



J. Sterling Morton High School District 201-English Department Course Electives

English Department Electives will be offered on a rotating A and B schedule beginning in 2020-2021.

2020-2021 (A)	2021-2022 (B)
College Prep English	
Journalism	
Contemporary Literature	Creative Writing
Humanities	Science Fiction
Latin-American Literature	Multicultural Themes*

COLLEGE PREP ENGLISH (Offered 2020-2021 and 2021-2022)

COLLEGE PREPARATORY ENGLISH

Offered: Year Course. Students examine all areas of language arts: reading, writing, speaking, listening, technology, and research. Heavy emphasis is placed on vocabulary development, critical reading and comprehension strategies, reading rate flexibility, study skills, preparation for college classes and college writing. Students must be enrolled in and pass English every semester. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

CREDIT: 1.0 TYPE: Regular GRADE: 12

PREREQUISITE: Previous enrollment in English III or AP Language and Composition.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE (Offered 2020-2021)

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Offered: Semester Only Fees: Course fee. In this semester-long course students will be exposed to a wide variety of contemporary works with an overarching goal of enhancing reading for enjoyment. By discussing and analyzing theme-based units, these reading intensive courses aim to promote literacy while aligning evaluative techniques. Through written and oral reflection, students will extrapolate relevant parallels between their roles as American teenagers and those of society at large. Students must be enrolled in and pass English every semester. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

CREDIT: 0.5 TYPE: Regular GRADE: 12

PREREQUISITE: Previous enrollment in English III or AP Language and Composition.

CREATIVE WRITING (Offered 2021-2022)

CREATIVE WRITING

Offered: Semester Only. Students write poetry, autobiographical pieces and short stories after reading examples from each genre and being instructed in various creative-writing techniques. The course is

designed to be an outlet of self-expression for students as they explore how they think and feel about a variety of topics and issues. Students will be expected to submit at least one piece of work for publication or competition. Students must be enrolled in and pass English every semester. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

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PREREQUISITE: Previous enrollment in English III or AP Language and Composition.

HUMANITIES (Offered 2020-2021)

HUMANITIES

Offered: Semester Only. Students read and write about significant works of world literature. Special emphasis is placed on examining how these works fit into various cultural, historical and artistic contexts. Students are challenged to make connections between what they read and various works of artistic merit in the fields of music and visual arts. Students end the semester with a research project which incorporates their understanding of the course theme and its connection to a significant work of literature. Students must be enrolled in and pass English every semester. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

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PREREQUISITE: Previous enrollment in English III or AP Language and Composition.

JOURNALISM (Offered 2020-2021 and 2021-2022)

JOURNALISM

Offered: Year course. For: 12 (10 & 11 as a general elective only) NOTE: Sophomores may take this course as an elective in addition to the English II class: instructor approval is required. Juniors may take this course as an elective in addition to the English III or AP English Language class: instructor approval is required. Journalism is a senior English class designed to teach students elements of journalistic writing. A major objective of this course is to contribute to publications such as the school newspaper and yearbook. The class is writing intensive, and the main goal is to teach students how to write for different media. Students will also spend time discussing and evaluating the importance of ethical journalistic behavior. Students will also study libel and press laws, photo caption and headline writing, and mechanical production. Additional hours before and after school will be required to meet deadlines for finishing the literary publications. Students must be enrolled in and pass English every semester. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

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PREREQUISITE: English 1.

LATIN AMER LITERATURE (Offered 2020-2021)

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LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE

Offered: Semester Only. In this semester-long course students will focus on examining texts by writers of Latin American ancestry. Students will read and analyze various genres such as fiction, non-fiction, drama, and poetry. The course will develop each student's ability to analyze literature and communicate through both written and oral expression as they develop their own understanding of Latino perspectives. Students must be enrolled in and pass English every semester. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

CREDIT: 0.5 TYPE: Regular GRADE: 12

PREREQUISITE: Previous enrollment in English III or AP Language and Composition.

SCIENCE FICTION (Offered 2021-2022)

SCIENCE FICTION

Offered: Semester Only. This class, a semester-long course, will examine science fiction across multiple media, including literature, film, and television. Students will survey the history of science fiction and trace the way each creator has responded to changing social conditions, including the fears and anxieties that surround advancements in science and technology. Students are expected to read and respond critically to a variety of texts in order to deepen their understanding of these genres and their broad cultural impact. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

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MULTICULTURAL THEMES (Offered 2021-2022)

MULTICULTURAL THEMES

Offered: Semester Only. This course presents multicultural themes and perspectives in literature. This multi-cultural literature is writing that represents the works of marginalized Americans who illustrate the ethnic diversity of America and the cross cultural experience that is a part of American life. Emphasis is placed on developing a deeper understanding and awareness of cultural diversity as reflected in contemporary fiction, non-fiction, and other artistic works. Junior students enrolling in English electives must simultaneously be enrolled in either English III or AP Language and Composition.

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