

Core Academic Courses

English

AP Language and Composition

Prerequisite: English 2 Honors

This course follows a curriculum prescribed and endorsed by the College Board. AP Language and Composition involves students in the study of rhetoric as well as language and composition at the college level. Students read and analyze non-fiction works encompassing a wide range of mediums (written, visual, and auditory) in addition to writing arguments, essays, and research papers. Students must possess strong skills in analytical reading and written expression. Students write timed essays in class in preparation for the AP exam given in May. This is a semester-long course.

AP Literature and Composition

Prerequisite: English 2 Honors or AP Language and Composition

AP Literature and Composition follows a curriculum prescribed and endorsed by the College Board and is designed to involve students in the study of literature and composition at the college level. Students read and write literary analysis on literary classics, fiction and poetry. Students must possess strong skills in analytical reading and written expression. Course content requires extensive reading outside of class and timed writings in class as preparation for the AP exam given in May. This is a year-long course.

English 3 CP

Prerequisite: English 2 CP

This course offers an in-depth study of American literature. Students will refine skills in the areas of literary analysis, grammar, composition, vocabulary development, and public speaking. Students will have multiple research experiences and complete at least one formal research paper. Students will create a portfolio of writing samples.

English 3 Honors

Prerequisite: English 2 Honors

This course incorporates the standards of English III but is characterized by a higher degree of complexity and more in-depth study. This course is a survey of American literature with an emphasis on literary analysis. Expository and persuasive writing are stressed to promote critical writing skills as well as critical thinking skills. Students will refine skills in the areas of grammar, vocabulary development, and public speaking. Students will have multiple research experiences and complete at least one formal research paper. Students will create a portfolio of writing samples.

English 4 CP

Prerequisite: English 3 CP

This course offers an in-depth study of British literature. Literary criticism, expository, persuasive writing, and critical thinking are emphasized. Students will have multiple research experiences and complete at least one formal research paper. Students will create a portfolio of writing samples. Completion of specific summer reading assignments is highly recommended.

English 4 Honors

Prerequisite: English 3 Honors

This course incorporates the standards of English IV but is characterized by a higher degree of complexity and more in-depth study. British literature and writing skills are emphasized, and students must read independently and pursue in-depth, complex literary analysis. Students will refine skills in the areas of grammar, vocabulary development, and public speaking. Students will have multiple research experiences and complete at least one formal research paper. Students will create a portfolio of writing samples. Completion of specific summer reading assignments is highly recommended.