

Which English Classes Should I Take? *Recommended Sequence:*

FRESHMEN: High School English 101/102 (1.0 credit = 1 full year)
In addition to English 101/102, students may take Your Literate Life (Reading for Fun) as an English Elective.

SOPHOMORES: High School English 201/202 (1.0 credit = 1 full year)
In addition to English 201/202, students may take any of these English Electives: Creative Writing; Protest Art & Literature; Your Literate Life (Reading for Fun) and World Mythology.

JUNIORS, 1st sem: American Literature (.5)

JUNIORS, 2nd sem: English Elective (.5)

SENIORS, 1st sem: English Elective (.5)

SENIORS, 2nd sem: English Elective (.5)

OR

JUNIORS:
AP Language and Composition (1.0)
or
AP Literature and Composition (1.0)

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SENIORS:
AP Literature and Composition (1.0)
or
AP Language and Composition (1.0)

NOTE: For juniors and seniors, in addition to the recommendations above, you can also pursue a passion and take any other English electives!

Which English Courses Should I Take?

Find the best fit by reading the descriptions below!
(Courses are listed alphabetically.)

American Literature

This class is for students who . . . are curious about foundational American texts and ideas.

In this class you can expect to . . . learn about the American Dream and American Individualism, read some classic novels of choice, challenge yourself with 18th and 19th century texts, and improve your writing skills through targeted lessons and practice.

This class is awesome because . . . we combine a study of literature with meaningful personal reflection: How does the American Dream shape your desires and your decisions? Are you a product of American Individualism?



AP Language and Composition

Who this class is for, you ask? ... This class is for students who want to read, write, and discuss the rhetorical “choices” that authors make as well as develop their own abilities to choose wisely in their own writing... guided not by fear and hatred of rhetoric... but by the wisdom of rhetoric.

Expect you will in this class to ... read and explore texts from a variety of authors and historical contexts. When done you are with this class, ready you will be for the challenges of college-level study!

Awesome this class is ... learn you will to use and apply words like anastrophe!

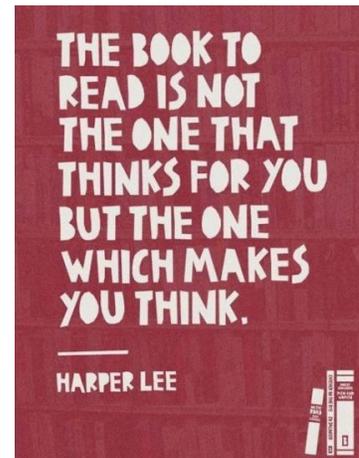


AP Literature and Composition

This class is for students who ... love to read and discuss literature.

In this class you can expect to ... read *The Great Gatsby*, write your college application essays, and engage in lots of discussions about powerful literature and how it connects to our own experiences.

This class is awesome because ... you will read books that will challenge you!



College Writing

This class is for students who ... are serious about learning what writing they'll need to be familiar with before taking the next big academic step to college.

In this class you can expect to ... complete practical and necessary college preparatory writing tasks, such as ACT/SAT test comparisons, college application essays, and college explorations.

This class is awesome because ... you'll get to have some help and some class time to work on essential college search and prep tasks that others have to do on their own time, and you get a wide exposure to a number of college writing “must-knows.” You can even take it spring semester junior year to get a jump start on those early deadlines!



Creative Writing

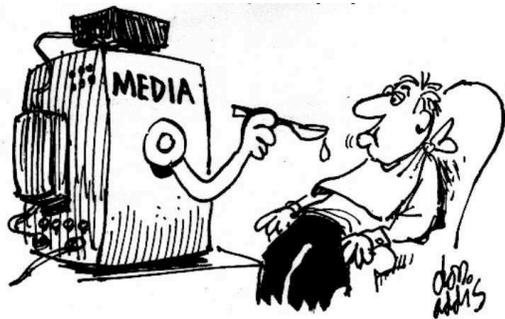
This class is for students who ... love to express themselves through writing and want to try a variety of creative forms.

