

# ENGLISH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## 10TH GRADE

### COLLEGE PREP ENGLISH 10

Prerequisite: English 9

English 10 is a year-long course for sophomores. World literature serves as the foundation for thematic study as well as interpretation of voice and literary devices. In addition, students develop their own writing skills and voice through a variety of genres for varied purposes. This survey course includes novels, plays, poetry, essays, and short fiction with attention to significant periods in world literature. Grammar and vocabulary study span the year to contribute to the enrichment of literature and writing.

**REQUIRED WRITING: 1-2 PROCESS PAPERS EACH SEMESTER**, including a research paper, along with other writing activities

### ADVANCED ENGLISH 10

+ .5 weighted grade on 4.0 scale

Prerequisite: Must have > 90 in English 9  
OR > 85 in Advanced 9

English 11 Advanced is designed for sophomores who qualify through class performance and grades for an advanced class. The course focuses on literary analysis skills via a rich survey of world literature. The summer reading requirements are more expansive than those established for the regular English 10 classes, and the coursework demands that a higher level of critical thinking be used in literary analysis. Advanced grammar and vocabulary study contribute to the exploration of mature writing skills in a variety of modes. Each student's commitment to class preparation is key to meaningful discussion; therefore, intellectual maturity and personal responsibility are necessities.

**REQUIRED WRITING: 2-3 PROCESS PAPERS EACH SEMESTER**, including a research paper, along with in-class essays and other writing activities

\*Students who do not meet the prerequisite for advanced or AP classes must parent place.