**54) In order to become well-rounded individuals, all college students should be required to take courses in which they read poetry, novels, mythology, and other types of imaginative literature.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

the ‘personal interest’ oriented and the ‘integrated development’ oriented.

True education amounts to far more than gaining the knowledge and ability to excel in one’s major course of study and in one’s professional career. College students should avert giving all their attention to a particular field, since a variety of courses are conducive to the establishment of students' personal knowledge system and promote their comprehensive development. According the studies by Raymond Mar, a psychologist at York University in Canada, and Keith Oatley, a professor emeritus of cognitive psychology at the University of Toronto, their findings suggest that those "who often read fiction appear to be better able to understand other people, empathize with them and view the world from their perspective." It's the kind of thing writer Joyce Carol Oates is talking about when she says, "Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul." In sum, great literature make us better.

1. 有利于学生个人知识体系的建立，促进人的全面发展(integrated development)，帮助他们在社会上更好立足。比如文学类的课程对于健全人格(personality)很重要。莎士比亚是文艺复兴时期的文学 巨匠，通过阅读他的作品，我们可以从中学习到人性的美好。对于爱情，罗密欧与朱丽叶之间生 死相随的爱情悲剧令人刻骨铭心；对于亲情，哈姆雷特 中哈姆雷特失去父亲之后的悲痛；对于友情，威尼斯商人中安东尼奥与巴萨尼奥之间患难与共的友谊。当然我们也能从中读到人性的弱点，放大这些丑恶，是为了寻求疗救的药方 ，呼唤人性的复苏。
2. 但是学生也不一定感兴趣文学类课程，应该尊重学生的意愿 As Albert Einstein once stated, interest is the best teacher. A great case in hand is the founder of the modern science of genetics, Gregor Mendel. During his childhood, Mendel worked as a gardener and studied beekeeping. He was quite interested in the plant growth and flower since then. Between 1856 and 1863 Mendel cultivated and tested some 28,000 plants. He had a fondness for the bees, and refer to them as "my dearest little animals". His findings now referred to as the laws of Mendelian inheritance. In conclusion, 应该尊重学生的兴趣，让他们选择适合自己兴趣发展的课程.
3. 进一步讲，学生在学校的时间有限，他们选择接受高等教育的目的是为了提高专业知识。学习很多其他课程必然会导致花在专业课 上的时间减少，导致专业知识不牢固。毕竟社会需要对某方面有专长的人，这也是高校 设置 major 的目的所在，浅尝辄止(smattering)对个人和社会都无裨益;只有在自己专业上有很深的理解，才能有所成就。作家格拉德威尔在《异类》一书中指出：“人们眼中的天才之所以卓越非凡，并非天资超人一等，而是付出了持续不断的努力。1万小时的锤炼是任何人从平凡变成世界级大师的必要条件。”要成为某个领域的专家，需要10000小时，按比例计算就是：如果每天工作八个小时，一周工作五天，那么成为一个领域的专家至少需要五年。因此学校劝学生必须学文学类可能会分散他们的注意力。