English Language Arts Courses

The English Language Arts curriculum includes the four domains of language and communication: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. The College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts are carefully followed in each course. Four credits of English are required to earn an Alabama High School Diploma.

Samples of English Course Pathways

Pathways	(Grade 8)	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1	English 8	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
2	English 8 Adv (A or B Average) OR English 8 (85 or higher average)	English 9 Adv	English 10 Adv	English 11 Adv	English 12 Adv
3	English 8 Adv (A or B Average) OR English 8 (85 or higher average)	English 9 Adv	English 10 Adv	English Language & Composition AP	English Literature & Composition AP
4 Dual Enrollment	English 8 Adv (A or B Average) OR English 8 (85 or higher average)	English 9 Adv	English 10 Adv	ENG 101 + American Literature (Online)	ENG 102 + British Literature (Online)
4 Essentials Diploma Pathway		English Essentials 9	English Essentials 10	English Essentials 11	English Essentials 12
5 AAS Diploma Pathway		AAS: English 9	AAS: English 10	AAS: English 11	AAS: English 12

200005 English Grade 9

1 Credit Grade 9

English Grade 9 addresses the required ninth grade *Alabama Course of Study* standards in reading informational text, reading literature (predominantly world literature), writing and language, research and inquiry, oral and visual communication. Students produce a short research paper on a teacher-approved topic and refine their writing skills in narrative, expository, and argumentative writing. Students are introduced to Shakespearean drama, *Romeo and Juliet*, and grade level appropriate novels from the JefCoEd reading list.

Prerequisite(s): Satisfactory completion of English 8.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is appropriate for students interested in a wide range of postsecondary options.

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200007aa English Grade 9, Advanced

1 Credit Grade 9

Advanced English Grade 9 accelerates the study of the required ninth grade *Alabama Course of Study* standards in reading informational texts, reading literature (predominantly world literature), writing and language, research, and inquiry, oral and visual communication. Students produce a longer research paper on a teacher-approved topic and refine their writing skills in narrative, expository and argumentative writing. Rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) strategies from *Laying the Foundation* are implemented as students analyze the meaning and effect of a passage

related to its grammar and syntax. Students are introduced to Shakespearean drama, *Romeo and Juliet*, and more challenging novels from the JefCoEd reading list.

Prerequisite(s): (1) Satisfactory completion of English 8, or Advanced English 8, with an A or B average, and (2) recommendation of the 8th grade English teacher.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is encouraged for students interested in pursuing postsecondary education at the two-year or four-year level.

Additional Quality Point: +0.5 if student receives a final grade of A, B, C or D.

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200009 English Grade 10 1 Credit Grade 10

English Grade 10 addresses the required tenth grade *Alabama Course of Study* standards in reading, pre-twentieth century American literature, writing and language, research and inquiry, oral and visual communication. Students produce a research paper on a teacher-approved topic and refine narrative, expository and argumentative writing. Student apply more advanced reading comprehension skills as they read challenging texts such as Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* and assigned novels selected from the JefCoEd reading list.

Prerequisite(s): Satisfactory completion of English 9.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is appropriate for students interested in a wide range of postsecondary options.

Summer Assignment: Yes

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200011aa English Grade 10, Advanced 1 Credit Grade 10

Advanced English Grade 10 accelerates the study of required tenth grade *Alabama Course of Study* standards in reading, pre-twentieth century American literature, writing and language, research and inquiry, oral and visual communication. Students produce a research paper on a teacher-approved topic and refine narrative, expository and argumentative writing. In addition, writing, editing, language, and reading comprehension skills required for college entrance exams (ACT and SAT) will be developed. Students begin to apply stylistic analysis of more complex passages and works in preparation for AP English Language taken in grade 11. Rigorous strategies from *Laying the Foundation* are implemented as students read more difficult texts such as Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* and additional assigned novels selected from the JefCoEd reading list.

Prerequisite(s): (1) Satisfactory completion of English Grade 9 or Advanced English Grade 9 with an A or B average, and (2) teacher recommendation.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is encouraged for students interested in pursuing postsecondary education at the two-year or four-year level.

Additional Quality Point: +0.5 if student receives a final grade of A, B, C or D.

