

AP English Language & Composition

Overview

AP English Language & Composition is a university level course in which students read and write for a variety of rhetorical purposes. During this program, students will work with a mentor to learn skills of rhetorical analysis, argument, and argumentative synthesis. Texts for the course vary and are drawn from any rhetorical situation from the last four centuries, requiring students to respond to both current controversies and enduring philosophical questions. Students best suited to this course are avid, proficient readers, attuned to current events, and interested in understanding the power of language to shape our identities, our perceptions, and our world.

Objectives

- Encourage students to read, write and discuss works critically with energy and imagination
- Develop and mould their own styles that reflect their personal values
- Explore the contribution of literature to areas of human concern
- Understand the different ways that writers achieve their purpose

Structure

- Reflect on current knowledge of the range of topics that AP English Language covers and identify strengths and weaknesses
 - Develop a personalised curriculum
- Writing Skills
 - Develop an expansive vocabulary used appropriately and effectively
 - Learn various types of sentence structures, including appropriate use of subordination and coordination
- Develop logical and cohesive organisation, enhanced by specific techniques to increase coherence, such as diction, repetition, transitions and emphasis;
- Effective use of rhetoric, including controlling tone, establishing and maintaining voice, and achieving appropriate emphasis through diction and sentence structure
- Learn how to develop a strong, coherent thesis statement and understand how to maintain writing structure based on the thesis statement
- Develop a wide range of reading interests and skills
 - Analyse writer's use of language and style, and the ways that the author achieves their purpose and influences readers
- Managing time and allocating enough time to each section
- Exam practice
 - Past papers
 - Planning and structuring responses
 - Analysing and evaluating sources

