

Troy High School

Course Profile

Course Title: English 1 Honors

Course Prerequisites: Refer To Registration Presentation

Course Description:

English 1 Honors is a specialized, program-compatible course that is minimally college preparatory in nature and rigor. State-mandated instruction in reading, thinking, speaking, and listening centers on the study of a range of texts both fictional and non-fictional. Writing instruction addresses the practical use of grammar as well as the organization and development of the multi-paragraph essay in several domains including persuasive, narrative, informational, and argumentative. This course prepares students for English 2 - Honors in the sophomore year.

Students entering this course should minimally demonstrate grade-level skills in the following areas:

- reading comprehension
- grammar and mechanics
- written work, including paragraphs and essays
- critical thinking skills
- summative and analytical understanding of a variety of texts
- independent work skills
- language use

Other expectations of a English 1 Honors student:

- willing to share ideas in small groups and with the class
- strong work ethic in class and out
- consistent in submitting work on a timely basis

Workload Expectations for this course:

- The homework commitment ranges from two to five hours per week for daily work and long-term projects. The time commitment is toward the upper end of this range in the spring semester when the extended research project is underway.
- All TT English 1 students read and study full-length texts such as plays and novels and refer to the Pearson electronic and printed texts to study short stories, poetry, letters, speeches, and other shorter texts or excerpts of lengthy texts.
- Students will complete two major outside reading projects and one extensive MLA research project.
- Students will write several essays each semester.
- Grammar, mechanics, and writing conventions will be assessed in all essays and projects.
- At the teacher's discretion, other written and oral projects may be assigned throughout the year.