

IS
AP LANG
RIGHT
FOR YOU?



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AP English Language & Composition

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Advanced Placement English Language & Composition

This course teaches you to break down arguments and rhetorical strategies in mostly non-fiction works. Non-fiction can include essays, newspaper articles, comics, photography, and more. Hence, throughout the semester you will be developing writing and analysis skills that will extend far beyond the English classroom.

Be aware that AP Lang. focuses upon rapid source text examination and analytical writing. As such, you will be learning to maximize the effectiveness of your arguments across different types of essays, from persuasive to synthesis.

WHY AP LANG?

Skills You'll Learn:

- Reading closely, analyzing, and interpreting a piece of writing
- Evaluating a source of information
- Gathering and consolidating information from different sources
- Writing an evidence-based argument
- Drafting and revising a piece of writing

Equivalency and Prerequisites:

College Course Equivalent:

An introductory college-level literary analysis course, such as ENC 1101, ENC 1102, or **both** (college credits are earned by passing the AP exam, though the number of college credits granted is determined by the post-secondary college or university admissions office to which you apply).

Recommended Prerequisites:

None beyond the desire to study how arguments function to persuade an audience and to improve your current writing and source analysis skills to a college-ready proficiency.

TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS

“The skills you learn in AP Language are broadly applicable to not only the humanities, but to the social sciences as well. If you’re interested in political science, sociology, or economics, the skills you learn in AP Language will be directly applicable to your college coursework. AP Language is also a good choice if you are interested in natural science or engineering, since learning to break down arguments and read non-fiction texts will likely be more helpful in your chosen field than analyzing poetry and literature. In any field, having strong writing skills is very helpful.

The essays on the AP Language exam are designed to “test your skill in composition and require close reading, thoughtful rhetorical analysis, and purposeful argumentation.” As we mentioned above, AP Language has a synthesis prompt that requires you to pull together several different sources and write a cohesive argumentative essay. The synthesis prompt is similar to the Document-Based Question you’ll find on AP History exams” (Edwards, 2020).

