

What is AP Language & Composition?

AP Language and Composition is equivalent to college Composition I and Composition II courses. It focuses on nonfiction, current events, and argumentative writing. We examine authors' arguments and then learn how to write our own. Because it is a college level course based on argument, we may discuss and examine some controversial topics. Students are encouraged to develop their own positions through research of multiple perspectives, which means that they will be confronted with perspectives different from their own.

Exam

The AP Language Exam is an optional part of the course. It consists of 50 multiple choice questions, 1 rhetorical analysis essay (analyzing an author's argument), 1 open ended argument essay, and 1 synthesis essay (argument using provided sources for support). The test is always scheduled from the beginning to mid-May. It takes approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes to complete. The SCORE on this exam does not affect the student's GPA in any way. Higher scores can get students up to 6 hours college credit for Comp I and Comp II. Scores and credit hours depend on the university. By taking this course, students receive a .5 bump in their GPA, and TAKING the exam leads to another .5 bump in their GPA.

Expectations

Because this is a college level course, students need to be prepared for college level responsibility and work. Reading and writing will be required both in class and at home. However, I do encourage students to accomplish the bulk of their work in class. Because of this, late work will result in the loss of points. To ensure success and commitment to the class, if a student's grade drops below a C by the end of the 1st 9 weeks, they will need to transfer out of the class.

This form must be signed and returned to Ms Chris by May 17th. If I do not receive a form, you will be unenrolled in the course. (Exceptions will be made for students who are waiting on previous AP scores to determine class enrollment.)

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____