

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT – PROGRAM OF STUDY
GRADES 6 THROUGH 12

REQUIRED COURSE OF STUDY

Grade 6

EN601 Grade 6 English

Grade 7

Either:

*EN700 Grade 7 Honors English OR

EN701 Grade 7 English

Grade 8

Either:

*EN800 Grade 8 Honors English OR

EN801 Grade 8 English

Grade 9

Either:

*EN100 Honors Freshman English OR

EN101 Freshman English

Grade 10

*EN200 Honors Sophomore English OR

EN201 Sophomore English

Grade 11

*EN300 Honors Junior English - American Literature and Culture OR

EN301 Junior English - American Literature and Culture OR

*EN360 Advanced Placement Literature and Composition

Grade 12

*EN400 Honors Senior English - British Literature and Tradition OR

EN401 Senior English - British Literature and Tradition OR

*EN411 Senior English - Topics I OR

*EN450 Advanced Placement Language and Composition

*Prerequisites or admission guidelines may apply. See your counselor for information.

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OTHER COURSES

***Foundations Courses**

EN175 Freshmen English Foundations
EN275 Sophomore English Foundations
EN375 Junior English Foundations
EN475 Senior English Foundations

***Electives:**

FULL YEAR

EN 350 English & Math Study Skills (Grade 11)
EN 501 Creative Writing (Grades 11 & 12)
EN 502 Journalism (Grades 10, 11, & 12)

HALF YEAR

EN 503S Public Speaking (Grades 10, 11, & 12)
EN 504S College Writing (Grades 11 & 12)
EN 505S The Graphic Novel (Grades 10, 11, & 12)
EN 507S Young Adult Literature (Grades 10, 11, & 12)

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GRADE 6: Required

EN601 Grade 6 English

The language arts curriculum is designed to reinforce and develop reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing skills through an integrated approach with an emphasis on process writing and strategic reading. Students are introduced to concepts regarding text analysis and textual evidence, as well as the beginnings of MLA-style writing and documentation.

GRADE 7: Required

EN700 Grade 7 Honors English

Department Approval Required

Students continue to develop and master skills in the areas of reading, reading comprehension, writing, listening, thinking, grammar, vocabulary, and appreciation of literature. Students practice writing in several types of writing, including explanatory, narrative, argument, and persuasive. This class will expose students to a wide variety of literary genres and writing styles, in addition to providing opportunity to mastery literary analysis skills. Students further develop concepts regarding text analysis and textual evidence, as well as the beginnings of MLA-style writing and documentation. Due to the Honors nature of the course, materials utilized in the course are at an advanced level and the pacing of the course is markedly faster than that of EN701. Students engage in activities and skills to prepare them for entrance to Grade 8 Honors English.

EN701 Grade 7 English

Students continue to develop and master skills in the areas of reading, reading comprehension, writing, listening, thinking, grammar, vocabulary, and appreciation of literature. Students practice writing in several types of writing, including explanatory, narrative, argument, and persuasive. This class will expose students to a wide variety of literary genres and writing styles, in addition to providing opportunity to mastery literary analysis skills. Students further develop concepts regarding text analysis and textual evidence, as well as the beginnings of MLA-style writing and documentation.

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GRADE 8: Required

EN800 Grade 8 Honors English

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Grade 8 Honors English should build upon previously acquired knowledge of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing skills, while preparing the student for the more challenging work of high school level. Students will master a variety of tasks, such as reading short stories, poems, and novels, understanding Greek mythology and the allusions to it in other works of literature, writing for a multitude of purposes, and effectively utilizing proper grammar in their writing. The students in Grade 8 Honors English should develop an appreciation of literature, as well as an understanding of how it relates to their own lives, the community around them, and the world as a whole in both the past and the present. Furthermore, reading and writing are studied jointly in order to promote an advanced understanding of writing purpose and the technique employed to affect those purposes. Due to the Honors nature of the course, materials utilized in the course are at an advanced level and the pacing of the course is markedly faster than that of EN801. Students engage in activities and skills to prepare them for entrance to Freshmen Honors English.

EN801 Grade 8 English

Grade 8 English builds upon previously acquired knowledge of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing skills, while preparing the student for the more challenging work of high school level. Students will master a variety of tasks, such as reading short stories, poems, and novels, understanding Greek mythology and the allusions to it in other works of literature, writing for a multitude of purposes, and effectively utilizing proper grammar in their writing. The students in Grade 8 English develop an appreciation of literature, as well as an understanding of how it relates to their own lives, the community around them, and the world as a whole in both the past and the present. Furthermore, reading and writing are studied jointly in order to promote an advanced understanding of writing purpose and the technique employed to affect those purposes.

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GRADE 9: Required

EN100 Honors Freshman English

Department Approval Required

Honors Freshman English is an intense study of literature, literary history, writing, and research. The goal of this course is to help students develop the core reading and writing skills expected of college-bound students. Students learn to read and comprehend some of the finest poetry, plays, novels, short stories, and non-fiction essays written from various cultures and time periods. Writing tasks include analytical essays, journals, poetry, stories, plays, personal essays, letters, and biographies. Research skills will be developed and demonstrated through the writing of MLA style documented essays. Public speaking skills will also be introduced.

