

# AP English Language & Composition

The College Board defines the AP English Language and Composition course as “an introductory college-level rhetoric and writing curriculum, which requires students to develop evidence-based analytic and argumentative essays that proceed through several stages or drafts. Students evaluate, synthesize, and cite research to support their arguments.”

This course is, at its core, a writing class. You will write all the time. You will read others’ writing and learn from the choices that good writers consistently make. You will learn through experimentation and trial-and-error how to create your own style and voice and how to revise your writing for concision, clarity, and purpose.

The essential questions that we will consider are as follows: *Why do writers make certain choices in their writing? How are writers influenced by the situation to make those choices? How do certain choices affect readers? How do others’ perspectives affect the choices a writer makes?*

Learn more from College Board: [AP English Language & Composition](#)

## No Prerequisites

- While it is helpful for students to enter the course able to read college-level texts, it is not required

## Important to Know

- Students take AP Exam in May

## Instructional Approaches

- Small group work
- Writing conferences
- Guided revision work
- Class discussion
- Projects
- Self-reflection

## What are the AP Assessments for this class?

**Summative Assessments**  
**70%**

Tests, quizzes, essays, projects, and seminars

**Formative Assessments**  
**30%**

Classwork, homework, class discussions

### **AP Exam**

#### **Section I (1 hour 45% of exam):**

- ☐ MCQ
- 45 questions

#### **Section II (2h15min 55% of exam):**

- ☐ Essays
- Synthesis
- Rhetorical analysis
- Argument