

Department:

English

Graduation Requirements:

4 credits

Course Offerings:

English 1 *1 credit*

The purpose of this course is to instruct students in grammar, mechanics, usage, and basic composition. This instruction is aimed at developing a strong vocabulary base and using grammar, mechanics, and literature to develop strong composition skills. The student will also be introduced to various forms of literature including fiction, poetry, drama, and essay.

English 1 Honors *1 credit*

This course is an intense study of grammar, usage, and mechanics. The course will also develop a strong basis in composition, the ultimate goal being the integration of composition and literature. The course will not only study literature, but also the various literary genres, enabling the student to explore various life experiences. The course will also provide the opportunities to expand vocabulary through literary texts and grammar studies. The vocabulary study will be based on usage at both denotative and connotative meaning, as well as the meaning through context.

English 2 *1 credit*

This course emphasizes a chronological study of American authors starting with the beginning of American Tradition to the Modern Era. Certain literary pieces that mark those eras will be highlighted. Grade appropriate vocabulary words covering synonyms, antonyms, word usage, and parts of speech will be addressed. The course will focus on persuasive writing and point of view, in addition to reading responses. Grammar will center on analyzing and synthesizing the sentence structure.

English 2 Honors *1 credit*

This course is a more intense coverage of the material featured in the College Preparatory level English 10 course. This course also requires participation in a summer reading program and additional writing projects.

English 11 *1 credit*

This course covers the most significant works of British Literature as well as their historical contexts. There is a focus on various genres and nuances of literature. The written aspects of the course center on the development of multi-tiered, text-sourced arguments.

English 11 Honors *1 credit*

This course covers the same material as the College Preparatory level, with an eye toward movement to the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Course. There is also an intensified focus on the use of literary devices and their effects on the sub-textual elements of a given work. The course also requires participation in a summer reading program.

English 4 *1 credit*

The course will cover various forms of writing: essays, drama, novels, and memoir. The main purposes of the course are to enhance the skills of reading and thinking critically and to develop the ability to suit one's writing to various purposes.

English 4 Honors *1 credit*

In addition to the material covered in the College Preparatory level, this course takes a closer look at great works of literature in the attempt to understand not only the techniques within, but also the reasons for the works' significance in the world of literature historically and culturally.

Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition *1 credit*

This course is available to seniors who have met the criteria to enroll (see below). The course covers multiple genres and forms of literature with a focus on literary technique. Among the writing assignments are timed essays, comparative term papers, and short-form fiction. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement exam in May of senior year.

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition *1 credit*

The purpose of the AP English Language and Composition course is to enable students to read complex texts with understanding and to write prose of sufficient richness and complexity to communicate effectively. At the conclusion of this course, students will be prepared for and expected to take the AP exam for potential college credit. This course emphasizes a study of rhetoric and both nonfiction and fiction writing.

Creative Writing *1 elective credit*

This course is an elective course for high school students. Students will learn to write different styles of literature including but not limited to: poetry, short stories, and screenplays. Students will participate in group collaboration in writing and editing their work to create a portfolio with their best pieces by the end of the year.