

CRAIG S.J. CONLON

English Language and Literature - IB DP | AP | IGCSE | COMMON CORE

PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a skilled educator and leader with 14 years of teaching experience, including 7 years in international schools. I currently teach Cambridge IGCSE English First Language and Literature, IB DP Language and Literature HL, IB DP Literature HL/SL, AP Capstone, and Music Production. Former Curriculum Director at an international school in Taiwan, overseeing a department of 38 teachers. Extensive experience teaching English Literature and Language Arts for Grades 7-12. Passionate about reading, coaching rugby, biking, hiking, and playing music.

METHOD

I am a teacher dedicated to creating a trusting, dynamic, and enjoyable atmosphere for students. Trust is a critical element of my teaching philosophy and is one of the foundations for academic success. Building trusting relationships has allowed me to enhance my students' curiosity, accountability and integrity. I have learnt that having trusting relationships with students and teachers leads to higher levels of accomplishment.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Master's in Education
- Certified AP Seminar Instructor
- IB Language and Literature Category 1
- IGCSE First Language
- Certified in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA)

EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

- U14s Football Coach
- Varsity Football Coach
- Touch Rugby Coach
- TED-Ed Programme
- Music Production

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

International School Frankfurt | Germany | Aug 2023 - present

High School English Teacher (IB DP, AP, IGCSE)

- Designed, implemented and taught the curriculum for IB DP Language A Language & Literature HL & Language A Literature SL/HL
- Designed, implemented and taught the curricula for IGCSE First Language and Literature
- Designed and implemented the curriculum for AP Seminar
- CAS supervisor and homeroom teacher for Grades 11 and 12

Music Production

- Designed, implemented and taught music production for grades 5 to 9

Kang Chiao International School | Taiwan | Aug 2018 - 2023

Head of English Department – Curriculum

- Coordinate with WASC and Co-Curricular Coordinator, English Management Head Teacher, and Associate Heads Prepared teachers for the rollout of new textbooks

AP Seminar (Grade 12)

- Co-designed, implemented and taught the inaugural AP Seminar classes at KCIS

Grade 9 English Literature and Language Arts

- Designed, implemented and taught a curriculum that followed the latest WASC and California Common Core Standards

Associate Head of the English Department

- Conducted observation of teachers, checked lesson plans, gradebook checks and coordinated with the English lead team

Grade 7/8 English Literature and Language Arts

- Designed, implemented and taught a curriculum that followed the California Common Core Standards

David's English | Taiwan | 2016 - 2018

EAL Teacher

- Taught high school students, enhancing reading, writing, and critical thinking skills

Wangji Elementary School | Korea | 2013 -2016

EAL Teacher

- Developed communication skills for elementary students in English as an Additional Language

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

- Excellent communication & organization skills
- Providing clear feedback & great patience
- Fluent in Google Platforms including Google Classroom, Docs & Slides
- Fluent in Microsoft Office programs
- Fluent in Atlas Rubicon & Alma
- Fluent in Music First Classroom, SoundTrap, and ManageBac

EDUCATION

Master's in Education (Merit)

- The University of Sunderland | 2019 – 2022

Postgraduate Certificate in Education

- The University of Sunderland | 2019 – 2020

Bachelor of Arts (Music Technology)

- The University of Derby | 2006 – 2010

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