

Course Name: AP English Language and Composition

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

We *strongly* recommend that you've taken Honors English 10 and Honors English 9 to help you build the foundational skills necessary for this class. Additionally, this class will move at a rapid pace, so daily attendance is critical.

WHAT this course is about:

This class focuses primarily on non-fiction from a variety of genres. It asks students to evaluate and study arguments, how an author communicates their arguments to a particular audience, and the components of rhetorical analysis.

WHY take this course:

This is a rigorous college-level course that will strengthen your writing skills, increase your critical reading capacity, and prepare you for the demands your post-high school education. Additionally, the skills you gain in this class will prepare you for writing and communicating in any major in college. If you like to argue with your classmates, this class is for you!

WHAT you'll learn:

- How to actively read and analyze a variety of non-fiction texts (including visuals)
- The language of Aristotelian Triangle and the rhetorical situation
- Rhetorical Appeals (ethos, pathos, logos)
- Strategies to write effectively in short time periods
- Different forms of writing: argument, synthesis, rhetorical analysis, personal narrative
- How to evaluate the credibility of sources
- Increased awareness of the changing world around you including current events
- How to hone your researching skills
- How to write a formal research paper (including all the components)
- Multiple choice test-taking strategies

WHAT you'll do:

- Really, see the list above. We do all kinds of things!
- Expect to be reading, writing, and thinking on a weekly basis
- Approximately three hours of homework a week (this varies depending on the time of year and YOUR time management skills)

WHERE this could take you:

This course prepares you for college-level study in any undergraduate major that includes writing or communicating. The skills you learn here will prove valuable in many other disciplines, including the college environment and beyond. Every year we hear from students who tell us this course played an integral part in preparing them for the college experience; they know how to write, how to engage with texts, and evaluate the arguments they encounter in the world around them.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

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