

English Courses: Recommended Sequence

FRESHMEN: High School English 101/102 (1.0 credit = 1 full year)
In addition to Eng. 101/102, students may take Speech & Debate or Your Literate Life as an English Elective.

SOPHOMORES: High School English 201/202 (1.0 credit = 1 full year)
In addition to English 201/202, students may take any of these English Electives:
Chicano/a/x Literature, Speech & Debate, and Your Literate Life (Reading for Fun).

JUNIORS
English 301/302 (1.0)

SENIORS, 1st sem: English Elective (.5)

SENIORS, 2nd sem: English Elective (.5)

OR

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AP Language and Composition (1.0)
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FYI: Juniors and seniors, in addition to the recommendations above, you can also pursue a passion and take ANY other English electives at the same time!

Which English Classes Should I Take?

Find the best fit by reading the descriptions below! (Courses are listed alphabetically.)

AP Language and Composition (1.0 credit)

We love to argue in AP Lang! Join us and refine your argument and composition styles as you develop critical-reading and writing strategies and skills. Together, we will read and analyze nonfiction works and explore multiple perspectives and positions around a topic and how various arguments can relate and respond to one another.

AP Literature and Composition (1.0 credit)

This class is for students who love to read and discuss literature. In AP lit, you will read a poem every day, write your college application essay, and engage in lots of discussions about powerful literature and how it connects to our experiences.

Chicano/a/x Literature (.5 credit)

This course will engage students in the analysis of the intersection of history, art and literature within the realm of Chicano/a/x Literature. Students will explore and discuss culturally significant literary devices and stylings, including magical realism and corridos. Students will engage in the political philosophy of the Chicano movement and draw connections between those philosophies and the literature and art produced by the culture.

College Writing (.5 credit)

This class is for students who are serious about practicing the kinds of writing and reading they'll need to be familiar with before taking the next big academic step to college. In this class you can expect to complete practical and necessary college preparatory writing tasks, such as college application essays and college explorations, and to do some college-level work!

Creative Writing (.5 credit)

This class is for students who love to express themselves through writing and want to try a variety of creative forms. In this class you can expect to free write in experimental styles that tap into your imagination, explore unconventional forms, and imitate great writers. You'll read books of your choice and create original works inspired by the author's style.

English 301/302 (1.0 credit)

In this class we combine a study of literature with meaningful personal reflection. The first semester is devoted to big ideas in American literature, and the second semester we go beyond American Lit and participate in book clubs, explore life after Squalicum, and engage in a unit full of mystery.

Speech & Debate (.5 credit)

Get over your fear of speaking in a supportive, low-risk environment. With fun activities to get you speaking every day, it does get easier, and students gain more confidence. Trust us, the future you will thank you for this opportunity!

Technical Writing (.5 credit)

In this class you will learn how to write using various business formats. You'll learn to create technical documents, such as resumes, cover letters, emails, memos, brochures, instructions, fliers, graphics, and more. This is an introductory class to practice design, audience recognition, and writing concisely with clarity, accuracy and consistency.

World Mythology, Folklore and Fairytales (.5 credit)

This class is for students who are curious about our world and the stories that have shaped humankind. In this class you can expect to explore myths, folklore and fairy tales from all over. You'll be on the hunt for patterns and symbols that transcend borders and cross cultures. This class is awesome because you will create a multimedia presentation on a theme or region of the world of your choice.

Your Literate Life/Reading for Fun (.5 credit)

This class is for students who wish they had more time to read books of their choice. In this class, you can expect to read a lot. You'll set reading goals and have conversations about your reading. This class is awesome because you get to read books of your choice!