

LBHS AP English Courses 2025

Course Descriptions & Summer Assignments



AP Language and Composition

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Recommendation: English 2 Honors with an 85 average or higher

Course Description: This course is designed for highly motivated college-bound students who have demonstrated academic achievement, higher order thinking skills, and the ability to work independently. An Advanced Placement course in English Language and Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of rhetorical contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both writing and reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer's purposes, audience expectations, and subjects, as well as the way genre conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing. Each student must take the Advanced Placement Examination for possible college credit.

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AP Language and Composition

Prerequisites

- Yearlong Skinny
- Student completed English 2 Honors with an 85 average or higher
- Students should be in Grade 11 when taking this course
 - Sometimes, this can be taken as a sophomore if requirements have been met

Supplemental Texts We Read:

RA

Rhetorical Analysis



A

Argument



S

Synthesis Choice
Book: Non-Fiction/
Memoir



CB

We utilize materials
from College Board as
well!



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Course at a glance:

- ❖ Exam Duration: 3 Hrs. 15 Minutes
- ❖ Typically held May 14th @ 8am (Changes Annually)
 - We utilize Quill and AP Classroom throughout the year

The AP Exam is broken down into two sections:

1. Multiple Choice (45 Questions)
 - 1 hour
 - 45% of the overall score
2. Free response (3 essays)
 - 2 hours and 15 minutes
 - 55% of overall score

Essay Break down (section 2 of exam):

- ❖ Rhetorical Analysis Essay:
 - Read a nonfiction text and analyze how the writer's language choices contribute to the intended meaning and purpose of the text
 - Use SPACECAT strategies and pull evidence pulled directly from text
- ❖ Argument Essay:
 - Create an evidence-based argument that responds to a given topic
 - Use CHORES and evidence must come from your brain (CHORES)
- ❖ Synthesis Essay: (additional 15 minutes for reading)
 - Additional 15 minutes for reading in this portion
 - Read 6 texts about a topic (including visual and quantitative sources)
 - Compose an argument that combines and cites at least 4 of the sources to support your thesis
 - (minimum requirement 3 sources used)

AP Literature and Composition

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Grade 12: Yearlong Skinny 1

Recommendation: English 3 Honors with an 85 average or higher or AP Lang

Course Description:

This course cultivates an understanding of literature through reading and analyzing texts. Key concepts include character, setting, structure, perspective, figurative language, and literary analysis in the context of literary works. Requires Advanced Placement Exam.

AP Literature and Composition

[Click here to find out more information about this course, including:](#)

- What we do in AP Lit
- How much homework we'll have
- Which books we'll read
- Benefits of taking AP Lit
- AP Lit vs. Dual Credit
- What current & past students have said
- Contact information for further questions

AP Seminar

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Advanced Placement Seminar 373000AW Grades 11, and 12 Year Long Skinny 1 unit

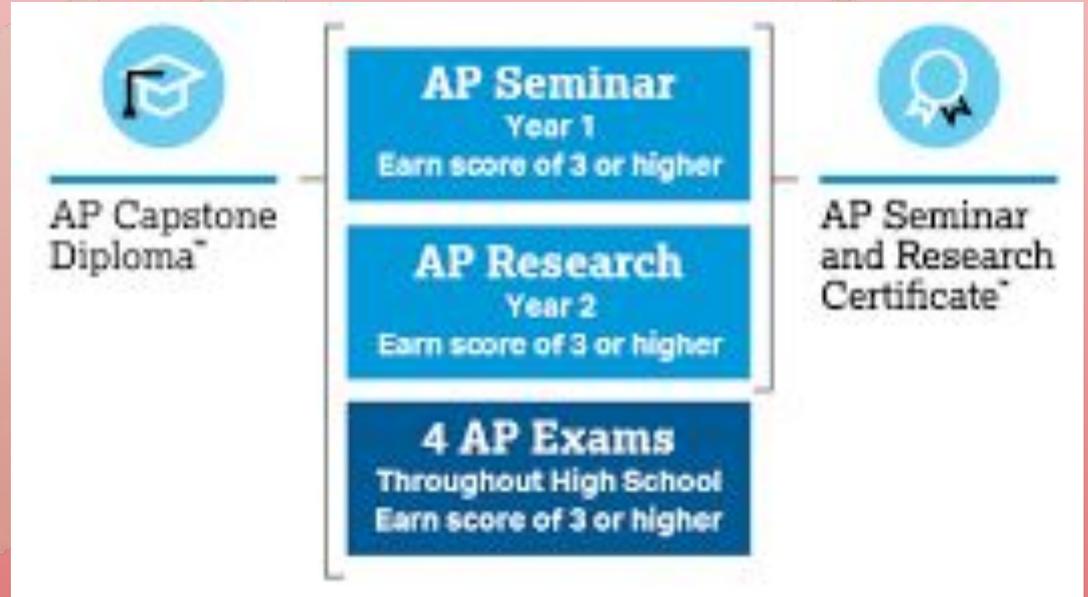
Recommendation: At least one other Advanced Placement course concurrently or completed

*****THIS COURSE DOES NOT SATISFY AN ENGLISH COURSE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

This course is the first course required to earn the AP Capstone Diploma™. 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 research-based 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 to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments.

AP Seminar

- the first of two courses required to earn the AP Capstone Certificate/Diploma
- can be taken once you have passed English II
- teaches the basics of how to do research
- focus on how to use evidence to inform your opinions
- how to convey your opinions in writing and presentations
- YOU pick the topics to research!



AP Research

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Advanced Placement Research 373100AW Grades 12 Year Long Skinny 1 unit

Prerequisite: Advanced Placement Seminar

*****THIS COURSE DOES NOT SATISFY AN ENGLISH COURSE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

AP Research, the second course in the AP Capstone experience, allows students to deeply explore an academic topic, problem, issue, or idea of individual interest. Students design, plan, and implement a yearlong investigation to address a research question. Through this inquiry, they further the skills they acquired in the AP Seminar course by learning research methodology, employing ethical research practices, and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information. Students reflect on their skill development, document their processes, and curate the artifacts of their scholarly work through a process and reflection portfolio. The course culminates in an academic paper of 4,000 - 5,000 words (accompanied by a performance, exhibit, or product where applicable) and a presentation with an oral defense.

AP Research

-the second of two courses required to earn the AP Capstone Certificate/Diploma

- can be taken once you have passed AP Seminar

- focus on one specific area of research for the entire year

- no final exam - AP score derived from final paper & presentation

