

**THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF STAVANGER**  
**Course Outline 2008-2009**

**Course Title:** English 9

**Teachers:** Ms. Hulks, Mr. Quale

**Course Description:**

English 9 is a course designed to inspire students to develop and progress in their use of the English language and their study of literature. Students will also read and analyze poetry, drama, short stories, novels and nonfiction. The course is organized with a thematic focus, using essential questions to guide the students' understanding of the world in a larger context. Students will use the writing process to develop essays, including analytical writing, personal writing and directed writing. Students will learn and demonstrate an understanding of basic oral/aural communication processes and organization. This will include the ability to understand and express ideas in large and small group settings.

Units	Essential Questions
<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> - JD Salinger "I" Search Research Project <i>The Odyssey</i> - Homer Film Studies--Various	What makes a hero? What challenges will I face on my journey?
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> --Shakespeare Multicultural Poetry--Various <i>Talking in Whispers</i> --James Watson	Is conflict necessary for change? Is change necessary for growth?

**Grading:**

Assessment of the grade 9 English course will follow the English department guidelines which will include oral and written assessments, class participation, and exams given at the end of each semester.

Your semester grades will be determined by the following:

Formal exams: **20%**

All other work, including continuous oral assessment, formal writing, and class work: **80%\***

*\*The exact determination of your grade will vary according to the curriculum focus of the quarter.*

**Class Expectations:**

- Students will be expected to do 30-40 minutes of homework per session.
- In an effort to encourage academic responsibility, teachers will note tardiness, late work, and a lack of preparation. Four incidents will result in a detention.
- Students will be expected to follow the ISS English Department Code of Ethics. Teachers may contact parents if these expectations are not met.

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