

## Academic Literacy

9th-12th Grade (10 Credits)

- *Meets high school graduation requirement for Elective*
- *Meets the UC/CSU subject area "Elective" requirement*



### General Information

#### Description

Academic Literacy is a course designed to support students in their content area courses by enriching their skills in academic vocabulary, reading, writing and discussion skills and English Language Arts content standards. The course is specially designed to meet the needs of English learners who are taking mainstream courses, such as recent immigrants or Long Term English Learners (ELs who have been in the country for six years or more). The course is also recommended for English-only students who are struggling in their content area courses due to basic or below basic grade level reading and writing skills. Academic Literacy is NOT a study skills or homework help course, but rather a course designed to improve the language and literacy skills of students whose primary goal is to gain academic proficiency: "Possession of strategies for gaining subject matter knowledge and acquiring language are the tools necessary for autonomy, which is the primary goal of education" (Stephen Krashen, USC, 2007)

In addition to the curriculum, students develop a 4 Year Plan, explore career options and do a university research project. Students will also prepare for standardized tests.

### Course Materials

READ 180

English 3D