In this class you can expect to ... freewrite in experimental styles that tap into your imagination, explore unconventional forms, and emulate great writers. You'll read books of your choice and create original works inspired by the authors' styles.

This class is awesome because ... you'll share your creations regularly in a writing group, encourage each other, and see lots of improvement in your writing and communication skills. Your final is self-designed, allowing you to explore topics and writing styles that are meaningful to you. Sometimes guest writers even teach the class.



Media Studies



This class is for students who . . . care about the truth and want to understand how media is both manipulated and influential upon society.

In this class you can expect to . . . analyze media from TV news to social media feeds, from newspapers to Twitter bots, public radio to popular memes; compare and contrast different forms of media, especially variations on the same

story; study the power of language on human behavior; analyze and evaluate persuasion; and debate real-world current issues.

This class is awesome because . . . it's very “real world” and relevant. This class is **important** because. . . fake news.

Poetry

This class is for students who ... love to read, write, and discuss poetry.

In this class you can expect to ... learn from great poets, whether they're classic literary legends or local slam champions. Classmates explore poets in depth and teach each other all about them, creating original artwork and poetry inspired by their writing. You will leave the class with a portfolio of original poems and lifelong inspiration.



This class is awesome because ... you'll discuss ideas about poetry through Socratic seminars, express your unique self as you experiment with all sorts of themes and styles, and really get to know your classmates. Sometimes visiting poets even lead the class.



Protest Art and Literature

This class is for students who ... are curious about how artists, musicians, poets, and writers have contributed to and/or inspired revolutions.

In this class you can expect to...read, listen to music, discover art, and immerse yourself in different political and social movements.

This class is awesome because...you will design your own artistic protest project!

Science-Fiction and Fantasy

This class is for students who . . . enjoy getting immersed in science-fiction, fantasy, or futuristic stories, be they in books, on screen, or even in games.

In this class you can expect to . . . read books of choice, pick a classic dystopian novel to read in book groups, write original and fan fiction stories, watch and analyze some sci-fi and fiction movies, and do a research project on themes commonly found in these stories.



This class is awesome because . . . you get free-reading time in class, the stories are both adventurous and thought-provoking, and you get to share and discuss favorite books with your peers!



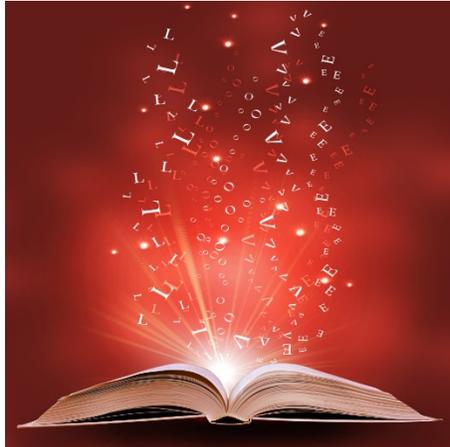
Technical Writing

This class is for students who ... know how to fight their way out of a paper bag with a ballpoint pen and wish to develop even greater memo a memo communication tactics.

In this class you can expect to ... learn how to defend yourself with a pen and a tablet as well as learn survival skills for the workplace: how to set an ad to snare a client, how to use a cover letter and

resume to shield you from unemployment, how to brandish periodic reports when surrounded by mid-level management.

This class is awesome because ... if you survive, you will be better equipped for the dog-eat-dog world of pleated pant suits, white collars, and fax machines.



Your Literate Life (Reading for Fun)

This class is for students who ... wish they had more time to read books of their choice, who want to reignite the love of reading they once had, or discover the joy of reading for the first time.

In this class you can expect to ... read a lot! You'll have help finding books you'll love. You'll set reading goals and have conversations about your reading.

This class is awesome because ... you get to read! You get to read a lot! Books of your choice! Other kinds of writing! Think of the possibilities!



World Mythology, Folklore and Fairytales

This class is for students who ... are curious about our world and the stories that have shaped humankind.

In this class you can expect to ... explore myths, folklore, and fairytales from all over. You'll be on the hunt for patterns and symbols that transcend borders and cross cultures.

This class is awesome because ... you will create a multi-media presentation on a theme or region of the world of your choice.