

English

Requirement: 3 credits total (1 each 9th, 10th, and 11th grade)

Four-year Colleges require 4 years of English

The mission of the Elma High School English Department, through the teaching of reading, writing, communication, and critical thinking skills, is to model respect for the diversity of student backgrounds and learning styles, to promote personal integrity and work ethic, to encourage growth as lifelong learners, and to develop the communication skills necessary to function as a literate member of society.

Class	Credit	Graduation Requirement	Grades
Freshman Options			
Introduction to Literature & Composition	1	English	9th
Sophomore Options			
World Literature & Composition	1	English	10th
Junior/Senior Options			
American Literature & Composition	1	English	10th-11th
*British Literature & Composition	1	English	11th-12th
Business Communications	1	English/Oc. Ed.	11th-12th
Creative Writing	1	English	11th-12th
*English 101	0.5	English/College Credit	12th
*English 102	0.5	English/College Credit	12th
Reading and Writing Strategies	1	English	11th-12th

***Indicates English courses which will meet four-year college entrance requirements.**



English

Reading & Writing Strategies

Credit: 1.0

Duration: One Year

Available for Grades: 11 and 12

Prerequisite: must have attempted 2 years of required English classes

Meets Graduation Requirement For: English

Description: A different approach to the same challenge! Reading and writing strategies is a course intended for students needing to meet the state standards in reading and writing. Students read a variety of literature and write about diverse topics filled with in-depth discussion. Some sections also focus on compiling a collection of evidence as an optional way of meeting the state requirements.

American Literature & Composition



Credit: 1.00

Duration: One Year

Available for Grades: 10, 11 and 12

Prerequisite: Passing grade in World Lit. & Comp. I and II

Meets Graduation Requirement for: English

Description: Students in this course will study American Literature focusing on the major time periods. Works will include: poetry, drama, short story, biography and novels. The course reviews elements of literary analysis as well as the fundamental elements of the American literary tradition. Grade is based upon completion of daily assignments, paragraphs, tests, essays and class participation.

British Literature & Composition



Shakespeare

Credit: 1.00

Duration: One Year

Available for Grades: 11 and 12

Prerequisites: Passing grade in American Lit. & Comp. I and II

Meets Graduation Requirement for: English

Description: Seniors will study British Literature focusing on the major time periods. Works to include: poetry, drama, short story, biography and novels. The course reviews elements of literary analysis as well as the fundamental elements of the British literary tradition. Grade is based upon completion of daily assignments, paragraphs, tests, essays, group work, class participation and a research paper.

Business Communications

Credit: 1.00

Duration: One Year

Available for Grades: 11th and 12th

Meets Graduation Requirement For: English or Occupational Education

Description: It's survival of the fittest, Are you a "survivor"? Do you have what it takes — communication skills—to be the one who achieves your goals, your dreams? Creativity is the element of survivors; it is the elixir of leaders. Be a leader towards your goals and a survivor through careful planning and strategy. This course will develop and confirm your idea of success. It may be your elixir. (*Elixir: An underlying principle, a substance "believed to maintain life."* www.dictionary.com)



College Credit: Tech Prep College Credits are pending. When available, ENG 150, Vocational/ Technical and Business Writing, (5 credits) will be provided through Grays Harbor Community College with successful completion of this course to any student receiving a "B" or better.

Creative Writing

Credit: 1.00 **Duration:** One Year
Available for Grades: 11 and 12
Prerequisites: Passing grades in American Literature and Composition I and II
Meets Graduation Requirements for: English

Description: Students will study the elements of fiction writing, screen writing and poetry. Students will develop their skills in creating believable characters, in structuring plot elements to meet the needs of different genres of short stories, and in writing natural dialogue. Building from the study of fiction, students will then learn the process of creating screen plays for television and movies, including the Three Act formula and script formatting. The poetry unit will allow students to explore the many forms and philosophies of writing poetry, culminating in a personal publication of their best works.



Tiered Levels of English

Credit Value: 0.50 per semester
Duration: One semester/One year
Available for Grades: 9, 10,11,12
Prerequisite: Special Education eligibility, permission from instructor
Meets Graduation Requirement For: English

Description: Consists of: Lifeskills English, Exploratory English, Basic English, and Transition English. Includes specially designed instruction in skills and concepts necessary for progression through the English sequence.

World Literature and Composition



Credit: 1.00
Duration: One Year
Available for Grades: 9, 10, 11 and 12
Prerequisites: Passing grade in Introduction to Lit. & Comp. I and II
Meets Graduation Requirement for: English

Description: This year-long course covers the study of writing and world literature as a series of models of great writing. The students will read such genres as short stories, biographic sketches, nonfiction essays, poetry, novels, and plays such as *Julius Caesar* and *Antigone*. The fundamentals of literary analysis as well as the elements of story writing are used as models for original compositions. Students study and practice the writing process as a series of steps towards a completed work. Students learn how to analyze their own writing, as well as to write in various forms for various purposes: to describe, to explain, to narrate, and to persuade. Students will write regularly in this course. Class recitation and short speeches are also used as integral parts of developing voice and confidence.

Please Note: *Freshman students who advance a level in English must maintain a B average in order to remain in World Literature, otherwise the student will be moved back into the Introduction to Literature class.*

Introduction to Literature and Composition

Credit: 1.00
Duration: One Year
Available for Grade: 9 and makeup
Meets Graduation Requirement for: English

Description: Reviews basic grammar, including usage and mechanics as part of composition. The course will also introduce freshmen to different forms of literature including: short story, poetry, biography, non-fiction drama, and novel. Students will also be introduced to different organizational formats, elements of good written and spoken delivery, library research skills and use basic word processing skills.

RUNNING START OPPORTUNITY

English 101/102

Credit: 0.50 High School & 5 College Credits for each semester completed

Duration: One Semester or One Year for both classes

Available for Grade: 11th—12th

Meets Graduation Requirement for: English

Description:

English 101 and 201 are sponsored through Grays Harbor College and run sequentially from first semester through second semester. Students who enroll are expected to stay the course through both semesters. According to the GHC course description, “English 101 emphasizes the basic rhetorical principles and development of expository and argumentative prose... and is designed to provide instruction in college-level writing skills and experience in essay composition.” It satisfies “the writing skills requirement for the AA degree.” English 201 applies the skills gained in Eng. 101 to a “thoughtful, critical analysis of themes and concepts in literature.” The Grays Harbor College course syllabus states “the overall goal of the course is to prepare students to approach assigned writing tasks, whether academic, professional or personal, with confidence.” Both courses are grounded in a rigorous, college-level, novels based, reading schedule.



Acceptance into this course of study hinges on a successful completion of the following: a passing score on the GHC entrance exam, a successful interview with the instructor, and completion of the summer reading project. Books, tuition and materials for this year long, 10 college credit course are being paid for by the Elma School District, so admittance is an honor and a privilege. Students entering this course should be self disciplined, independent learners, who have open minds and expect a daily class discussion at the level of a spirited college discourse.