
English

HUMANITIES 8 (English and Social Studies Cohort)

Students will take English and Social Studies every day from the same teacher and work on a blended curriculum. This interdisciplinary model will allow students to explore language arts and social sciences in a unique way. Students will explore the rise and fall of several major civilizations while developing their understanding of the diverse world of cultures that surround us. Students develop their skills at assessing documents (writings, drawings, records) for bias in order to understand history as more than a collection of facts. Students will also study short stories, poetry, novel(s), drama, and essays. Assignments will require that students write in a variety of formats and for a variety of purposes, and study skills will be addressed. Coherent paragraph development will also be emphasized, as well as an introduction to the essay.

DISCOVERY HUMANITIES 8 HONOURS (English and Social Studies)

The Alpha Discovery program is an enriched honours program. It is designed for students who are interested in and capable of pursuing a more challenging course of study. Classroom instruction and activities focus on the examination of broad and compelling themes or ideas that are relevant to many areas of study in the Social Sciences and Humanities. While students who are accepted into this program need to be reasonably strong writers and enthusiastic readers, the curiosity and desire to explore ideas through engaged discussion and other activities are key qualities. Hands-on classroom activities, field trips (one or more each month) and guest presenters are significant components of the program.

ENGLISH 9

English 9 will provide students with a wide range of reading experiences. Students will study short stories, poetry, novel(s), drama, and essays. Assignments will require that students write in a variety of formats and for a variety of purposes. Coherent essay development will also be emphasized.

ENGLISH 9 HONOURS

This course is for the student who is interested in probing more deeply into Language and Literature. This course is particularly helpful if you wish to remain in the Honours stream during English 10, 11, or 12. While the skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening, presenting, working in groups, etc.) and the genres (stories, drama, poetry, novels, media education) are the same as the regular English 9 course, the literature studied is more challenging, as are some of the assignments. The criteria for grading are also the same as for the regular course.

ENGLISH 10

This course will prepare students for the demands of senior level English courses. Students will be expected to write about and discuss literature in an increasingly critical and sophisticated manner. Students will develop a larger vocabulary with which to express their ideas effectively. The course includes further study of the genres presented in English 9. *This course has a compulsory provincial exam that is worth 20% of the mark.*

ENGLISH 10 HONOURS

This course is for the student who is interested in probing more deeply into Language and Literature. This course is particularly helpful if you wish to remain in the Honours stream during English 11 or English 12. While the skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening, presenting, working in groups, etc.) and the genres (stories, drama, poetry, novels, media education) are the same as the regular English 10 course, the literature studied is more challenging, as are some of the assignments. The criteria for grading are also the same as for the regular course. *This course has a compulsory provincial exam that is worth 20% of the mark.*

ENGLISH 11

This literature-based course places emphasis on appreciation of literature and development of language and communication skills, with specific attention to the writing process and the need for increasing sophistication in students writing abilities. While students are presented with materials from a variety of genres, there is still a focus on fiction, drama, and poetry.

ENGLISH 11 HONOURS (English Literature 12 Honours)

This course is for the student who is interested in probing more deeply into Language and Literature. Students who are in the honours stream will take this course in their grade 11 year in order to prepare them for English 12 Honours/AP English Literature and Composition. While the skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening, working in groups, etc.) and the genres (stories, drama, poetry, novels, media education) are the same as the regular English 11 course, the literature studied is more challenging, as are some of the assignments. The criteria for grading are also the same as for the regular course.

COMMUNICATIONS 11

This is a practical course focusing on the use of English in everyday life. It is designed for students who would have difficulty being successful in the regular English courses.

ENGLISH 12

In English 12, students will develop a critical vocabulary with which to respond to literature, both in writing and in discussion. The principal materials studied will be short stories, poetry, novels, essays, and plays. Students should leave this course with the ability to write an insightful and well-organized essay and use descriptive or narrative techniques effectively. *This course has a compulsory provincial exam worth 40% of the mark.*

ENGLISH 12 HONOURS/AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION

This course is an enriched course for students who enjoy literature and are interested in a course that is a departure from the typical English curriculum. Discussion of literature and relevant issues in a seminar style is a major component of this class. Evaluation will be based on a number of different writing assignments, class presentations, tests, and class discussion; however, assessment will be the same as for English 12. It is highly recommended that students take English Literature 12 in Grade 11 or are concurrently taking English Literature 12 with English 12 Honours / AP; this will enrich a student's understanding of the literature within the context of the course. These students will have the opportunity to write the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Exam in May. Students who do well on their Advanced Placement Exam may receive credit toward first year university English courses. This course has a compulsory provincial exam worth 40% of the mark. *An examination fee is applicable.*

ENGLISH 12: FIRST PEOPLES (The Provincial Examination, worth 40% of the course, is mandatory)

The course focuses on the experiences, values, beliefs, and lived realities of First Peoples as evidenced in various forms of text – including oral story, speech, poetry, dramatic work, dance, song, film and prose. *This course has a compulsory provincial exam that is worth 20% of the mark.*

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ENGLISH LITERATURE 12

This challenging elective course provides a rich literary background, which is excellent preparation for university English courses. Literature 12 surveys the literature of England from the Anglo-Saxon era to the present. The social and political context of the literature is also discussed. This course has an optional provincial exam. Grade 11 students who are interested in taking the course may do so.

WRITING 12

This course offers students the opportunity to practice and improve their skills in writing short fiction, poetry, and personal essays/opinion pieces. Students will model writing styles of successful and distinctive writers, and also develop their own voices. Students should be prepared to revise their work substantially in light of suggestions from the teacher-advisor and other class members. The nature of this course requires that students have strong grammatical skills upon enrolling.

Pathway to Advanced Placement

ENGLISH

Humanities 8H (Discovery Program)

English 9H

English 10H

English 11H/English Literature 12H

English 12H/AP English Literature & Composition 12

A sample of placement/credit offered by our local institutions. These post-secondary institutions all require a minimum grade of 4 on the AP exam unless otherwise stated.

SFU: ENGL 1XX (3)

UBC: ENGL 112 (3) & ENGL 1st (3)

UVic: ENGL 146/147 (3)

CapU: ENGL 100 (3) & ENGL 103 (3); EDT requirement waived

Douglas: ENGL (3) (unassigned); exempt from Douglas College Writing Assessment

Langara: ENG (3) (unassigned); eligible for LPI exemption

Entrance Requirements for placement in an Honours or Advanced Placement courses:

ENGLISH	Minimum % required for honours to honours	Minimum % required for regular to honours	Work Habits
Into 8H	Assessment exam and recommendation of Elementary teacher required		
Into 9H and 10H	75%	80%	G
Into Lit 12H and Eng12H/AP	75%	75%	G

* Applications to the honours program must be completed each school year in order to register for an honours course. Entrance to the honours program is based upon class work, work habits, and teacher recommendation.

*If a student does not meet the minimum percentage required due to extenuating and exceptional circumstances, a teacher may recommend that student by documenting the circumstances.