



Aliso Niguel High School

English 1 Course Information

The English 1 college preparatory course is the first step toward college and career readiness. Students will read a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction texts over multiple units to develop their skills in reading, writing, vocabulary, listening, speaking, and collaborating.

A successful English 1 student prepares for class, remains organized, actively participates, collaborates in whole class and small group settings, remains on-task, follows directions, completes work in a timely manner, takes ownership of learning and growth, and actively reflects on assessment feedback.

English 1 Honors

A **fast-paced** expanded version of the course, fostering in-depth studies and designed to prepare students for AP English courses.

Placement: 3.5 GPA in English 8 ACC OR 4.0 GPA in English 8

In addition to the characteristics listed in the course description, **the successful English 1 Honors student is**

- a highly independent self-starter
- capable of understanding complex texts that are above grade-level
- able to produce sophisticated and logical written responses with proven mastery of prior grade level grammar/writing conventions
- available to commit a considerable amount of time outside of class to reading and writing assignments

As a 9th grade course, English 1 Honors is not eligible to receive UC honors recognition. However, the course does have a weighted grade which will be included in overall GPA calculation.

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English 1 (CP) vs English 1 (H)

(A preview of the workload and pacing)

English 1 (CP): Read up to **10 pages** for homework per block period

vs

English 1 (H): Read up to **30 pages** for homework per block period

English 1 (CP): Read and study **at least 4 grade-level** novels and/or plays over the course of the year--in addition to a variety of shorter literary and nonfiction texts

vs

English 1 (H): Read and study **at least 6 complex** novels and/or plays over the course of the year--in addition to a variety of shorter literary and nonfiction texts

English 1 (CP): Write **at least 8** essays over the course of the year--argumentative and literary analysis

vs

English 1 (H): Write **at least 10 essays** over the course of the year--some writing is argumentative, but most writing **focuses heavily on style analysis**

Please see reverse side for courses in grades 10-12.

Beyond 9th Grade

Note placement requirement(s) for Honors and AP courses.

10	11	12
English 2 (CP)	English 3 (CP)	English 4 (CP)
English 2 (H) Placement: A or B in English 1 Honors OR an A in English I	Language and Composition (AP) Placement: A, B, or C in English 2 Honors OR an A in English 2	Literature and Composition (AP) Placement: A or B in AP Language and Composition OR A in English 3

CP – College Preparatory: Standard level high school courses designed to prepare students for collegiate courses.

H – Honors: Fast-paced high school courses fostering in-depth studies; they are designed to prepare students for AP courses.

AP – Advanced Placement: Collegiate level courses designed to prepare students for the AP exams.

Electives Offered by the English Department

Provides elective credits, but does not meet UC/CSU admission requirements for English.

Newspaper	Speech and Debate
<p>Placement: Grades 10-12, contact your advisor and fill out an application</p> <p>Students will learn journalism through the process of producing and publishing a student newspaper. Students will write a variety of articles including news articles, features, editorials, reviews, and sports stories. They will learn the fundamentals of editing, photography, and layout.</p>	<p>Placement: Grades 9-12</p> <p>This year-long course is designed to offer students an opportunity to practice the art of public speaking and debate and is helpful in preparing students for required speaking classes at the community college and state college level. Students generally give 3-4 speeches per semester and participate in one team debate per semester.</p>
Creative Writing	AP Capstone
<p>Placement: Grades 10-12</p> <p>This is a course for students who love to write and explore the limits of their own personal creativity. Students will explore the creative process and an in-depth study and practice of a variety of literary forms and genres such as novels, short stories, poetry, screenplays, and more. Students will read and watch the work of various fiction writers and will be required to apply what they've learned by composing an extensive amount of original works, both in class and out.</p>	<p>Placement: Grades 10-12</p> <p>AP Capstone™ is a diploma program from the College Board based on two year long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. Rather than teaching subject-specific content, these courses develop students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. AP Seminar is an introductory AP class for grades 10 and 11, and serves as a prerequisite for AP Research, which is typically offered in grades 11 or 12.</p>