

## ENGLISH

- Course descriptions that are shaded are not being offered.
- Students are required to take four credits of English:
  - Freshman English – 1 credit
  - Sophomore English or Honors American Literature – 1 credit
  - Junior English or Honors World Literature – 1 credit
  - Senior English or AP Literature/Composition – 1 credit

### **AP English Literature and Composition**

3 trimesters

Grade Level: 12

Course # 0501  
# 0502  
# 0503

Prerequisites: (1) B or better  
in Honors American Lit. and  
Honors World Lit.

This 3-trimester course combines the intensive study of literature and analytical writing. It will prepare highly motivated students for college-level English courses; and it may enable them to earn college credit. The course focuses on the study of literature by genre: short fiction, poetry, long fiction, and drama. Each trimester has analytical writings as well as formative and summative objective assessments. Additionally, each trimester has an independent reading assignment and a student-taught lesson allowing students to demonstrate their mastery of content. Students must take this course all three trimesters. THIS COURSE HAS TWO SUMMER REQUIREMENTS: (1) read an approved choice novel and (2) complete assigned grammar and composition activities. Both will be assessed during the first week of school. Homework expectations include but are not limited to 3+ hours of reading each week.

### **Creative Writing**

1 trimester

Grade Level: 11 – 12, 10<sup>th</sup> gr. only

Course # 0601

with teacher/counselor approval  
Prerequisite: Freshman English/  
Sophomore English

The chief emphasis of this course will be to foster expression of the creative and imaginative mind and to provide the guidance necessary to produce effective and artistic literary expression. The literary forms developed in class will include flash fiction, one act plays and a personal project titled, “The Soundtrack of my Life.”

### **Freshman English**

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 9

Course # 0101 9A  
# 0102 9B

Prerequisite: None

This class is required of all freshmen. It continues the basic development of communication skills begun in middle school. This is a comprehensive course, which provides students with instruction and drill to improve their abilities to read, write, speak and think. Grammar, writing, speech, literature and word study are taught. Each student must write a formal paper in the “B” section to receive credit for the course.

**Honors American Literature**

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 10

Course # 0203  
# 0204Prerequisites: 1) B or better in  
Freshman English

This course studies American Literature from its early beginnings to the present. Students will read, analyze, and critique all forms of literature, including poetry, drama, and several novels. The accelerated pace of this class demands a serious commitment to outside reading. The course emphasizes independent reading and analytical writing, providing academic challenge to the serious student. A sophomore student in Honors American Literature must receive a final grade of B or above in each trimester before advancing to Honors World Literature as a junior. No sophomore may enter Honors American Literature after the first trimester or without having completed the application process in the spring of his/her freshman year. Honors American Literature will replace Sophomore English as a graduation requirement for those students taking this course. Each student must successfully pass each trimester to complete the English requirement for graduation.

**Honors World Literature**

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 11

Course # 0305  
# 0306Prerequisites: 1) B or better in  
Sophomore English or  
Honors Amer. Lit

This class will be taken in the junior year as a prerequisite for the Advanced Placement English class available to seniors. Students will do an intensive and in-depth study of World Literature. Students will be challenged by extensive reading and writing assignments. To remain in the honors program as a junior, a student must earn a B or above in the previous trimester. No junior may enter Honors World Literature after first trimester. Each student must successfully pass each trimester to complete the English requirement for graduation.

**Junior English**

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 11-12

Course # 0303 11A  
# 0304 11BPrerequisites: Freshman/  
Sophomore English

Junior English will continue the basic development of reading and composition skills from Sophomore English. This course provides students with instruction and guided practice in reading and analyzing speeches, poetry, and non-fiction pieces; an intense focus on persuasive writing, active listening, formal speaking, and the opportunity to apply principles of grammar and mechanics.

**Senior English**

1 trimester

Grade Level: 11-12

Course # 0401 12A  
Course # 0402 12BPrerequisites: Freshman/Sophomore/  
Junior English

Senior English will stress descriptive, persuasive, and analytical writing. Students enrolling in 12A will focus on analysis, short writing pieces, and project based assessments. Students enrolling in 12B should, by the end of the year, feel confident that they will be able to write successful college research papers and assignments.

**Sophomore English**

2 trimesters

Grade Level: 10

Course # 0201 10A  
# 0202 10B

Prerequisite: Freshman English

This class will emphasize literature, writing, and speech. The literature portion focuses on short stories, poetry, and novels by American authors. Students utilize the writing process during the writing portion, and grammar and usage lessons are presented weekly. Students must present a formal project for 10A, and a formal essay for 10B to receive credit for these courses.