

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

### English 9

Full Year

Prerequisites: Eighth Grade

Grade: 9

This course reinforces basic skills in studying, reading various forms of literature, and writing several essays, poems and other forms of composition. Grammar, vocabulary, and mechanics are emphasized within literary and writing units. The students will complete a research paper in Noodle Tools in the second semester. The students will read several novels, an epic, short stories, poetry, a Shakespearian play, and many other literary selections.

*Special Materials:* None

### Honors English 9

Full Year

Prerequisites: Departmental Approval based on Entrance Testing

Grade: 9

This course is designed for ninth-grade students who have met the requirements for the honors class. Its focus is to enable students to read literature and write compositions which are more complex than those required of English 9. Critical thinking and rhetoric are emphasized through class discussion and oral assignments. They will complete a research paper in Noodle Tools in the second semester. Grammar and usage will be addressed as needed. The students will read a variety of short stories and poems, five novels, an epic, and a Shakespearian play.

*Special Materials:* None

### English 10

Semester

Prerequisites: English 9

Grade: 10

The purpose of this course is to continue to develop those skills introduced in the freshman year and introduce new skills in writing, reading, and thinking. The focus is on specific styles of writing and reading various forms of literature.

*Special Materials:* None

**Oral Communication**

**Semester**

**Prerequisites: English 9**

**Grade: 10**

**This course develops the skills of oral interpretation and speech. Students study several rhetorical methods of speech and give a variety of speeches as well as write and give a researched paper/speech.**

***Special Materials: None***

**Honors English 10**

**Semester**

**Prerequisites: English 9, Departmental Recommendation**

**Grade: 10**

**This course will emphasize reading a wide array of literary genres, recognizing overarching themes and literary devices in each genre, and replicating these elements in a variety of writing styles. The course will focus on more complex literature and writing than required of English 10. They will also write one research paper. Students will write a multi-genre paper, a literary analysis, and a research paper. This paper includes a narrative, descriptive, argumentative, and expository essay.**

***Special Materials: None***

**English 11**

**Full Year**

**Prerequisites: English 10**

**Grade: 11**

**This course is the study of American literature (from pre-colonial times to the present) and composition. The student will write one researched persuasive paper. The students will continue to refine their skills in listening, reading, writing and analyzing literary works by American authors.**

***Special materials: None***

**Honors English 11**

**Full Year**

**Prerequisites:** English 10, Departmental Recommendation 2.7 Cumulative GPA, and an A if moving from regular English **Grade: 11**

This course is the study of American literature (from pre-colonial times to the present) and composition. Students are required to write one research paper and four other formal essays. This class earns dual-credit with Lewis and Clark Community College for students who qualify through testing. This class is required if the student desires to take the dual-credit class in his senior year. This course is listed as English 131 YL with LCCC.

*Special Materials:* none

**English 12**

**Full Year**

**Prerequisites:** English 11

**Grade: 12**

This course concentrates on World literature from the twentieth century and includes all literary forms and cultural backgrounds. Reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills are incorporated. A research paper is required as well as four other formal essays. Dual credit is available through Lewis and Clark Community College for those students who qualify through testing.

*Special Materials:* none

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**Honors English 12**

**Full Year**

**Prerequisites:** Honors English 11, Department Recommendation, 2.7 Cumulative GPA, an A if moving from Regular English **Grade: 12**

This course is designed to enable the student to receive six hours of college credit through Lewis & Clark Community College for students who qualify through testing. Students study World Literature from the Sumerian to the modern era. They are required to write from several rhetorical methods as well as demonstrate their knowledge of the literature and the cultures studied through a variety of assessments. Three research papers are required as well as five other essays throughout the year. This course is listed as English 132 and Classical Mythology at LCCC.

*Special Materials:* none

**Journalism 1**

**Full Year**

**Prerequisites: None**

**Grades: 11-12**

**The course focuses on writing appropriate to mass communication. It will include ethical responsibility, copywriting, editing, photography, layout and design, investigative reporting, feature writing, interviewing and advertising. The class produces the school yearbook and newspaper, as well as school promotional materials and a broadcast, as time and interest permit.**

***Special Materials: None***