Office of Letters and Light) workbook, published speeches, and exemplar essays.

Assessment:

Assessment is conducted via the six-strand analytic scoring guide. Work is assessed on: topic development, organization, support, sentence structure, word choice, and mechanics.

TOPIC	CONTENT	TIME (month and no of weeks)
Poetry	An original poetry collection is created by the students.	September-October
Novella Writing	NaNoWriMo novella writing: an original novel written by student.	November-December
Expository Writing	Expository Essay Writing Unit covers the skills and approaches to writing an expository essay.	December-January
Narrative Writing	Original narrative piece on a topic of choice.	February-March
Persuasive Writing	Persuasive Essay Writing Unit teaches rhetoric and approaches to writing a persuasive essay.	March-April
Vocabulary Festival/NaNoRedux	Students use CreateSpace publishing to publish their novels; end-of-year vocabulary wrap up.	May-June