

Why should I take A.P. Literature & Composition?

According to the College Board:

"Strong performance on AP Exams is rewarded by colleges and universities worldwide. More than 90 percent of four-year colleges and universities in the United States grant students credit, placement, or both on the basis of successful AP exam scores. But performing well on an AP exam means more than just the successful completion of a course; it is the gateway to success in college. Research consistently shows that students who score a 3 or higher [on the AP exam] typically experience greater academic success in college and improved graduation rates than their non-AP student peers."

Who should take AP Lit? Well, students who. . .

- want to develop their skills as a writer.
- haven't felt particularly challenged in prior English courses.
- are motivated learners.
- like to be surrounded by peers who have an advanced work ethic.
- want the chance to potentially earn college credit (dependent on school).
- want to enhance their high school transcript.
- enjoy the study of literature.

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Frequently Asked Questions

I've never taken an AP or Pre-AP English class. Does this mean I can't take AP English?

No! Anyone can take AP Literature; we have what is known as an open-enrollment policy. About ¼ of the students in the course took English 3 the year prior. There may be a small adjustment period, and you may need some extra assistance initially, but it is extremely doable. As an honors course, students also benefit from the extra GPA point for qualifying semester grades.

I don't plan to major in English in college. Does this mean I should not take AP English?

Most of the students who take AP Lit do not plan to major in English. The course is particularly well-suited for those who want to increase their skills as a writer (something that is important across all disciplines). Some students hope to receive AP credit so that they might be able to free their college schedules for other coursework.

Is there summer homework?

Yes. This is a district requirement. You can expect to read a book over summer and complete an essay response.

What about daily homework?

Homework is infrequent. However, students are responsible for a variety of long-term assignments (readings, essays, and responses). Students will work within a several-week window to complete such tasks (so time management is important).

I'm on the fence and still have questions. What should I do?

I'd recommend you start by approaching your current English teacher and asking their opinion. They can offer specific feedback in regards to their observations of your performance in the areas of analytical response, writing, and work ethic. If you have any course-specific questions, I would be happy to talk! Please feel free to swing by my room anytime.