EN101 Freshman English

In Freshman English, students are introduced to an intense analysis of both the short story and the novel. The ability to discuss these novels both orally and in writing is emphasized. Terms such as foreshadowing, climax, characterization, setting, theme, irony and exposition will be highlighted. Instruction in research and MLA documented essay writing will be incorporated throughout the year. Writing and reading skills will be enhanced through the study of vocabulary, grammar, and usage. Public speaking skills will be introduced.

Grade 10: Required

EN200 Honors Sophomore English

Department Approval Required

Honors Sophomore English continues the intense study and analysis of literature, literary history, writing, and research that was begun in EN100. The skills in reading and writing that were beginning to be introduced in Honors Freshman English are more fully developed. Through the reading of a variety of genres of writing from various time periods and cultures, students will begin to develop critical analysis skills expected of college-bound students. EN200 also includes the continuing development of research and MLA writing skills.

EN201 Sophomore English

In Sophomore English, students study a variety of literary genres including the short story, the novel, and drama. Through the critical reading and analysis of works such as *Julius Caesar* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, students continue to develop skills introduced in Freshman English, including the key elements of literature, especially the development of character and theme. In addition to a variety of creative assignments, students will continue to develop skills in research and writing MLA documented essays. Grammar, usage, vocabulary, and study skills will also be incorporated throughout the year.

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GRADE 11: Required

EN300 Honors Junior English - American Literature and Culture

Department Approval Required

Honors Junior English- American Literature and Culture focuses on the study and analysis of literature, literary history, writing, and research with the purpose of understanding how our present lives have been shaped by great literature of the past. Research and MLA writing skills are strengthened with the goal of preparing college-bound students. Advanced vocabulary is developed. Public speaking skills will also be reinforced.

EN301 Junior English - American Literature & Culture

In Junior English - American Literature and Culture, students will learn through careful reading, writing, and discussion about how our present lives have been shaped by great literature of the past. The course will cover writings from our early settlement of this continent through the time of the Civil War. Instruction will focus on grammar, usage, reading, and MLA documented writing. The study of vocabulary will also be an integral part of the curriculum. Public speaking skills will be reinforced.

EN360 Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

Department Approval Required

AP Literature and Composition is designed for the highly motivated junior who is planning to take the AP test in English Literature for college credit. The course will cover the equivalent work of a college freshman English class, which includes an intensive study of representative works from various genres and periods of literature, concentrating on works of recognized literary merit. In addition, students will be instructed in the process of writing expository and analytical essays, as well as the use of proper research documentation. It is strongly suggested that students in this course take the Advanced Placement examination in English Literature and Composition.

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GRADE 12: Required

EN400 Honors Senior English - British Literature and Tradition

Department Approval Required

Honors Senior English - British Literature & Tradition will strengthen the intense study of literature, literary history, writing, and research. Students learn to read and comprehend some of the finest poetry, plays, novels, short stories, and essays written from the Middle Ages through the Romantic Period. The class will provide opportunities for a variety of writing, including journals, poetry, stories, plays, personal essays, letters, and biographies. A focus is placed on the development of MLA documented essays in preparation for college. Public speaking skills will also be reinforced.

EN401 Senior English - British Literature and Tradition

Senior English – British Literature and Tradition focuses on British Literature from as early as the 400s through the 1800s. The study of works such as *Beowulf*, *Macbeth*, and *Frankenstein* is used to investigate cultures and societies through an in-depth analysis of the literature of the period. A study of satire also gives students an understanding of some ways writing and literature can be used to change society. Students also receive instruction in vocabulary and public speaking skills. There is also much emphasis placed on research skills and the development of documented essays.

EN411 Senior English Topics

See next page for information.

EN450 Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

Department Approval Required

AP Language and Composition is a college level course in critical reading and effective writing. Concentrating on a study of rhetorical devices and a wide variety of non-fiction essay modes, the student will see how authors use those devices to engage and maintain the reader's interest. Research and public speaking skills will also be reinforced. It is strongly suggested that students in this course take the AP Language and Composition Exam.

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SENIOR ENGLISH TOPICS
Prerequisites Apply

The Senior Topics program allows students to take a pre-selected pairing of semester courses in lieu of the traditional full year Senior English course. Each of the pre-selected pairings is literature-based with writing components, but focus on a particular kind of literature, genre, or author. This program allows students to participate in college-style literary studies in concepts and topics that break away from the traditional study of British Literature.

EN411A Senior English Topics A

Horror Literature

In this course, students will examine the gothic and horror genre of literature throughout time as well as analyze why the character of the vampire has withstood the test of time. Students will investigate why this type of character as well as the horror genre became and remain so popular. *Horror Literature* requires students to read a variety of short stories, poems, and novels from various time periods that focus on the character of the vampire. All students will practice writing and presentation skills through MLA-style literary analysis essays.

