

AP English Literature and Composition (Online)

Course Description:

Advanced Placement English in Literature and Composition engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature (primarily using the Western canon with a focus on British literature). Through close readings of selected texts, students will deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. Additionally, this course also covers the fundamentals of criticism and how to better interpret and analyze texts from the perspective of various literary schools.

Who can enroll in the class?:

Seniors or juniors who have scored a 75% or better on the New York State Regents exam, or in their English class, or by special appointment.

What materials are needed?:

Students should invest in a 3-ring notebook for notes, a folder for handouts and packets, and may be asked to purchase a book or two during the course. Online access is required.

Which areas of literature are covered?:

Students will be expected to read over 10 major texts during the year including a variety of poetry, short fiction, and plays selected from world literature and American literature primarily. The following units cover classical, Medieval, Elizabethan, Neoclassical, Romantic, Victorian, Modern and Post-Modern Contemporary literature. *Sample* texts are as follows:

- *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles
- *Hamlet; Othello; King Lear* by William Shakespeare
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *The Importance of Being Ernest* by Oscar Wilde
- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- *The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
- *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton
- *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *100 Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

How do I get college credit for this course?:

Students passing the AP Exam in English Literature with a score of '3' or better may gain college credit provided that the university the student attends will accept these credits.

Is there summer work?:

Students are expected to attend an informational meeting or "boot camp" in the summer where materials will be discussed and disseminated to students enrolling in the course. Information about online learning and tips and advice on how to succeed in an online environment will be discussed. The first module of the course includes a student selected contemporary novel that students are expected to have read as summer reading.

What use is an Advanced Placement program in Literature?:

Students are given practical experience in research, analysis, and written & verbal communication which will help them succeed in college courses and in the contemporary job market. The wisdom gained by examining the human condition through literature is ... priceless.