

AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION – 1001430

Grades 10, 11- 12, Credit 1.0

Prerequisite: Score of 3 or higher on the most recent ELA/FSA, and/or prior approval by the Department Chair

This Advanced Placement Literature course is designed to be a university-level course providing intellectual challenges and workload consistent with a typical undergraduate English literature class. As a culmination of the course, students will take the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Exam given in May. Major course goals for AP English Literature, as prescribed by the College Board, including carefully reading and analyzing literature to understand the way writers use language to provide meaning. Students study works from various genres and time periods (16th to 20th century) and considers the social and historical values each work reflects and embodies. In addition to considering a work's structure, style, and themes, students learn to understand a work's complexity and richness of meaning, as well as evaluate that meaning through the author's use of connotation, figurative language, symbolism, irony, syntax, and tone. Students write for a variety of purposes, including expository, analytical, and argumentative, and learn to use wide-ranging vocabulary with resourcefulness and accuracy.