

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

Prerequisites: (1) B or better

0502

in Honors American Lit. and

0503

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.

Advanced Composition

1 trimester

Grade Level: 10 - 12

Course # 0403

Prerequisite: B or better in previous/current English classes

The goal of this class is to work on issues of writing with the student body while also studying the process of composition. The class is available to 10th-12th grade students. Students will work on reflective writing pieces along with focusing on conventions within various genres and curricular areas of composition.

Creative Writing

1 trimester

Grade Level: 11 – 12, 10th gr. only
with teacher/counselor approval

Course # 0601

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

Prerequisite: None

0102 9B

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.

Modern Journalism

1-3 trimesters

Grade Level: 9-12

Course # 0406

Prerequisites: B average or higher in
English classes

This course is designed to develop student understanding of how media exerts an influence in society and culture. Students will develop the lens necessary to distinguish how, by whom, and for what purposes, messages and images are created, and gain practical, hands-on experience in researching, reporting, writing stories, video and sound reporting, photography, advertising, sales, and creation of relevant content to our community.

Students will have working knowledge of Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects as well as social media platforms. To be eligible for continued enrollment in Modern Journalism, a student must have earned a B or higher in all previous English courses and recommendations from other teachers, have an excellent attendance record, and have approval from the teacher of the class. This project centered class will require students to work well in groups, as well as independent reading and writing assignments. Self-directed use of class time and the ability to meet deadlines is critical to student success in this course.

<u>Novel Perspectives</u>	1 trimester	Grade Level: 11-12
Course# 0404		Prerequisites: Freshmen/Sophomore/ Junior English

This Course is designed as an alternative to English 12A or as an English elective. Students will continue to use the Study Sync curriculum with additional opportunities to read diverse novels and complete research projects.

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<u>Senior English</u>	1 trimester	Grade Level: 11-12
Course # 0401 12A		Prerequisites: Freshman/Sophomore/ Junior English
Course # 0402 12B		

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.

<u>Sophomore English</u>	2 trimesters	Grade Level: 10
Course # 0201 10A		Prerequisite: Freshman English
# 0202 10B		

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.

<u>Vocabulary Improvement</u>	1 trimester	Grade Level: Grades 11 - 12
Course # 0607		Prerequisite: Freshman English/ Sophomore English

This course concentrates on vocabulary development. The vocabulary study includes words for a college curriculum, Greek and Latin roots and stems, techniques for further improvement of vocabulary, and words for specialized fields. Working their way at times through a self-paced study and, at other times, teacher-directed activities, students are expected to do various exercises using words and also to write essays periodically, using newly learned words in context. Self-directed use of class time is critical to student success in this course.