

SECONDARY ENGLISH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

English 7:

English 7 is a year-long course for students in seventh grade. Students read short stories, novels, plays, poems, and informational texts. Students continue to practice and enhance literary analysis, active reading strategies, and critical thinking skills. Students produce narratives, arguments, and informative and explanatory pieces that adhere to formal, academic writing standards. Ongoing activities include practicing grammar, acquiring new vocabulary, and utilizing speaking and listening skills.

Advanced English 7:

Advanced English 7 is geared toward independent learners with above-average skills in reading and writing, considerable aptitude, scholastic motivation, and a strong work ethic. This course addresses all of the same standards as English 7 but is distinguished by its quickened pace, extensive workload, and required level of independence. Students are expected to maintain a high level of proficiency in reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary.

English 8:

English 8 is a year-long course for students in eighth grade. Students read short stories, novels, plays, poems, and informational texts. Students continue to practice and enhance literary analysis, active reading strategies, and critical thinking skills. Students produce narratives, arguments, and informative and explanatory pieces that adhere to formal, academic writing standards. Ongoing activities include practicing grammar, acquiring new vocabulary, and utilizing speaking and listening skills.

Advanced English 8:

Advanced English 8 is geared toward independent learners with above-average skills in reading and writing, considerable aptitude, scholastic motivation, and a strong work ethic. This course addresses all of the same standards as English 8 but is distinguished by its quickened pace, extensive workload, and required level of independence. Students are expected to maintain a high level of proficiency in reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary.

College Prep English 9:

College Prep English 9 explores ancient world literature (pre-1599) and a survey of additional modern works. This course provides a background for the analysis of future literary works. Students will study a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts, both ancient and modern. Students produce narratives, arguments, and informative and explanatory pieces that adhere to formal, academic writing standards. Ongoing activities include practicing grammar, acquiring new vocabulary, and utilizing speaking and listening skills.

Advanced English 9:

Like College Prep English 9, Advanced English 9 explores ancient world literature (pre-1599) and a survey of additional modern works, and it provides a background for the analysis of future literary works. While this course addresses all of the same standards as College Prep English 9, it is distinguished by its quickened pace, extensive workload, and required level of independence. Students are expected to maintain a high level of proficiency in reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary.

College Prep English 10:

College Prep English 10 is a year-long course for sophomores. Modern world literature (1600-present) serves as the foundation for thematic study and the interpretation and development of voice and literary analysis. Students will hone their writing skills through the study of multiple genres, including novels, plays, poetry, short stories, and informational texts. Course content is designed to assist students becoming more sophisticated readers, writers, and speakers. This course is weighted on the 4.0 scale.

Advanced English 10:

Advanced English 10 may be taken in place of College Prep English 10. With a focus on modern world literature, this course addresses all the standards listed previously but is distinguished from the College Prep class by a quickened pace, higher expectation of self-motivation, independent reading, advanced comprehension and study skills. Finally, the curriculum contains rigorous development of writing skills and class discussion, as well as formal class presentations, using analytical reasoning skills. This course is weighted on a 4.5 scale.

College Prep English 11:

College Prep English 11 is a year-long course for juniors. American literature serves as the foundation for thematic study and the interpretation and development of voice and literary analysis. Students will hone their writing skills through the study of multiple genres, including novels, plays, poetry, short stories, and informational texts. Course content is designed to assist students in becoming sophisticated readers, writers, and speakers. This course is weighted on the 4.0 scale.

Advanced English 11:

Advanced English 11 year-long course that may be taken in place of College Prep English 11. With a focus on American literature, this course addresses all the standards required for College Prep English 11 in addition to heightened rigor and greater expectation of self-motivation, comprehension, and independent study skills. Additionally, there is more outside reading required than that of the College Prep course, more intensive development of writing, critical reading skills, and class discussion. This course is weighted on a 4.5 scale.

AP English Language and Composition 11:

AP English Language and Composition is a college-level course. With its focus on rhetoric and nonfiction writing (in addition to American literature), AP English 11 differs from the other courses through its heightened rigor, sophisticated readings, and intensive development of writing and critical reading skills. Students enrolled in AP English 11 are expected to work at the college level; thus, they must be mature scholars, prepared to read, write, and think critically. The course trains students to become aware of the interactions among a writer's purpose, audience expectations, and subjects, as well as the way genre conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing. This course is weighted on a 5.0 scale.

AP Exam: Passing the AP Language exam with a score of 3-5 earns a student three hours of college credit.

College Prep English 12:

English 12 is a year-long survey of British literature for seniors. Students will hone their writing skills through the study of multiple genres, including novels, plays, poetry, short stories, and informational texts. Course content is designed to assist students in becoming sophisticated

readers, writers, and speakers. This course prepares students for work in college English and writing courses. This course is weighted on the 4.0 scale.

Advanced English 12:

Advanced English 12 is a year-long survey of British literature that may be taken in place of College Prep English 12. This course addresses all the standards listed previously but is distinguished from the College Prep class by a quickened pace, higher expectation of self-motivation, independent reading, advanced comprehension and study skills. Finally, the curriculum contains rigorous development of writing skills and class discussion, as well as formal class presentations, using analytical reasoning skills. This course is weighted on a 4.5 scale.

DUAL:

Dual Enrollment English is a year-long course that combines the Jefferson State courses, English 101 and 102, with the Mountain Brook course, College Prep English 12. In the fall, students will complete the ENG 101 course and write four essays that focus on rhetoric and non-fiction. In the spring, students will complete the ENG 102 course and write four essays that focus on the analysis of fiction. The 12th grade Mountain Brook portion of the course focuses on the study of British literature, which will overlap all year with the ENG 101 and 102 courses. Dual Enrollment requires students to enroll through Jefferson State Community College, is weighted on a 4.5 scale, and is designed to provide students with 6 college credit hours.

AP English 12:

AP English 12 is a college-level literature course that differs from the other courses through its heightened rigor, sophisticated readings, and intensive development of writing and critical reading skills. Students enrolled in AP English 12 are expected to work at the college level; thus, they must be mature scholars, prepared to read, write, and think critically. Though most of the works come from British literature, students will read a wider variety of literature (poems, stories, plays, and novels). This course is weighted on a 5.0 scale.

AP Exam: Passing the AP Lit exam with a score of 3-5 earns a student three hours of college credit.