

## **AP Language and Composition**

Taught within the same section as English 11 ( American Literature and Composition) and designed to prepare students to take the AP Language and Composition Exam in May. The AP Language and Composition exam, as of 2021, is comprised of 45 multiple choice questions that test a student's ability to conduct rhetorical analysis of five nonfiction prose passages. In addition, students will compose 3 essays. The first essay, a synthesis essay, requires the student to synthesize material from provided sources and develop an argument to support his/her assertion. The second essay is a rhetorical analysis essay that requires a student to identify and analyze the rhetorical techniques used in a passage of nonfiction prose. The third essay requires a student to compose an argument for or against a disputable idea expressed in a brief statement or passage. The exam lasts three hours and 15 minutes. The short-answer ( multiple choice) takes one hour and comprises 45 percent of the total score. The essay section, lasting two-and-a-quarter hours, comprises 55 percent of the total score.

### **Overview**

GPA is weighted as per DeSales AP scale and appears on transcript as AP English 11. Summer work (see below) can be made up during the first quarter for anyone adding the course late but is ideally completed over the summer before the course.

Students must enroll through their personal College Board accounts no later than September 10 to begin online work and register for the exam. Outside-of-class meetings are required periodically to discuss evaluation and the online test-prep material. The course is open to any student entering the junior year or others by teacher and counselor recommendation.

### **Summer Expectations**

Students will read a selection of nonfiction essays as well as a memoir or nonfiction work of greater length. Options for the lengthier work will be provided by the instructor. Written work will involve responding to questions pertaining to the essays as well as a summative response to the selected book. Students will present their insights to their peers within the first two weeks of school.

Students will be invited to participate in one mid-summer meeting, date TBD each summer, at which they will need to have completed a portion of the reading. The meeting will be approximately one hour.

### Online Test Prep Through the College Board

This is an important component of the course. Some course time ( typically one class period per week) will be allocated to work through the online material. Students are highly encouraged to go beyond the assigned work and utilize the materials available to them through the College Board.

### In Class Test Prep Through Barron's

On a regular basis, students will complete practice test items. During the course of the year, with an emphasis in third quarter, students will compose practice essays and analyze released essays for analysis. The practice essays will be graded on a pass/fail basis to encourage students to fearlessly engage.