

English

ENGLISH

AP ENGLISH

Prerequisite: 9th, 10th & 11th English

Grade: 11-12 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

Fee: National Examination

This advanced course is an analysis of the study of literature, both classic and modern, and an in-depth approach to writing of all types. The course emphasizes an in-depth approach to the study of all genres of literature and the various modes of writing about this literature. Literary style is emphasized and the student is encouraged to experiment with the development of his/her own style. It is expected that the student will take the National Examination administered in May of each year. Summer reading may be required in this course for motivated students. The writing process is followed. The writing lab is available for use.

Creative Writing

Prerequisite: 9th, 10th & 11th English

Grade: 12 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

This is a course that focuses on the creative writing genres and preparing student writing for publication in school, local, and national publications. Students should come prepared to write and to share their writing with as large an audience as possible. Past and present authors will be examined and their writings analyzed for elements of quality. A student publication of creative writing will be produced twice a year, which will be largely accomplished by a student staff. Students will be required to submit for publication as part of the letter grade and may be required to attend readings of authors sponsored in local venues. Participation in the School Creative Writing Club may be required.

English Secondary Reading

Prerequisite: None

Grade: 9-10 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

Secondary reading is a class designed for freshman and sophomore students who struggle with reading but do not qualify for support services. The class is designed to help students build reading skills. Students will work on reading comprehension and fluency, learn strategies of successful readers, and select material for independent reading. Help will be provided for students to deal with the reading requirements of other academic classes. This course will fill an elective credit.

English, Freshman

Prerequisite: None

Grade: 9 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

This is a basic skill-building course, which places an emphasis on the Utah State Core Curriculum where writing, reading comprehension, vocabulary building, basic grammar, study skills, and listening are featured. Students will be introduced to library and dictionary skills. Parts of speech and punctuation study will be stressed. The writing process is followed. Research skills public speaking are also taught.

English, Sophomore

Prerequisite: 9th English

Grade: 10 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

This is a course where basic skills are learned or reviewed and new skills are introduced from the Utah State Core Curriculum. This course places an emphasis on learning the literary techniques of the short story, poetry, and the novel. The student will also learn research techniques, sentence structure, grammar and punctuation rules, vocabulary and essay writing. The class is student centered and will teach the skills necessary to pass the UBST.

English, Junior

Prerequisite: 9th & 10th English

Grade: 11 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

This course will build on the skills learned in Freshman and Sophomore English,

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emphasizing the Utah State core curriculum. Class work will revolve around meaningful themes designed to produce creative, logical, and critical thinking. Expression in the areas of writing, poetry, short stories, novels, speeches, research, the essay, and drama are emphasized. A review of English usage is emphasized. This course meets the needs of both the college bound and the terminal student. The writing process is followed. The writing laboratory is utilized.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Prerequisite: None

Grade: 9-12 *Subject Area:* EL

Two Semesters

This class focuses on the acquisition of the English language. It is for students who speak another language or have another language spoken in the home. Explicit English as a foreign language instruction drives the curriculum which is made up of, but not limited to, Forms, or internal grammatical structure of words (e.g. giving instructions, introducing ourselves, and making requests, and Functions, or how words are used in academic writing (describing processes, comparing or contrasting things or ideas, and classifying objects and ideas).

English, Senior

Prerequisite: 11th English

Grade: 12 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

This course is designed for 12th grade students and continues the development of thinking, reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills as practiced in previous grades. Students are introduced to a greater variety of literature with an emphasis on British writers. They continue to decode (read the lines), to infer (read between the lines), to interpret (read beyond the ones), and to identify and appreciate effective use of language. They improve their expressive and receptive vocabularies; i.e., the words they use in speaking and writing and the words they understand when reading and listening. These skills will prepare students to be more effective college thinkers and writers.

Journalism II

Prerequisite: Teacher Permission

Grade: 11-12 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

This course will include the preparation and production of the school newspaper and all related skills including news writing, editorial, and column writing, reporting, design, layout and selling of ads. Each student is expected to contribute articles and/or advertisements for each issue. Computer skills as well as writing and editing skills are required. After-school time is sometimes required for gathering stories, selling ads, or putting the paper together. Only dependable and self-motivated people need apply.

College Prep English

Prerequisite: College Bound

Grade: 11-12 *Subject Area:* EN

Two Semesters

College Prep English prepares the college-bound student for post-high school studies by preparing them to take the ACT entrance exam, apply for college, and write for scholarships. In addition, students learn to write on a college level by studying the logic and organization of other essays. This class fulfills the requirement of an advanced English class for the Diploma of Merit.

Business Communications

Prerequisite: 11th English

Grade: 10-12 *Subject Area:* AT, EN

Year long

This introductory course (first semester) and advanced course (second semester) will teach students to communicate in a clear, courteous, concise, complete and correct manner on both personal and professional levels. Competency will be developed in oral, written, nonverbal, interpersonal, technological, and employment communication. Listening skills will be

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incorporated throughout the semesters. The overriding goal is to provide students with a solid communication base, so they are able to communicate effectively. The advanced course will also give students the opportunity to have a proficient portfolio consisting of resumes, job application prompts, personal statement letters.