

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department's general philosophy is to enable each student to increase her comprehension and appreciation in the areas of oral and written communication including grammar, composition, vocabulary, reading and speech skills. The student will be able to appreciate the value of literature and learn how to apply her skills to other disciplines. The English Department strives to use the experiences of literature to appeal to and help develop the whole person – intellectually, spiritually, morally and socially.

ENGLISH 9: REGENTS

Course # 210

Credit: 1.0

This course is an integrated combination of genre study and pursuit of a mastery of English mechanics, including writing skills, grammar and vocabulary. This structure will ensure that all students are more than adequately prepared for literary study on a higher level.

ENGLISH 9: HONORS REGENTS

Course # 211

Credit: 1.0

This course is a literature and language arts course for participants in the Ferrer Scholars Program and other freshman students whose Placement exam and academic record show them to be excellent students of English.

The course is designed to introduce the different genres in literature, reinforce grammar and vocabulary skills and help the students to develop a more sophisticated pre-college approach to English.

ENGLISH 10: REGENTS

Course # 220

Credit: 1.0

This is a study of American Literature from the early Colonial to the Modern period. The study proceeds chronologically offering the students historical, cultural and political backgrounds for the literature produced in each period. Students will be required to make connections between the writing and the societal influences that contributed to its creation.

ENGLISH 10: HONORS REGENTS

Course #221

Credit: 1.0

This course is a literature and language arts course for students in the Ferrer Scholars program and for those sophomores who have an average of a 93% in English 9 Regents and the permission of their English 9 teacher.

This course presents a study of American Literature from the early Colonial to the Modern period. In class essays, presentations, projects and a research essay are included as a part of the coursework in order to help the students achieve a more sophisticated approach to literary study.

ENGLISH 11: REGENTS

Course # 230

Credit: 1.0

British Literature: A sixteen hundred year heritage is a source of wealth beyond measure. This course attempts to introduce the students to this treasure in such a way that she will continue to seek out its riches during her lifetime. Students will also continue to develop writing, listening and reading comprehension skills in preparation for the New York State Regents exam in English which will be given in January of the junior year.

ENGLISH 11: HONORS REGENTS

Course # 231

Credit: 1.0

This course is a literature and language arts course for students in the Ferrer Scholars program and for those juniors who have a 93% average in English 10 and the permission of their English 10 teacher.

This course will include a survey of British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present, research papers and class presentations. Students continue to develop their writing, listening and reading comprehension skills in preparation for the New York State Regents Exam in English, which will be given in January of the junior year. In-class essays, presentations, projects and a research essay are included as part of the coursework in order to help the students achieve a more sophisticated approach to literary study.

ENGLISH 12

Course # 240

Credit: 1.0

This full year course will be required for all students who are not taking AP English and will include composition, world literature, communications and cinema. Vocabulary development will continue and a 4-7 page annotated essay will be required in the first semester.

ENGLISH 12: ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Course #245

Credit: 1.0

Prerequisites: A class average of at least 93%; the recommendation of the junior year English instructor; a reading comp/essay entrance exam written essay administered. All of the above requirements must be met.

This senior elective is a college level course given in preparation for the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition. Students study a wide variety of genres, including novels, drama, short stories and poetry, from the Renaissance to the late twentieth century. A college level course, all students are expected to read challenging texts, to write analytical essays and to actively participate in class discussions. In addition, students undertake an independent reading project in the spring semester. All students enrolled in the course are expected to take the AP exam. The cost of the exam is approximately \$90.00.