

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Placement for required English classes:

All required English classes are taught with the needs of students in mind. Correct placement will help to insure that academic needs are addressed.

- P - Will provide preparation for college. Colleges and universities recognize the “P” designation for admission. Analysis of literary works, including core literature, increases student competencies. Essay skills are expanded to meet the demands of college writing.

- H - For students in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program, this college-preparatory approach culminates the senior year in AP English, with an emphasis on analysis of literature. Students’ English skills should be strong when they enter the honors program.

ENGLISH I	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ()	CSU (X)* UC (X)*	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
Freshmen begin to focus their writing on the literature they are studying. The core literature includes <u>Romeo and Juliet</u> and <u>To Kill and Mockingbird</u> . In addition to the core literature, students will be exposed to a variety of texts from many genres. Specific High School Exit Exam skill preparation begins.			
GRADE: 9		LENGTH: 1 Year	
ENGLISH II	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ()	CSU (X)* UC (X)*	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
Sophomores continue to broaden their writing skills and have the opportunity to take the District Writing Sample. The core literature includes <u>Antigone</u> and <u>Lord of the Flies</u> . Also, students will improve their abilities to comprehend and analyze a variety of literary forms. Preparation for the High School Exit Exam.			
GRADE: 10		LENGTH: 1 Year	

ENGLISH III	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ()	CSU (X)* UC (X)*	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
Students will study major time periods and themes in American Literature. The core literature includes <u>Our Town</u> and <u>Of Mice and Men</u> . Critical essays will be written based on readings and discussions. Vocabulary will be developed through the literature studied.			
GRADE: 11		LENGTH: 1 Year	
AP ENGLISH III: LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION	REQUIRED () ELECTIVE (X)	CSU (X)* UC (X)*	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: GATE Coordinator approval			
This is a literature-based course which develops writing and critical thinking skills through intensive study of language in its functionally communicative capacities and its artistic and creative components. Students will study nonfiction and fiction to prepare them to pass the English Language and Composition Advanced Placement Exam.			
Meets junior English requirement; seniors may enroll for elective credit			
GRADES: 11, 12		LENGTH: 1 Semester	
ENGLISH IV	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ()	CSU (X)* UC (X)*	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
The literature emphasis for seniors is British and World literature. Core literature includes <u>Macbeth</u> and <u>The Stranger</u> . Writing skills will be enhanced. Students will practice higher levels of critical thinking.			
GRADE: 12		LENGTH: 1 Year	

AP ENGLISH IV: LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION	REQUIRED () ELECTIVE (X)	CSU (X) UC (X)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: Gate Coordinator approval			
This literature-based intensive course prepares students to pass the English literature and composition Advanced Placement Exam, while challenging them to do university-level work. They will study fiction and nonfiction texts and many writing domains. Meets senior English requirement.			
GRADE: 12		LENGTH: 1 Year	
CREATIVE WRITING	REQUIRED () ELECTIVE (X)	CSU (X) UC (X)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
Students will learn to develop their creative expression through writing that makes sense of the world, weighs ideas, explores values, invents voices, styles, and personae; and test these developing skills through communicating with others, sharing writing, and exchanging responses. The writing process will be developed individually and through peer group writing. Students will learn principles of writing fiction and poetry. Students will learn how to apply these principles in their own writing, how to develop techniques for effective response, and how to generate creative ideas. Students will learn how to use computers for editing and revisions of their writing and for information gathering and idea sharing.			
GRADES: 9, 10, 11, 12		LENGTH: 1 Year	
JOURNALISM	REQUIRED () ELECTIVE (X)	CSU (X) UC (X)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: Permission of the instructor			
In addition to learning how to write news stories, features, sports stories, and editorials, students practice other basic steps involved in producing the student newspaper: interviewing, layout and design, photography, and writing headlines and captions. Meets UC "P" requirement. This course does not earn English credit; only elective credit.			
GRADES: 9, 10, 11, 12		LENGTH: 1 Semester	

*For CSU and US admission, P or H levels English I, II, and III and AP English are accepted.

READING	REQUIRED () ELECTIVE (X)	CSU () UC ()	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: Placement test or teacher recommendation			
This course is designed to improve students' academic literacy, extending into texts from various Content areas. Reading strategies and some basic writing skills will be presented, with special attention to independent reading and the "Soar to Success" Program.			
GRADE: 9		LENGTH: 1 Year	