

Course Name: English

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

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

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

No.

WHAT this course is about:

This course aligns with the English courses taught in our feeder schools. It focuses on literature primarily, and like many English courses, you will engage with short stories, poetry, novels, and typically a Shakespearian play. Throughout the year, you will continue to develop your understanding of elements of fiction, as well as the author's purpose and style. Additionally, you will study Greek and Latin roots and will be taught functional grammar as it relates to common issues in your writing to help build an understanding of your writing style and the syntactical choices of the authors' works you will analyze and interpret. Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of course content throughout the year with a variety of choice assignments.

WHY take this course:

We continue to hear from our alumni of the successes they are having in post-secondary English classes. This course is the foundation to what all other English classes will be built upon throughout your four years at Lewis and Clark High School. Additionally, you will hone your skills as a reader and writer—skills you will use throughout the rest of your life, while also tackling a required English credit for graduation.

WHAT you'll learn:

- How to actively engage with the written word
- How to effectively communicate through writing
- How to better understand author's choices in the written word
- How to be a better reader
- How to better understand the foundations of our language

WHAT you'll do:

- Read engaging literature
- Improve your vocabulary and understanding of the English language
- Participate in group discussions and assignments
- Write for multiple purposes

WHERE this could take you:

Typically, this course sets you up nicely for regular 10th grade English and Creative Writing and Mythology your junior and senior years.

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

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