

ENGLISH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

11TH GRADE

COLLEGE PREP ENGLISH 11

Prerequisite: English 10

English 11 is a year-long course for juniors. American literature serves as the foundation for thematic study as well as interpretation of voice and literary devices. In addition, students develop their own writing skills and voice through a variety of genres for varied purposes. This survey course includes novels, plays, poetry, essays, and short fiction with attention to significant periods in American literature.

REQUIRED WRITING: 1-2 PROCESS PAPERS EACH SEMESTER, including a research paper, along with other writing activities

ADVANCED ENGLISH 11

+ .5 weighted grade on 4.0 scale

Prerequisite: Must have > 90 in English 10
OR > 85 in Advanced 10

English 11 Advanced is designed for juniors who qualify through class performance and grades for an advanced class but who do not desire or are not ready to pursue AP English Language 11, or who are recommended by their current teacher to delay taking the AP curriculum. The course focuses on literary analysis skills via a rich survey of American literature. The summer reading requirements are more expansive than those established for the regular English 11 classes, and the coursework demands that a higher level of critical thinking be used in literary analysis. Advanced grammar and vocabulary study contribute to the exploration of mature writing skills in a variety of modes. Each student's commitment to class preparation is key to meaningful discussion; therefore, intellectual maturity and personal responsibility are necessities.

REQUIRED WRITING: 2-3 PROCESS PAPERS EACH SEMESTER, including a research paper, along with in-class essays and other writing activities

*Students who do not meet the prerequisite for advanced or AP classes must parent place.



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11TH GRADE

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

+ 1.0 weighted grade on 4.0 scale

Prerequisite: Must have > 90 in English 10
OR > 85 in Advanced 10

AP English 11 is designed for advanced readers and writers who are eager to examine the use of language in depth. Course content differs from the regular junior course both in the selection of readings and in the demands placed on the students. In addition to covering American literature, the course trains students to become skilled readers and writers in diverse genres and modes of composition. Students enrolled in AP Language must be willing to work at the college level; thus, students must be mature scholars and prepared to think critically.

REQUIRED WRITING: 3-4 PROCESS PAPERS EACH SEMESTER, including a research paper, along with other writing activities, particularly numerous in-class essays to prepare for the AP Exam.

(Possible 3 hours college credit upon passing AP exam)

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