

Advanced Placement (AP) Literature (ENGL500)

PRE-REQ. ENGL300 or equivalent

CREDITS: 1 (two-semester course)

DESCRIPTION: AP Literature is designed to strengthen the student's ability to read and interpret the various genres and motifs in literature. This class will help prepare the student to take the AP exam in Literature at the end of the school year, but the class will not "teach to the test". The literature readings will be mainly from English literature, with selections from world literature added. Students are required to stay within 9 weeks of the posted school calendar schedule.

The workload and instruction level of this course are intense. The student will write a practice AP essay every week to hone skills needed for college level writing. These essays will be graded on a college level rubric. Rewrites will not be allowed. The student can expect to spend at least an hour most days working on ENGL500. The literature discussions will require students to know and accurately apply literary theory from past years and from the ENGL500 course material. Tests are all high order thinking tests applying concepts in creative ways learned – no tests are rote memory and regurgitation. Students and parents need to be aware that texts are chosen for their suitability for the AP exam and are meant to expose students to high level texts such as they will encounter in the world. For this reason, students need to realize that not all works will be Christian and will challenge their belief system.