

*"Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand" (Mark 4:33).*

## DESCRIPTION OF EXCELLENCE

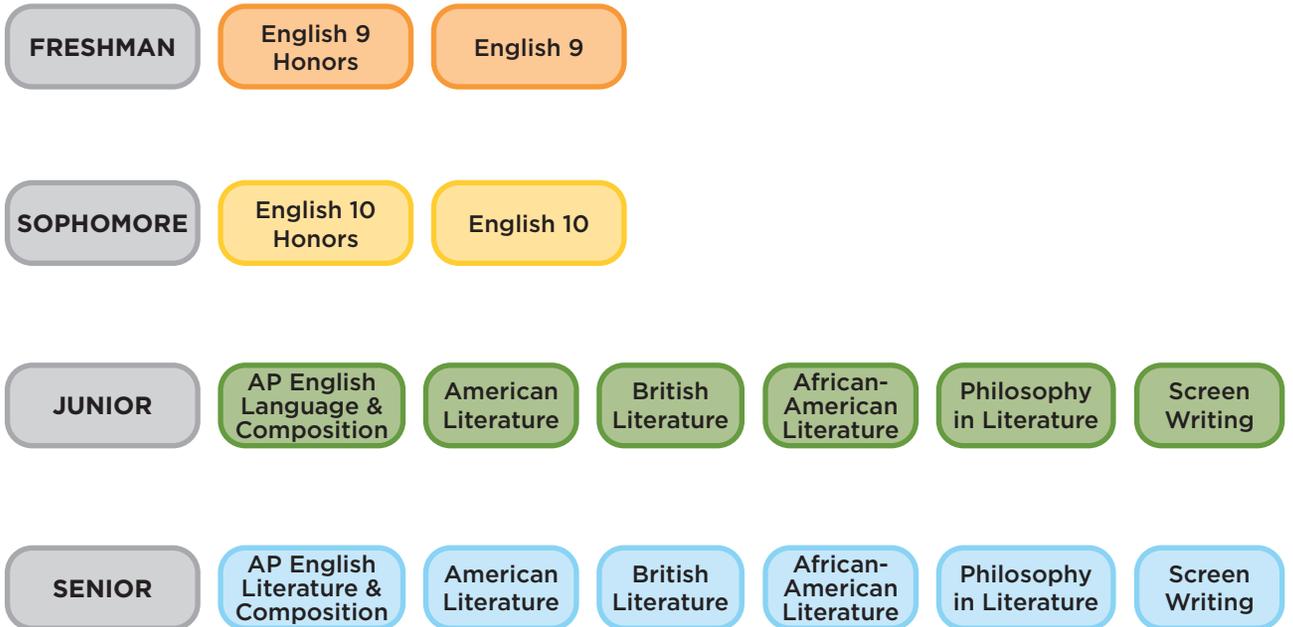
The English Department seeks to inspire students to delve enthusiastically into great literature and to critically examine it through the lens of God's truth, both while they are in our classrooms and once they leave. Our goal is that they will become wise and discerning readers and thinkers who are able to express their ideas and beliefs in conversation and in writing.

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Our English Department faculty includes fifteen teachers/instructors, including teachers who have obtained a master's or doctoral degree; the average instructor has taught at VCS four years.

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT DISTINCTIVES

- The English Department participates in VCHS' Dual Credit Program, which allows students selecting certain classes to take them for college credit.
- The department also runs an on-campus chapter of National English Honors Society.



## ENGLISH COURSES

Four years of English are required to graduate from VCHS. The honors classes are intended for students who are highly skilled and motivated in English and who possess a strong work ethic. Advanced Placement (AP) classes allow students to take a college-level course in a supportive environment; students should expect corresponding rigor and time required. Juniors and seniors who desire a fifth year of English, may select from the other course offerings.

This map is a general planning tool, intended to show the course and typical student tracks. Students who opt for honors and Advanced Placement English classes follow a fixed progression if they remain on the honors/AP track. Junior and seniors opting for college preparatory classes select from a list of electives to fulfill their four-year English requirements. Students may deviate from the map and should consult with the counselors and teachers to find the best classes to meet their academic and spiritual goals. Courses offered may vary year to year.



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