Summer Assignment: Yes

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200013 English Grade 11

1 Credit Grade 11

English Grade 11 addresses the required eleventh grade *Alabama Course of Study* standards in reading, American literature from the 1900's, writing and language, research and inquiry, and oral and visual communication. Students produce a research paper on a teacher-approved topic and refine their writing skills in narrative, expository and argumentative writing. In addition, writing, editing, language, and reading comprehension skills required for college entrance exams (ACT and SAT) will be developed. Students apply more advanced reading comprehension skills as they read a challenging contemporary drama, *The Crucible*, and novels from the JefCoEd reading list.

Prerequisite(s): Satisfactory completion of English Grade 10.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is appropriate for students interested in a wide range of postsecondary options.

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200015 1 Credit English Grade 11, Advanced Grade 11

Advanced English Grade 11 is designed for students who want to attempt a more rigorous English program. This course addresses the required eleventh grade Alabama Course of Study standards in reading, American literature from the 1900's, writing and language, research and inquiry, and oral and visual communication. In addition, advanced writing, editing, language, and reading comprehension skills required for college entrance exams (ACT and SAT) are covered. Students apply more advanced reading comprehension skills as they read and analyze challenging contemporary drama, The Crucible, and novels from the JefCoEd reading list.

Prerequisite(s): (1) Satisfactory completion of English Grade 10 or Advanced English Grade 10 with an A or B average, and (2) teacher recommendation.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is encouraged for students interested in pursuing postsecondary education at the two-year or four-year level.

Additional Quality Point: +0.5 if student receives a final grade of A, B, C or D.

Summer Assignment: Yes

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200016 **English Language & Composition AP** 1 Credit Grade 11

AP English Language & Composition is a college level course designed for students who are highly motivated to attempt a more rigorous English program. Curriculum is established by the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program for English. It engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both reading and writing should make students aware of the interactions among a writer's purposes, audience expectation, and subjects as well as the way generic conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing. American literature is the primary genre. Expanded reading from college recommended texts and writing reflecting the types tested on the Advanced Placement (AP) Exam are included and address the required eleventh grade Alabama Course of Study standards. Students are expected to take the Advanced Placement (AP) Exam offered at the end of this course for possible college credit. Since colleges vary in acceptable AP scores, students should check with their colleges of interest to determine policies regarding AP credit.

Prerequisite(s): (1) Satisfactory completion of Advanced English Grade 10, and (2) teacher recommendation.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is encouraged for students interested in pursuing postsecondary education at the two-year or four-year level.

Additional Quality Point: +1 if student receives a final grade of A, B, C or D.

Summer Assignment: Yes

NCAA: Approved **Fee:** \$20.00 AP Exam Fee: Yes

200017 **English Grade 12**

1 Credit Grade 12

English 12 addresses the required twelfth grade Alabama Course of Study standards in reading, British literature, writing and language, research and inquiry, oral and visual communication. Students produce a research paper on a teacher-approved topic and refine their writing skills in narrative, expository, and argumentative writing. Writing, editing, language, and reading comprehension skills tested on college entrance exams (ACT and SAT) will be studied. Students will expand their advanced reading skills as they analyze more complicated British literature such as Shakespeare's Macbeth. They will read additional novels selected from the JefCoEd reading list.

Prerequisite(s): Satisfactory completion of English Grade 11.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is appropriate for students interested in a wide range of postsecondary options.

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

English Grade 12, Advanced

1 Credit

Advanced English Grade 12 is designed for students who want to attempt a more rigorous English program. This course addresses the required twelfth grade *Alabama Course of Study* standards in reading, British literature, writing and language, research and inquiry, oral and visual communication. Students produce a research paper on a teacher-approved topic and refine their writing skills in narrative, expository, and argumentative writing. In addition, writing, editing, language, and reading comprehension skills tested on college entrance exams (ACT and SAT) will be developed. Students will expand their advanced reading skills as they analyze more complicated British literature such as Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

Prerequisite(s): (1) Satisfactory completion of Advanced English 11, and (2) teacher recommendation.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is encouraged for students interested in pursuing postsecondary education at the two-year or four-year level.

Additional Quality Point: +0.5 if student receives a final grade of A, B, C or D.

Summer Assignment: Yes

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200020 English Literature & Composition AP 1 Credit Grade 12

AP English Literature & Composition is a college level course designed for students who are highly motivated to attempt a more rigorous English program. It engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students will deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students will consider a work's structure, style, and themes as well as such smaller-scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone. British literature will be emphasized. Expanded reading from college recommended texts and writing on literature similar to the type of writing tests on the AP exam are included and address the required twelfth grade Alabama Course of Study standards. Students are expected to take the Advanced Placement (AP) Exam offered at the end of this course for possible college credit. Since colleges vary in acceptable AP scores, students should check with their colleges of interest to determine policies regarding AP credit.

