

AP English Language and Composition Course Content

The AP English Language and Composition course is designed to help students become skilled readers and writers through engagement with the following course requirements:

- Composing in several forms (e.g., narrative, expository, analytical, and argumentative essays) about a variety of subjects (*9th-12th grade Humanities and Composition*)
- Writing that proceeds through several stages or drafts, with revision aided by teacher and peers (*9th-12th grade Humanities and Composition*)
- Writing informally (e.g., imitation exercises, journal keeping, collaborative writing), which helps students become aware of themselves as writers and the techniques employed by other writers (*9th-12th grade Humanities and Composition*)
- Writing expository, analytical, and argumentative compositions based on readings representing a variety of prose styles and genres (*9th-12th grade Humanities, Rhetoric, and Composition*)
- Reading nonfiction (e.g., essays, journalism, science writing, autobiographies, criticism) selected to give students opportunities to identify and explain an author's use of rhetorical strategies and techniques (*9th-12th grade Humanities, Rhetoric, and Composition*)
- Analyzing graphics and visual images both in relation to written texts and as alternative forms of text themselves ****Currently ERA does not include a lot of this in our Humanities coursework****
- Developing research skills and the ability to evaluate, use, and cite primary and secondary sources (*9th-12th grade Humanities, Rhetoric, and Composition*)
- Conducting research and writing argument papers in which students present an argument of their own that includes the analysis and synthesis of ideas from an array of sources (*9th-12th grade Humanities, Rhetoric, and Composition*)
- Citing sources using a recognized editorial style (e.g., Modern Language Association, The Chicago Manual of Style) (*9th-12th grade Humanities, Rhetoric, and Composition*)
- Revising their work to develop: (*9th-12th grade Humanities and Composition*)
 - o A wide-ranging vocabulary used appropriately and effectively;
 - o A variety of sentence structures, including appropriate use of subordination and coordination;
 - o Logical organization, enhanced by techniques such as repetition, transitions, and emphasis;
 - o A balance of generalization and specific, illustrative detail; and
 - o An effective use of rhetoric, including tone, voice, diction, and sentence structure.

Eagle Ridge Academy Students Readiness for AP English and Composition:

Eagle Ridge Academy has reviewed the course content for AP English and Composition and believe that students that complete Eagle Ridge Academy Humanities in grades 9-11, along with taking Rhetoric and Composition would be prepared to take the AP English and Composition exam. The recommended year for taking the exam would be the end of junior year. Please note that Eagle Ridge Academy recognizes that students may need to prep outside the classroom to be best prepared for this exam and to understand the nuances of the exam.