



# ENGLISH

The goals of the English department are twofold. The primary focus is to assist the students in developing an increasing control, power, and purpose over their written work. The second goal is to expose students to a body of accumulated literature and various displays of humanity therein.

## *Course offerings*

- **Freshmen** start with the basics of how to read and write about different texts
- **Sophomores** expand and deepen their thematic understanding
- **Juniors** take a themed course in American Literature and Composition
- **Seniors** have a menu of one-semester electives to choose from:
  - Dystopian Fiction
  - Aesthetic Horror
  - Hero's Journey
  - Detective Fiction
  - Classical Myth
  - Short Stories
  - Poetry

*“The master said *You must write what you see.* But what I see does not move me. The master answered *Change what you see.*”*

*–Louise Glück*

## *Good to know...*

- **Accelerated courses** are offered to high-performing Freshmen and Sophomores; Juniors and Seniors are eligible to take AP classes
- **Dedicated, creative faculty** who demonstrate care for students and want to see them grow and mature as readers and writers
- **Aligned to and informed by the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts**