

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

*(A Minimum student enrollment is required to support these offerings)*

**Advanced Placement Language and Composition**

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/>

**Grade:** 11                      **Course:** One Year

*This course focuses on rhetorical analysis of expository text as well as formal analytical essay writing.*

**Recommended Prerequisites:**

Honors English 10 or recommendation from 10<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher.

Grade of B in honors level English class; strong critical reading and writing skills.

This course is the equivalent of a first-year college English composition and rhetoric class.

**Advanced Placement Language and Literature**

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/>

**Grade:** 12                      **Course:** One Year

*This course focuses on literary analysis as well as formal analytical essay writing.*

**Recommended Prerequisites:**

Completion of Advanced Placement Language and Composition or honors level 11<sup>th</sup> grade English.

Grade of B in honors or A.P. English class in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade; strong critical reading and writing skills.

This course is equivalent of a first-year English literature class.

**Additional information:**

Both Advanced Placement classes require a summer reading assignment and substantial reading tasks during the year. Students are expected to be reading at, or above, grade level, capable of analyzing and interpreting literature without the use of commercial novel guides or critical analyses (Cliff's Notes, Pink Monkey, etc.), and competent in standard English grammar and sentence structure. Students are also expected to be active, daily participants in class discussions, capable of leading an inquiry discussion about the assignment without prodding from the instructor.

These classes are best suited for students interested in pursuing a college major or career that requires advanced skills in critical reading and writing.