



B.C.H.S. English Department Electives - “Quick Guide”

2017-18 School Year

~For more detailed information and pre-requisite requirements, see the B.C.H.S. Curriculum Handbook on the H.S. Website~

	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Description</i>
Full-Year (Seniors)	AP English	1.0	Capstone Honors course for motivated students who enjoy the challenge of analyzing complex literature and the rewarding discussions that follow. <i>(Involves summer assignment)</i>
	Pop Lit. and Film	1.0	Explore the human condition through the medium of film; students will analyze, discuss, and write about some of the greatest movies ever made.
<i>The electives below are available to <u>ALL</u> 11th and 12th graders!</i>			
Writing	College Composition	0.5	Writing course with two important purposes: craft a quality college essay through intensive revision; and prepare students for the kind of writing they will do in college and beyond.
	Expository Writing	0.5	Writing course for students who truly enjoy writing in a wide variety of genres and styles, and who want to hone their craft through close revision and feedback.
	Creative Writing	0.5	Take a refreshing break from every kind of writing you have ever done in high school; convey your mind’s wonders by expressing yourself in a variety of creative genres and styles.
	Poetry Today	0.5	A lyrical oasis in which we read, write, and discuss poetry, and talk about life in this terrible and beautiful world.

Literature	Major Novels	0.5	Seize the opportunity to ingest five important, amazing novels before you go off to college, where you will most certainly encounter references to some or all of them.
	Contemporary Literature	0.5	Students will better understand the human experience by exploring diverse and interesting stories found in some of the most compelling literary works of the modern era, such as <i>The Kite Runner</i> and <i>Into the Wild</i> .
	Detective Fiction	0.5	This course will explore the mystery/detective genre in literature as well as in other media, like TV and film. Much of the reading will be self-selected.
	Sci-Fi/Fantasy	0.5	Students will examine various works of science fiction and fantasy literature and look for thematic connections between these imagined worlds and their own liv
	Sports Literature	0.5	Studying humanity through the lens of sports; read and view stories of past & current ground-breaking athletes and important figures in the world of sports.
Communication	Modern Media	0.5	Students will study the many facets of print and broadcast media, including the role of newspapers, magazines, radio, television, the internet and social media in the world of communications.
	Professional Communication	0.5	Companion to College Composition, students will engage in “real world” and personal communication forms such as emails, memos, interviews, and more. <i>(Involves a presentation component)</i>
	Public Speaking	0.5	This course offers writing, delivery, and evaluation of original speeches; student will learn to be more articulate and confident in public speaking situations.
Theater	Theater Arts	0.5	An active acting class full of daily theatre games, periodic scene performances, with the best training to deal with the nervousness that can make public speaking a chor
	Survey of Major Dramatic Comedies	0.5	Study the great comedians from Aristophanes to Monty Python, Chaucer to Dav Chappelle, and Shakespeare to SNL. Why sit and stare in class when you can Sta
	Survey of Shakespeare	0.5	This course puts the focus on “plays,” not “works,” and Shakespeare wrote some great plays full of comedy and mayhem; learn to play with laughter and with broadswords.
	Home Grown: NYS Writers	0.5	Students will study local writers, visit sites where they worked and lived, and explor the social, cultural, and artistic impact that an author has had on the local area. <i>(Involves an independent study component)</i>

