

Riverside High School

English Electives

Creative Writing 160000 Grade(s): 9-12 Credit: 1.0 Prerequisite: None

Creative Writing is a one-semester English elective that provides a supportive environment in which students write prose, poetry, and drama and read examples of various genres. This course focuses on the study of the fundamental elements of creative writing, including developing strategies for writing creatively, practicing aspects of narrative writing, using poetic devices, and developing voice. Students maintain a writing portfolio.

Film Studies/Analysis 248300 Grade(s) 10-12 Credit: 1.0 Prerequisite: None

This course involves the study of classic and award-winning films. Students critique both the artistic and technical merits of the films, and they study the development of theme, plot, characterization, and setting in each production. Students will learn the vocabulary associated with film and use this vocabulary when creating movies and analyzing films.

Introduction to Journalism 187000 Grade(s): 9-12 Credit: 1 Prerequisite: None This year-long elective introduces students to many facets of newspaper and mass media: production, history, and writing. Students learn to use a variety of journalism skills to write in journalistic style, recognize the role of mass communication in modern society, and understand the First Amendment. Students selecting this course should have strong writing skills or should have an interest in developing their writing skills. This course is designed to prepare students to serve on the newspaper staff (Newspaper Journalism I) or the yearbook staff (Photojournalism I).

Newspaper Journalism I 188000 Grade(s): 10-12 Credit: 1 Prerequisite: Introduction to Journalism Students learn the basics of newspaper production while serving as staff writers for the school newspaper. Units of study include school press law and ethics, layout and design, basic photography, basic publication technology, journalistic research, interviewing, plant preparation, and advertising. Students are introduced to publication software.

Newspaper Journalism II 188002 Grade(s): 11-12 Credit: 1 Prerequisite: Newspaper Journalism I Students serve as staff writers and page editors for the school newspaper. Units of study expand upon those introduced in Newspaper Journalism I and add on-line publication, polls and statistics, and newspaper evaluation. Students use publication software to produce the school newspaper

Newspaper Journalism III 188003 Grade(s): 12 Credit: 1 Prerequisite: Newspaper Journalism II Students serve as editors for the school newspaper. Units of study expand upon those introduced in Newspaper Journalism I and II and add software and on-line services, press law, photo management, and video interviewing. Students use publication software to produce the school newspaper

Photojournalism I 189001 Grade(s): 10-12 **Credit:** 1 **Prerequisite:** Introduction to Journalism
Students learn the basics of yearbook production while serving as staff members for the school yearbook. Units of study include school press law and ethics, layout and design, basic photography, basic publication technology, journalistic research, interviewing, unifying concept, plant preparation, and advertising. Students are introduced to publication software.

Photojournalism II 189002 Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** 1 **Prerequisite:** Photojournalism I
Students serve as staff members and page editors for the school yearbook. Units of study expand upon those introduced in Photojournalism I and add inclusion, accuracy, and fairness; polls and statistics; and yearbook management. Students use publication software to produce the school yearbook.

Photojournalism III 189003 Grade(s): 12 **Credit:** 1 **Prerequisite:** Photojournalism II
Students serve as editors for the school yearbook. Units of study expand upon those introduced in Photojournalism I and II and add press law, yearbook evaluation, video interviewing, and public relations. Students use publication software to produce the school yearbook.

Women's Studies 191500 Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** 1 **Prerequisite:** None
This course is designed to examine women and their changing roles in society throughout time. Students will explore history through the lens of gender and will engage in research, fiction and nonfiction reading, writing, and public speaking.

Writing Center Tutor I 160801 Grade(s): 10-12 **Credit:** 1 **Prerequisite:** Permission of the instructor
This course provides students with an in-depth study of writing in the academic disciplines through tutoring at a high school Writing Center. Students prepare to be peer tutors through an intense examination of the rules of compositions, critical reading, and analytical thinking about writing. Students are expected to refine and develop their own writing abilities through peer tutoring and reflective essays about their tutoring experiences.