

# What are my options for English?

## Regular Courses →

English 8  
(MEN—08)

English 9  
(MEN—09)

To apply for an Enriched course (Enriched 8, 9, 10, Lit 12 H, and AP English 12), students must have

- a) a strong recommendation from their current English teacher, and
- b) a strong desire to read a wide variety of materials and write in many forms., and
- c) A work habit of “G” is required in your current English class. Students should be very self-motivated, able to work well both independently and collaboratively, and keen to help build a positive community of like-minded learners.

Students can (apply to) move in or out of the Enriched progression between any grade.

English 8  
Enriched  
(MEN—08H)

English 9 Enriched  
(MEN—09H)

## Enriched Courses →

English First Peoples Literary  
Studies 10 (MEFLS10)  
+ One of...  
EFP New Media 10 (MEFNM10)  
EFP Spoken Language 10 (MEFSL10)  
EFP Writing (Composition) 10  
(MEFWR10)  
**EFP (Creative) Writing 10 (MEFWR10)**  
*\*These fulfill the graduation requirement for 4-credits  
of Indigenous-Focused Education.  
\*\*The gr. 10 option has no effect on the gr. 11 options  
open to students.*

English First Peoples (EFP) Literary  
Studies 10 Enriched (MENFLS10ENR)  
+ One of...  
EFP New Media 10 Enriched  
(MEFNM10--H)  
EFP Spoken Language 10 Enriched  
(MEFSL10--H)  
EFP Writing (Composition) 10 Enriched  
(MEFWR10--H)  
EFP (Creative) Writing 10 Enriched  
(MEFWR10)  
*\*The gr. 10 option has no effect on the gr.  
11 options open to students.*

ANY ONE OF...  
Composition 11( MCMPS11)  
Creative Writing 11 (MCTWR11)  
Literary Studies 11 (MLTST11)  
New Media 11 (MNMD-11)  
Spoken Language 11 (MSPLG11)  
Eng. First Peoples Literary Studies  
+ Writing 11 (MEFLS11)  
**English Language Adapted 10/11  
Semester (for ELL 3/4 students)  
(XAT—00LAS)**  
*\*The gr. 11 option does NOT need to  
be the same as the gr. 10 option.*

ANY ONE OF...  
**English Studies 12  
(MENST-12)  
English First Peoples  
12 (MENFP12)**  
*\*Students must take one of  
these (or the enriched  
option) to graduate.  
\*\*Students who have not  
completed their 4-credit  
Indigenous-Focused  
Education requirement by  
the end of gr. 11 must take  
EFP 12 OR a qualifying  
course from another subject.*

**Composition 11:  
English 11 Enriched  
(MCMPS11H)**  
*This is a dual-credit course  
with Literary Studies 12:  
English Literature (MLTST12),  
the pre-requisite for AP Lit 12)*

**AP Literature &  
Composition 12 (AELC-  
12—Y)**  
*This is a dual-credit course with  
English Studies 12 (MENST-12)  
and fulfills the graduation  
requirement.  
\*\*\*Literary Studies 12: English  
Literature (MLTST12) is a pre-  
requisite, or may be taken  
concurrently, based on teacher  
recommendation and application.*

## Electives

**Cultural Empowerment through  
Language 11—for ELL students  
(YESFL 1B)**

This course is strongly recommended for  
students who are enrolled in the English 10/11  
Semestered English Course.

**Composition 12: Writing  
Development (MCMP12WD)**

for any Grade 11 or 12 students who want to  
improve their writing skills across the  
curriculum. *NOTE: ELL learners MUST  
have completed ELL Level 4 to register.*

**Creative Writing 12  
(MCTWR12)**

The course is open to grade 11 &  
12 students, though students may  
not take the course twice.

**Composition 12: Academic  
Reading and Writing (ARW)  
(MCMPS12)**

min. 70% in an English 11 options course as well as  
a “G” for Work Ethics is strongly recommended.

**Literary Studies 12: English  
Literature (MSTST12)**

Grade 12 students may take this as an  
elective OR as a co-requisite for AP  
English Lit 12.

# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT - BURNABY NORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL

## ENGLISH COURSES

- Grade 8: English 8
- Grade 9: English 9
- Grade 10: two 2-credit English 10 options
- Grade 11: one 4-credit English 11 option
- Grade 12: English 12\* or English First People’s 12\* or AP English Lit 12\*  
*(students must take ONE of these to fulfill the graduation requirement; additional electives are optional)*

### Grade 8-12 English Language Arts Courses (all options)

Each of these courses covers a wide range of topics, but all include the study of non-fiction and fiction texts and common forms of written communication (e.g. essays, poetry) while developing the core skills of Language Arts: Reading, Writing, and Oral Language.

