

AP English Literature and Composition

Pre Requisite: 11th Grade Honors

SUU College Credits: 1st Semester English 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing

2nd Semester English 2200 Introduction to Literature and Culture

English 2010 earned if students pass the AP exam with a 4 or higher.

Basically AP English Lit allows students to complete all of their college English in high school.

Welcome to AP English. This course will help you develop critical skills that are needed to be successful in any career or academic setting. AP English will teach you how to write well developed essays using a variety of concrete detail and analysis as well as proper grammar and sentence structure. You will learn how to read and think critically and accurately. Your vocabulary will increase, and you will learn to communicate on a college level. Your ACT scores will soar, as we practice basic writing and reading techniques. You will learn about yourself through studying various genres, authors and characters, and writing creatively.

You will read a variety of novels that are of literary merit. You will complete a poetry unit in which you learn how to read, understand, analyze, and write poetry. You will leave this class feeling confident and ready to succeed in any college or university. Many Beaver High School AP English students are English and writing tutors in various colleges and universities.

Pre-AP English Literature

This class is a pre-requisite for AP English Literature, which students may take when they are seniors. AP English helps students get all of their English credit in high school, so they will never need to take another English class in college. Students will learn to write various types of sentences by reviewing how sentences are created and put together. Students will raise their ACT scores in English by practicing concepts that are used on the English ACT test. Students will write well developed paragraphs and full analytical essays. Students will learn to research and document sources using MLA format. Students will learn to think critically and analytically as they study various genres. Students will read a variety of novels, poems and informative pieces and practice various reading and writing strategies.

Students will practice writing essays similar to those used on the AP Language exam. Students will practice writing the synthesis question that requires them to read a variety of texts and use some of those to formulate an argument and fully develop it. Students may take the AP Language exam at the completion of this course.

College Prep English

This class begins with a thorough review of basic English concepts, especially sentence structure. The first quarter will be dedicated to ACT English practice and studying and practicing the skills necessary to score high on the ACT. The second quarter will move to basic writing and reading strategies. Students will practice writing well developed paragraphs that are focused on a variety of topics.

Second Semester students will earn college credit English 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing through Southern Utah University. Students will read and analyze literature in a variety of ways. Students will write a research paper using MLA format. Students will learn how to research a topic and develop their ideas using a variety of sources. Students will present their research paper to the class by creating an electronic presentation.

Yearbook and Newspaper

Students will earn Computer Technology Credit as they use advanced technology to create a bi-weekly newspaper and a yearbook. Students will have the choice to be on just the yearbook staff or just the newspaper staff, or they may choose to contribute to both. Students on the newspaper staff will use Publisher to write weekly articles that will be published in *The BHS Express*. Students will learn first-hand valuable interview skills as they ask important questions to help them write well developed stories for the school newspaper. Students will learn to take digital pictures and upload them with their articles. Students will improve their English and writing skills by practicing various writing techniques every day of class. Students will learn to write creatively while being careful to proofread well. Students will gain confidence from seeing their work in print and published on the high school web page.

Yearbook students will use advanced desk top publishing techniques to create a variety of yearbook pages. Students will take photos and upload them using Adobe Photo Shop. Students will learn how to lay out photos using various special effects. Students will develop their proofreading skills as they carefully write their captions. Students will have the satisfaction of helping create a beautiful yearbook that is enjoyed by all of the students.

Students will earn vocational credit and take two State Competency tests: one each semester. Students will learn and develop the skills necessary to pass these tests and earn State Competency Skills Certificates that can be used towards earning Vocational Pathways.

ACT Prep: English

Students will experience a complete review of basic English skills and concepts. Students will raise their ACT scores by practicing writing various types of sentences and using all types of punctuation. Students will complete a nine-minute passage from an actual ACT English test during every class period. Class will begin with a short review, move to a new concept, and practice various concepts by completing short passages from the actual ACT. Students will analyze what they did well and what they need to work on by looking at how they scored on their practice tests. Students enjoy this complete review of basic English and begin to build the confidence needed to score highly on the ACT test.

9th Grade English

Students will begin their year by studying Roman and Greek mythology. Students need to have a deep understanding of mythology in order to recognize allusions as they read advanced literary works. Students will learn to research, paraphrase, and present by using their Chrome Books to

research assigned stories and concepts that they will share with the class. Students will learn to work together and help each other.

Students will be required to read every night. Students will be assigned at least a chapter every night in a novel we study together as a class. Students will practice a variety of reading strategies. Students will write every day and practice writing complete sentences, using a variety of sentences that show a thorough understanding of basic English principles. Students will write well developed paragraphs and will learn how to elaborate their ideas.

Students will write a final paper that is at least two pages at the end of each novel they study. Students will feel confident in their reading and writing by practicing these skills every day in class. Some novels we will read include Night and The Giver and possibly Romeo and Juliet.

Students will learn to read, write, and think analytically; so they can be prepared for challenging courses in all subject areas.