

AP English Language & Composition– 01005

Prerequisite: Passing Grade in World Literature/Speech or World Lit/Advanced Speech

Course Length: Two semesters

Credit: one (1)

This year-long course follows a recommended advanced-placement curriculum and surveys works of major American authors of representative time periods. It covers a broad range of materials associated with reading analysis and writing expected in a college-level freshman composition course. Emphasis will be upon improving composition skills, annotating, deciphering literary terms within text(s), weekly outside writing assignments, quarterly project(s) as directed, writing style; in addition, daily class participation is mandatory. Through frequent timed-writing practices, one research paper, and several formal essays, students cultivate a mature use of effective writing and college-level voices. Writing guidelines incorporate on-going development of 6+1 Writing Traits paradigm. This course includes also spelling/vocabulary building, language (sentences, paragraphs, and larger rhetorical structures such as style and persuasive techniques.) All study units include reading, writing, speaking, and listening opportunities; students are encouraged to keep a journal. Throughout this course, students prepare for the AP Exam administered by the College Board in May. College credit may be earned and is dependent upon the AP test scores and the standards set by the Board of Regents of the particular college/university selected by the student. Summer reading is required.

Why Take AP Language & Composition?

The intent of a student's enrolling in AP English Language & Composition should be to obtain college credit. This can be secured through the combination of the AP Exam and your specific college's directory. SD Board of Regents awards three semester hours for a score of 3 or higher.

Are You Prepared for AP Language and Composition?

You should revisit the Course Overview above with commitment to completing all requirements of the class in full as detailed above. It is recommended that students have a minimum "B" in World Literature/Speech—01151 or Advanced Speech/World Literature 01106. An avid interest in reading and working within similar-minded group(s) is paramount for joining the class; as well, self-motivation is the key to successful completion of the course.

Registration for AP Language & Composition

Students interested in enrolling in AP Language & Composition should select said course when completing their on-line registration. The pre-registration form (on the back/Page 2) should be completed by the requested deadline. This assists with scheduling and preparation of summer materials. Enrolled students must have completed form on file by the first day of class. A student enrolling at STM after first day of class may appeal to Mr. Sullivan and/or Mrs. Strand for entrance.

Pre-Registration Form Junior AP Language & Composition--01005

STUDENT SECTION STUDENT NAME _____

Please read the following and acknowledge with your signature:

I am interested in continuing my English studies next year and enrolling in AP English Language & Composition. I have read the information found on the front side/page one presented to me and understand that by signing up for this course, I am enrolling in a challenging college-level class offered in high school. Furthermore, I understand that I will be expected to participate fully in this year-long class as well as complete all assigned tasks in timely manner; tasks will include reading, writing, in-class essays, weekly outside writings, research paper, group project(s), etc.

Student signature _____ Date _____

PARENT SECTION

Please read the following and acknowledge with your signature(s):

By signing up for this course, I/we understand that this is a challenging college-level class offered in high school. Furthermore, I/we understand that my/our child will be expected to participate fully in this year-long class as well as complete all assigned tasks on time—including but not limited to reading, writing, individual and group projects, etc. My/our child will also take the AP exam in May, for which we will prepare all year. Payment of the testing fee (approximately \$90) will be due and collected in the spring prior to completion of AP test.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____
Parent Signature _____ Date _____

PARENTS AND STUDENTS—PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF/YOURSELVES WITH THE WITHDRAWAL POLICY AND INITIAL BELOW.

STM Course Withdrawal Policy – Students enrolled in year-long courses must complete the full year in order to receive credit. If a student withdraws at any time before the end of a semester, he/she will receive a “WF” (Withdrawal-F). This will be placed on the transcript and figured into GPA. If a student drops a year-long course at semester time, he/she will not receive credit or the grade received for the semester completed. The full year must be completed to receive credit and to have the grade count towards the student’s GPA. If the student drops the class at the end of the first semester, there will be a “W” (Withdrawn from class) placed on the transcript for both semesters. Administration discretion may be used in extreme circumstances.

Parent initials: _____ Date _____ Student initials: _____ Date _____

Completed Form Due to STM Office by 3 March 2017