Prerequisite(s): (1) Satisfactory completion of AP English Language & Composition (Grade 11), and (2) teacher recommendation.

Note: This course fulfills English credit required for graduation. This course is encouraged for students interested in pursuing postsecondary education at the two-year or four-year level.

Additional Quality Point: +1 if student receives a final grade of A, B, C or D.

Summer Assignment: Yes

NCAA: Approved Fee: \$20.00 AP Exam Fee: Yes

Alternate Assessment Standards (AAS) Diploma Pathway

Some students qualify for AAS: English Language Arts classes and are assessed by using alternate achievement standards (Extended Standards) which are aligned to the *Alabama Course of Study*.

Prerequisite: Permission documented in student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

NCAA: NOT Approved

Fee: None

600439	AAS: English Language Arts 9	1 Credit	Grade 9
600440	AAS: English Language Arts 10	1 Credit	Grade 10
600441	AAS: English Language Arts 11	1 Credit	Grade 11
600442	AAS: English Language Arts 12	1 Credit	Grade 12

Essentials Diploma Pathway

English Essentials 9-12 provides students with a practical knowledge of language and literature. These courses also include the refinement of reading, writing, editing, and speaking skills. They are designed to prepare students for postsecondary education and/or employment. All standards are aligned to the *Alabama Course of Study: English*.

Prerequisite: Permission documented in student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

NCAA: NOT Approved

Fee: None

700005	English Essentials 9	1 Credit	Grade 9
700006	English Essentials 10	1 Credit	Grade 10
700007	English Essentials 11	1 Credit	Grade 11
700008	English Essentials 12	1 Credit	Grade 12

English Dual Enrollment

English Composition I (ENG 101 or EH 101) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

903201 (2-Year College Number)

200013ab (4-Year College Number for English 11)200017ab (4-Year College Number for English 12)

English Composition I provides instruction and practice in the writing of at least six (6) extended compositions and the development of analytical and critical reading skills and basic reference and documentation skills in the composition process. Students who earn a final grade of "C" or higher can earn three (3) semester hours of college credit and one (1) high school credit for this course.

Prerequisite(s): A sub-score of 20 or better on the English section of ACT or appropriate placement score.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The University of Alabama Early College. Students who take this course at a community college will be required to take a supplement literature course on *Compass Learning* to receive high school credit. Literature is embedded in the UA Early College curriculum; therefore, the additional literature course is not required for high school credit.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

English Composition II (ENG 102 or EH 102) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

903202 (2-Year College Number)

200013ab (4-Year College Number - English 12)

English Composition II provides instruction and practice in the writing of six (6) formal essays, at least one of which is a research project using outside sources and/or references effectively and legally. Additionally, this course provides instruction in the development of analytical and critical reading skills in the composition process. Students who earn a final grade of "C" or higher can earn three (3) semester hours of college credit and one (1) high school credit for this course.

Prerequisite(s): A grade of "C" or better in ENG 101 or the equivalent.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The University of Alabama Early College. Students who take this course at a community college will be required to take a supplement literature course on *Compass Learning* to receive high school credit. Literature is embedded in the UA Early College curriculum; therefore, the additional literature course is not required for high school credit.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

English Language Arts Electives

200026 Literature, Mythology & Fable 1 Credit Grades 10-12

Literature, Mythology & Fable exposes students to the myths and legends of various cultures, both ancient and modern. First semester focuses on the study of Greek, Roman and Norse mythology, while the second semester looks at the legacy of these myths retold in fairytales and popular culture. This course reinforces material covered in English classes and gives students a broader exposure to the beliefs, religion and customs of Greek, Roman and Norse cultures. Students will read and analyze the purposes of the myths in text and will also be given the opportunity to compose original myths and fairytales.

Prerequisite: None

Note: This course does not fulfill any of the four English credits required for graduation. This course is appropriate

or students interested in a wide range of postsecondary options.

NCAA: Approved

Fee: None

200033 Creative Writing 1 Credit Grades 10-12

Creative Writing is designed to allow highly motivated students to practice various types of writing: stories, poetry, journals and personal essays. This course is for students who enjoy writing and for those who wish to increase their knowledge of various techniques. It will focus upon the student's ability to apply creative thought to writing and provide opportunities for students to write about real and imagined experiences. Students will learn the characteristics of a creative writer and the five elements of creative writing including structure, device, vehicle, foundation and catalyst. This course centers on composing and revising for publication.

