

# University of Dallas

## Advanced Placement Institute

*English Literature and Composition*  
July 6 – 10, 2010

### The 2010 AP Summer Institute: English Literature and Composition

**Course Description:** The goal of the AP Literature course is to explore a sequence of strategies that show students how to acquire the skills found in the top scoring essays on the literature exam. Teachers will progress through a sequence of instructional strategies designed to develop essays marked by their use of concrete elaboration, perceptive interpretative commentary, and execution of effective compositional skills - clear thesis statement and topic sentences, along with unified and coherent paragraphs. Course activities will involve the modeling of daily lesson plans seeking to reinforce the strategies necessary to interpret and write about all aesthetic forms of writing.

Topics will include the following:

1. Developing an analytical-interpretive voice
2. The composition strategies found in the "9" essay
3. Developing a sophisticated syntax—weaving grammar into the writing process

#### Lead Consultant

In his twentieth year as an educator, Michael E. Degen, Ph.D., currently teaches AP Literature, Pre-AP English II, and English III at Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas, Texas. He has presented nationally for NTCE and ASCD, state conventions in Texas and Kentucky, and numerous College Board conferences and institutes.

Additionally, he has read for the AP Literature exam for four years. Furthermore, he is the author of two books: *Crafting Expository Argument* and *Prospero's Magic*.

What participants should bring:

Participants should bring 30 copies of their most effective assignment / class activity to share with other teachers.

**Times:** Classes meet 8:30am to 4:30pm, with an hour for lunch, Tuesday through Friday. Saturday classes meet from 8:30am to 12:00 noon at which time the Institute will conclude. Certificates of attendance will be provided. College credit is not available.

**Tuition:** Tuition is \$450 including lunch and printed materials. Texas Public School teachers may apply for a state-funded reimbursement of \$450. The University has set aside one tuition scholarship per private school.

**Housing:** Dorm accommodations include Monday supper, three meals per day, Tuesday- Friday, and breakfast on Saturday. Phone jacks are in each room. Rooms are located on floors with community baths (each room has its own sink). All facilities are air-conditioned. Dorm residents may check in on Monday afternoon, July 5. A possible excursion to one of the local museums is included. Room and Board is \$300.

**Registration:** Application and payment for the AP Summer Institute must be received by July 1, 2010. No refunds will be made after this date. Make checks payable to "UD APSI." Mail, fax, or call your interest/reservation.

**Addresses:** APSI, University of Dallas, Braniff Graduate Office, Carpenter Hall, 1845 E. Northgate Dr., Irving, TX 75062-4736; Phone (972) 721-5106; Fax (972) 721-5280; E-mail [cnolan@udallas.edu](mailto:cnolan@udallas.edu).

Please send me further information/register me for AP English Literature and Composition

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be needing room and board? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Have you attended previous AP summer institutes?

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taught AP Eng Lit before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Which Authors? \_\_\_\_\_