

Honors English I (213)**Grade 9****Honors****Student selection based upon high school placement test.**

This course is designed to challenge the academically advanced student. Literature includes short stories, novels, plays, a Dickens classic and at least one Shakespearean drama. Accelerated vocabulary lessons are stressed through workbooks, as well as lectures and literature under discussion. Analytical thinking and writing is strengthened by the introduction of the five-paragraph essay as well as longer writing assignments. Creative writing is nurtured through journals and original short stories. Outside reading is required and students develop oral communication skills based upon this reading.

English I (212)**Grade 9****CPI**

This course includes an introduction to various types of literature, a systematic vocabulary study, a comprehensive grammar review, and a composition skills component. The literature introduced includes poetry, American short stories, novels and Shakespearean drama. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking and analytical skills. Expository, descriptive and creative writing is incorporated throughout the course.

Developmental Reading (210)**Grade 9****CPII****Student selection based upon reading score on HSPT.**

Based on the belief that reading is a necessary life skill, not merely an academic one, this course employs a three-strand approach: content reading, lifetime reading and survival reading. Survival reading deals with reading and interpreting ads, product information, application charts, graphs and maps. Lifetime reading includes a reading log kept weekly, book review of novels read outside of class and weekly newspaper work. The content strand deals with content area texts, test taking strategies and organizational skills such as outlining, note taking and skimming and scanning.

Honors English II (223)**Grade 10****Honors****Prerequisite: 80 in Honors English I or a 90 in Standard English I.**

Honors English II is designed to challenge the academically advanced student. The course will develop reading, vocabulary, writing and research skills. Literature includes a survey of the short story, modern drama, poetry, short fiction, Shakespearean drama, non-fiction and novels. Emphasis is placed on reading, literary analysis, oral communication and expository, descriptive and creative writing.

English II (222)**Grade 10****CPI**

This course helps the college bound student develop and practice reading, analytical and writing skills. This course will develop these skills through reading, vocabulary, research, writing assignments and exercises. Literature includes, but is not limited to, short stories, modern and Shakespearean drama, novels and non-fiction related to social issues and studies. Outside reading is required and students use this reading as a basis for developing oral communication. A concentration of expository, descriptive and creative writing is incorporated throughout the course.

AP English Language & Composition (234) Grade 11 AP

Prerequisite: Department approval

The AP English Language and Composition course is designed to help students become skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts and to become skilled writers who can compose for a variety of purposes. All students taking this course will be required to take the AP test in the spring. Juniors have preference in registering for this course. Seniors may select but will be assigned on a seat available basis. The course is not designed to serve as an alternative for the senior AP course English Literature. **ALL STUDENTS TAKING THIS COURSE WILL TAKE THE A.P. EXAM.**

Honors English III (233) Grade 11 Honors

Prerequisite: 80 in Honors English II or a 90 in Standard English II.

Designed for the advanced junior who demonstrates an ability to read, write and communicate on a mature level, this course surveys American Literature from an historical perspective. The study of American Literature encompasses the periods extending from early Native American through contemporary American authors who employ various literary genres. Individual reading assignments, vocabulary study, expository, interpretive and creative writing and preparation for the SATs is integrated into this program. Research skills are studied and applied with the completion of a research paper on an American literary author or theme.

American Literature (232) Grade 11 CPI

This course is designed for the college bound student. The course stresses themes in American Literature and examines the major authors, periods and genres in American Literature. The development of language arts and skills is achieved through vocabulary building, spelling reviews and creative and expository writing. Clear, concise and effective oral and written communication will be stressed. Preparation for the SATs will be integrated into the program. Research skills will be studied and applied with the completion of a research paper on an American author or theme.

British & World Literature (241) Grade 12 CPI

World Literature is designed for the college bound senior. The literature is a survey of genres from a variety of cultures, both chronological and linguistic. Themes, which are common to people, regardless of place or time, are stressed. Writing assignments, vocabulary exercises, relevant contemporary non-fiction articles and class discussions will supplement the reading, which is itself flexible, accommodating the needs of the students. Outside reading is required and students develop oral communication skills necessary for life after high school.

Honors English IV (244)**Grade 12****Honors****Prerequisite: 80 in Honors English IV or a 90 in Standard English IV.**

Designed for the advanced English student, this course presents an in depth study of world literature from its earliest beginnings through the modern period. The genres of poetry, novel, short story, satire, drama, essay, and history will be examined in relation to themes, symbols, literary devices, and writing styles. This course offers the student an opportunity to develop a writing style and refine writing skills. Class discussion, oral presentations, critical and creative writing, vocabulary, and a formal research paper compliment the study of literature.

AP English Literature (243)**Grade 12****AP****Prerequisite: Department approval.**

This course is designed to challenge the advanced student, capable of college level work, in preparation for the Advanced Placement Exam in the spring. The course is a survey of classical and modern world literature. The student will read, discuss and critically analyze the literature of outstanding writers and thinkers of the major literary periods. The student will examine the influences of the culture, politics, philosophies and aesthetics of the periods on the authors and their writing. Oral and written communication and class discussion is vital to the dynamics of the class.

ALL STUDENTS TAKING THIS COURSE WILL TAKE THE A.P. EXAM**Writer's Workshop: Creative Writing and Critical Analyses****Grade 12****Honors**

This course will provide students with the opportunity to improve their writing at all levels. Students will experience various types of writing and reading in areas of critical analysis and creative imagination. Students will write weekly, present often and read consistently. Students who have taken AP Language and Composition during junior year are strongly encouraged to consider this course. This is a one semester (2 marking periods) course. (Department approval required)