Prerequisite: None

Note: This course does not fulfill any of the four English credits required for graduation. This course is appropriate

or students interested in a wide range of postsecondary options.

NCAA: Approved Fee: None

200043 Speech I 1 Credit Grades 9-10

Speech I explores the principles of communication and public speaking. Students will be required to write and communicate in varying formats including demonstration, information and persuasive speeches, interviews, oral interpretation, and debate.

Prerequisite: None

Note: This course does not fulfill any of the four English credits required for graduation. This course is appropriate or students interested in a wide range of postsecondary options.

NCAA: Approved Fee: \$25.00

200061 Reading Intervention 1 Credit Grades 9-12

Reading Intervention is designed for students who continue to struggle with basic reading skills.

Prerequisite: Counselor or Teacher Recommendation

NCAA: NOT Approved

Fee: None

Essentials Pathway Diploma

Reading Basic Skills is designed for students who continue to struggle with basic reading skills.

Prerequisite: Permission documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

NCAA: NOT Approved

Fee: None

600345 Reading Basic Skills 1 Credit Grade 9

600346	Reading Basic Skills	1 Credit	Grade 10
600347	Reading Basic Skills	1 Credit	Grade 11
600348	Reading Basic Skills	1 Credit	Grade 12

AAS Diploma Pathway

Some students qualify for AAS: Reading classes and are assessed by using alternate achievement standards (Extended Standards) which are aligned to the *Alabama Course of Study*.

Prerequisite: Permission documented in student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

NCAA: NOT Approved

Fee: None

600419	AAS: Reading 9	1 Credit	Grade 9
600420	AAS: Reading 10	1 Credit	Grade 10
600421	AAS: Reading 11	1 Credit	Grade 11
600422	AAS: Reading 12	1 Credit	Grade 12

Dual Enrollment

American Literature I (ENG 251 or EH 201) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

903203 (2-Year College Number) 200034 (4-Year College Number)

This course is a survey of American literature from its inception to the middle of the nineteenth century.

Prerequisite(s): ENG 102 or the equivalent.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The

University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

American Literature II (ENG 252 or EH 202) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

903204 (2-Year College Number) 200034 (4-Year College Number)

This course is a survey of American literature from the middle of the nineteenth century to the present.

Prerequisite(s): ENG 102 or the equivalent.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The

University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

English Literature I (ENG 261 or EH 203) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

903205 (2-Year College Number) 200023 (4-Year College Number)

This course is a survey of English literature from its Anglo-Saxon period to the Romantic Age.

Prerequisite(s): ENG 102 or the equivalent.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The

University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

English Literature II (ENG 262 or EH 204) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

903206 (2-Year College Number) 200023 (4-Year College Number)

This course is a survey of English literature from the Romantic Age to the present.

Prerequisite(s): ENG 102 or the equivalent.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The

University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

Oral Communication (COM 220, SPH 106 or EH 141) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

911800 (2-Year College Number) 200041 (4-Year College Number)

Study of verbal and nonverbal communication in the evolution of human relationship.

Prerequisite(s): Refer to college's prerequisites.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The

University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

Public Speaking (COM 123 or SPH 107) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

911801 (2-Year College Number) 200042 (4-Year College Number)

Theory and practice of basic principles of public speaking, emphasis on the compositional and presentational aspects of communication in formal speaking situations.

Prerequisite(s): Refer to college's prerequisites.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course.

Note: This course is taught at Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College or The

University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

Mass Media (MC 101) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

906601 (2-Year College Number) 200035 (4-Year College Number)

Introduction to fields of communication; theory, law, and regulation, history, social implications, and mass media operations.

Prerequisite(s): Refer to college's prerequisites.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course. **Note:** This course is taught at The University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes

Foundations of Journalism and Social Media (JN 200) 1 Credit Grades 11-12

906608 (2-Year College Number) 200051aa (4-Year College Number)

Introduction to the traditional and emerging concepts and practices of journalism, including writing and design, uses of social media, news, values, history, law and ethics.

Prerequisite(s): Refer to college's prerequisites.

Additional Quality Point: +1 for a final grade of A, B, C or D in this course. **Note:** This course is taught at The University of Alabama Early College.

NCAA: Approved

Cost: Yes