

English

English 10

10TH GRADE

1 YEAR, 1 CREDIT

PREREQUISITE:

ENGLISH 9

Studying texts drawn from world literature sources, students develop and express their thinking through reader response and analytical approaches to literature while enhancing their awareness of genre, style, and voice. Students improve their writing skills through regular composition and conferences with teachers and peers, writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. Communication skills are developed in class discussions and group work. Students sharpen their information-gathering skills and synthesize various opinions into an informed conclusion during a major research project that culminates in a word processed paper.

Pre AP English 10

10TH GRADE

1 YEAR, 1 CREDIT

PREREQUISITE:

CONTRACT

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

This course is designed for students with a notably strong interest in literary study and writing and who have demonstrated that interest through commitment to intensive, accelerated work. The course introduces students to English as a scholarly discipline featuring critical analysis and careful attention to language. As readers and writers, students consider literary texts from a variety of perspectives while they develop their own writing techniques. Communication skills are developed in class discussions and group work. Students sharpen their information-gathering skills and synthesize various opinions into an informed conclusion during a major research project that culminates in a word processed paper. **Note: Summer work is assigned in connection with this course.**

English 11

11TH GRADE

1 YEAR, 1 CREDIT

PREREQUISITE:

ENGLISH 10

Having multiple tasks to accomplish, students in English 11 can expect to expand their vocabulary, sharpen grammar and usage skills, develop and/or improve analytical, communication, interpretation and application skills through reading and the discussing of American short stories, novels, poems, essays, and dramas. Students will be reacquainted with various writing styles with emphasis on preparation for the End of Course Literacy Exam. These students will also increase and apply information and word processing skills through the writing of research papers.

AP English Language

11TH GRADE

1 YEAR, 1 CREDIT

PREREQUISITE:

CONTRACT

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Juniors who are proficient in the use of Standard English grammar may select this course for an in-depth study of rhetorical strategies and stylistic choices in writing. With an emphasis on American novelists, students analyze a variety of prose passages in order to extend their critical thinking skills and to ex-

pand their own writing practice. This course introduces students to English as a scholarly discipline featuring critical analysis and careful attention to language. Oral communication skills are developed in class discussions and group work, and students write for a variety of purposes, using excellent writers as patterns. Personal and reflective writing are also expected. Students sharpen information-gathering skills and synthesize various opinions into an informed conclusion during a major research project that culminates in a word processed paper documented in MLA style. **Summer work is assigned in connection with this course.** In addition, a nationally administered exam at the end of this course can provide students with college credit.

English 12

12TH GRADE

1 YEAR, 1 CREDIT

PREREQUISITE:

ENGLISH 9, 10, 11

The regular English course includes the study of grammar, composition, and literature and provides both vocational and college entry-level skills. Students receive instruction in grammar, mechanics, and usage. Writing instruction is based on a step-by-step process and proceeds from sentence structure to paragraph development to the multi-paragraph composition. In addition, students participate in library research which culminates in written projects. This combined instruction results in students' developing an understanding of sound English grammar and the ability to speak and write English correctly. The study of literature focuses on written and oral analysis of literary selections in a variety of genres. Students study a combination of British and World literature.

AP English Literature

12TH GRADE

1 YEAR, 1 CREDIT

PREREQUISITE:

CONTRACT

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

An upper-level course which engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature, AP English Literature includes intensive study of representative works from various genres and periods with an emphasis on major British writers. Group discussions and background research reinforce students' active reading of selected texts, and writing not only assesses learning but also enhances students' ability to critically analyze works. Proficient writing ability is a must to begin this course as its focus is not on basic skills but rather on higher order thinking and reasoning, which must be showcased in student responses to text. **Summer assignments and continued outside reading require students to budget several hours of time each week for homework.** A research paper in MLA style is required once during the year. In addition, a nationally administered exam at the end of this course can provide students with college credit.

All Advanced Placement students must sign a contract before enrolling in an AP course.