In grades 10 & 11, students select from one of the option threads. The threads are all of equal rigor and teach the same general competencies, but each focuses slightly more on their specific modality: Literary Studies (required in gr. 10), Spoken Language, New Media, Writing--Composition or Creative. The grade 10 courses are NOT pre-requisites for the grade 11 courses; students may stay with the same thread or change from year to year. *All threads are qualified for university entrance (check your specific post-secondary program for requirements).*

### English First Peoples 10, 11, 12

These courses focus 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 (fiction and non-fiction). Each EFP course offered at North in grade 10-12 fulfills the 4-credit Indigenous-Focused Education graduation requirement. *English 12 First Peoples is the academic equivalent of English 12 and fulfills the graduation requirement for grade 12 English.*

## ENGLISH ELECTIVES (GR. 11/12 ONLY)

### Composition 12: Academic Reading and Writing (ARW) (MCMP12)

This elective class is designed for Grade 12 students who are planning to go directly to university and need to learn how to write university-level term papers for all subject areas. Work in this course will bridge the gap between high school level English and the reading and writing expectations of college and university. Students will focus on college-style writing, including critical summaries, annotated bibliographies, analytical essays, and research papers. Strategies designed to improve higher-level reading skills will also be taught, as will proper research methods, vocabulary development strategies and many other skills that will help foster success at the post-secondary level. *A minimum mark of 70% in an English 11 options course as well as a “G” for Work Ethics is strongly recommended.*

### Composition 12: Writing Development (MCMP12WD)

This course is for any Grade 11 or 12 students who want to improve their writing skills across the curriculum. Please note: ELL learners MUST have completed ELL Level 4 in order to register for this course. Students will focus on the processes of writing in a variety of genres, including narrative, argumentative, and analytical. Practical skills to improve syntax, vocabulary use, and grammar will also be addressed. \*Students who take this course AND Composition 12: ARW12 (MCMP12) will receive credit for only ONE course.

### Creative Writing 12 (MCTWR12)

*The course is open to grade 11 & 12 students, though students may not take the course twice.* This course in creative writing allows students to develop their potential as authors and poets. Students will explore the fundamentals of creative writing by writing creative non-fiction, poetry and fiction. Students will examine their own work and that of others in an attempt to understand what makes a piece of prose or poetry come alive. *Students who enjoy writing are encouraged to register; the gr. 10 & 11 Creative Writing courses are NOT pre-requisites.*

Please note that students are expected to have strong English skills as this is not a remedial writing course. This course is accepted for admission at some post-secondary institutions, however, *this course DOES NOT take the place of English Studies 12 in the graduation program; students who take this course still need to register in ONE of the required English 12 courses.*

### Literary Studies 12: English Literature (MSTST12)

*English 11 Enriched students receive credit for this course but do NOT need to register for it separately. As an elective course for grade 12 students, this is only a 4-credit course; it is also the co-requisite for AP English 12 for those students who did not take English 11 Enriched.*

This course presents a survey of English literature, focusing on the thought and culture expressed in English literary text from Beowulf (circa 900) to the end of the mid-20th century. The course encompasses a range of voices throughout history that have contributed to the development of our English literary heritage. English Literature is open to all grade 12 students who will be scheduled in the same blocks as those grade 11 students in the English 11 Enriched programme. This class is accepted for admission at some post-secondary institutions.

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Department web page  
& our online course  
selection information:



## English Courses for ELL Learners

### English Language Adapted 10/11 Semester (for ELL 3/4) (XAT--00LAS)

This is a course for students in ELL 3/4 who are grade 11 age or older. It is timetabled in two blocks where students attend class every day from September to June to cover two years of English curriculum in one calendar year. The course is intended to allow ELL students to catch up in their English studies so they might graduate in their expected year.

### Cultural Empowerment through Language 11--for ELL students (YESFL 1B)

This elective course is for Grades 11 and 12-aged multi-lingual students who are at Consolidating and Bridging levels in their English Language Learning (ELL 3/4) and who want additional support & practice with their literacy skills beyond their required English course. This course is designed to build skills & confidence in academic tasks across the curriculum in reading, writing, listening, & speaking. Students identify and gain awareness of their cultural contributions to Canadian culture & society. *This course is strongly recommended for students who are enrolled in the English 10/11 Semestered English Course.*

## ENGLISH ENRICHED

Enriched courses explore topics in more depth with enrichment in content areas. Students applying for Enriched English courses must have

- a strong recommendation from their current English teacher, and
- a strong desire to read a wide variety of materials and write in many forms.
- a work habit of “G” is required in your current English class. Students should be very self-motivated, able to work well both independently and collaboratively, and keen to help build a positive community of like-minded learners

As spaces are limited, meeting the entrance requirements does NOT guarantee admission into the course.

The course sequence for English Enriched at North is:

- English 8 Enriched
- English 9 Enriched
- English 10 Enriched
- Composition 11 Enriched (MCMP11H)/Literary Studies 12: English Literature (MLSTST12)—dual-credit course. Register only for Comp11E.
- Grade 12: Advanced Placement Literature & Composition 12/English Studies 12\* Requires Literary Studies 12: English Literature (MLSTST12) as a pre- or co-requisite. Students who achieve scores of 4 or 5 (out of 5) on the AP English exam in May can receive credit for a first-year level English course at many post-secondary institution