Adapting Film from Literature

In this course, students will analyze the journey of a literary text to its film adaptation. Student will analyze, research, and demonstrate understanding of the origin of a narrative in comparison and contrast to its ultimate film product. Students will be exposed to various authors' dramas/screenplays, short stories/novellas, and novels, as well as their film counterparts. Students will practice writing and research skills through the creation of MLA-style literary analysis essays for each narrative, as well as learn the fundamentals of screenplay writing and storyboarding for film. *Please note: this course is a literature-based course with a reading and writing focus.*

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FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

EN175 Freshman English Foundations

Foundations classes are offered in addition to students' regular English course. The English Foundations course accommodates the tutorial needs of students who fail to meet state requirements in reading and / or writing on state assessments. Students in this course will receive enhanced instruction in grammar, content reading, reasoning skills, vocabulary, reading comprehension strategies, and expository writing skills in order to meet grade level standards. The course will enable students to become skilled readers and to write adequate prose, composing in a variety of subjects, purposes, and forms.

EN275 Sophomore English Foundations

Foundations classes are offered in addition to students' regular English course. The English Foundations course accommodates the tutorial needs of students who fail to meet state requirements in reading and / or writing on state assessments. Students in this course will receive enhanced instruction in grammar, content reading, reasoning skills, vocabulary, reading comprehension strategies, and expository writing skills in order to meet grade level standards. The course will enable students to become skilled readers and to write adequate prose, composing in a variety of subjects, purposes, and forms

EN375 Junior English Foundations

Foundations classes are offered in addition to students' regular English course. The English Foundations course accommodates the tutorial needs of students who fail to meet state requirements in reading and / or writing on state assessments. Students in this course will receive enhanced instruction in grammar, content reading, reasoning skills, vocabulary, reading comprehension strategies, and expository writing skills in order to meet grade level standards. The course will enable students to become skilled readers and to write adequate prose, composing in a variety of subjects, purposes, and forms.

EN475 Senior English Foundations

Foundations classes are offered in addition to students' regular English course. The English Foundations course accommodates the tutorial needs of students who fail to meet state requirements in reading and / or writing on state assessments. Students in this course will receive enhanced instruction in grammar, content reading, reasoning skills, vocabulary, reading comprehension strategies, and expository writing skills in order to meet grade level standards. The course will enable students to become skilled readers and to write adequate prose, composing in a variety of subjects, purposes, and forms.

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FULL YEAR ELECTIVES

EN350 English & Math Study Skills (Grade 11):

The English portion of the SAT course is designed to help juniors prepare for the verbal and writing components of the SAT. The course includes intense study and practice in vocabulary development, sentence completion, critical reading, and writing. The Mathematics portion of the College Study Skills course focuses on the number and reasoning skills required for the mathematics section of the SAT. A review of Algebraic and Geometric concepts is provided along with techniques needed to successfully complete the three testing sections in the allotted time.

EN501 Creative Writing (Grades 11 & 12):

This course will consider the influence of and the relationship between the arts in terms of creative self-expression through the mediums of literature, music, film, and art. In particular, the students will analyze and appreciate the creative works of established writers and creative artists, resulting in the development of their own original writing. Writers will create personal prose and poetry, children's stories such as fairy tales and fables, a formal short story, and a number of poems in both form and free verse.

EN502 Journalism (Grades 10, 11, & 12):

This course will cover the history of journalism and begin building a foundation of necessary skills to conduct interviews, write articles, and edit copy. The students will maintain a portfolio of their work. Students enrolled in Journalism are contributors to Union High School's own newspaper, *The Cannon*.

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SEMESTER ELECTIVES

EN503S Public Speaking (Grades 10, 11, & 12):

This course provides students with an opportunity to strengthen their skills in speaking in both small and large group settings. Students will become more confident when speaking in front of others through the study, preparation, and delivery of various types of speeches, including informative, persuasive, and those for special occasions. Students will learn to choose speaking topics and adapt them for specific audiences, to research and support their ideas, to benefit from listener feedback, and to evaluate presentations given by others. They will also study how to incorporate well-designed visual and multimedia aids in presentations.

EN504S College Writing (Grades 11 & 12):

This course is primarily designed to prepare students for writing academic papers in college; specifically, such papers will incorporate MLA (Modern Language Association) and APA (American Psychological Association) style guidelines. Students will be taught formulaic writing strategies, how to locate credible sources of information, and how to appropriately cite such sources. Students will also be provided with tutorial help for writing assignments from other classes.

EN505S The Graphic Novel: (Grades 10, 11, & 12):

Graphic Novel course is about storytelling through art. It provides the reader with an alternative to mere text on a page by conveying events through detailed artwork. This class will emphasize historical events and social experiences through the medium of the comic. Students will also explore how to apply these techniques into their own storytelling.

EN507S – Young Adult Literature (Grades 10, 11, & 12):

Young Adult Literature will help students build an appreciation of literature and motivate students to become life-long readers through exposure to popular young adult fiction. Students will examine the role of young adult literature in relation to their culture and development. The course will link various young adult works to classic myths, themes, and stories from around the world. It will also give students the opportunity to use technology in literature related activities.