

## Desirable Student Attributes (English)

- Pleasure in language: at levels of both production and reading. A delight in irony, wit, pun, verbal facility, register shifting, code switching ....
- Discursive flexibility: attention to style and register (oral or written) as appropriate to both subject matter and audience.
- Flexibility of mind: an ability to move between interpretations or conceptual possibilities.
- Athletic reading: an enthusiasm for diverse kinds of books (including LONG ones).
- Patience: tolerance of anxiety generated by ambiguity or uncertain meanings ... and for there being no hard and fast rules.
- Going with patience for the exigencies of verbal craft: willingness to draft, edit, re-draft.
- Impatience for cliché, stale and hackneyed language.
- Ability to pick up a wide range of cultural and historical resonance (religious, mythological, historical).
- Risk taking: willingness to try new texts, new approaches ... open-mindedness about possibilities.
- Interest in ideas. Could probably even say that they are expected to LIKE and use long or surprising words ... when appropriate.

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