

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
ADVANCED PLACEMENT & INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSES

AP/IB Access

All students may access AP and IB courses. Please note that AP English courses are non-sequential, and students are able to select the AP option that best suits their interests.

There are no prerequisite courses needed to access AP or IB classes. Students should be willing to read and comprehend college-level texts and engage in the challenge of the course.

For more information on how to enroll in IB, please [email Mr. Lewis](#) for more information.

Advanced Placement Seminar*

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-seminar>

Grade: 10-12

Course: One Year

AP Seminar is a foundational course that engages students in cross-curricular conversations that explore the complexities of academic and real-world topics and issues by analyzing divergent perspectives. Using an inquiry framework, students practice reading and analyzing articles, research studies, and foundational, literary, and philosophical texts; listening to and viewing speeches, broadcasts, and personal accounts; and experiencing artistic works and performances. Students learn to synthesize information from multiple sources, develop their own perspectives in written essays, and design and deliver oral and visual presentations, both individually and as part of a team. Ultimately, the course aims to equip students with the power to analyze and evaluate information with accuracy and precision in order to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments.

* AP Seminar may be taken either as a standalone course or as part of the AP Capstone Diploma.

Advanced Placement Language and Composition

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-english-language-and-composition>

Grade: 11-12

Course: One Year

The AP English Language and Composition course focuses on the development and revision of evidence-based analytic and argumentative writing, the rhetorical analysis of nonfiction texts, and the decisions writers make as they compose and revise. Students evaluate, synthesize, and cite research to support their arguments. Additionally, they read and analyze rhetorical elements and their effects in nonfiction texts—including images as forms of text—from a range of disciplines and historical periods.

Advanced Placement Language and Literature

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-english-literature-and-composition>

Grade: 11-12

Course: One Year

The AP English Literature and Composition course focuses on reading, analyzing, and writing about imaginative literature (fiction, poetry, drama) from various periods. Students engage in close reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature to deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure. As they read, students consider a work's structure, style, and themes, as well as its use of figurative language, imagery, and symbolism. Writing assignments include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays that require students to analyze and interpret literary works.

International Baccalaureate Higher Level English*

<https://ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-and-literature/language-a-literature-slhl/>

Grade: 11-12

Course: Two Years

The course is organized into three areas of exploration and seven central concepts, and focuses on the study of literary works. Together, the three areas of exploration of the course add up to a comprehensive exploration of literature from a variety of cultures, literary forms and periods. Students learn to appreciate the artistry of literature, and develop the ability to reflect critically on their reading, presenting literary analysis powerfully through both oral and written communication.

*This is a two-year course for students in the IB Diploma Program. It may not be taken as a standalone course.