



# English 1 Honors Syllabus

## Course Details

**Course Code:** 302400HW

**Subject:** English

**Required Prerequisites:** 8th grade English unless state-identified as gifted and talented and approved for enrollment in the course

**Suggested Prerequisites:** Successful completion of honors level English courses or teacher recommendation.

**Recommended Grade Levels:** 9th

**Duration:** Yearlong

**Course Availability:** A listing of when this course is offered in the current school year can be found on the [VirtualSC Current Course Offerings page \(opens in a new window\)](#).

**Class Times:** This course has scheduled instructional meetings. Information on scheduled meetings for each course is communicated by the teacher. Recordings of these meetings will be available for students unable to attend. Students should expect to spend 7-9 hours a week working on this course independently, in addition to any live meetings, and are expected to meet the deadlines posted in the course pacing guide.

**Textbook:** All course materials are included in the course and no outside textbook is required. Students will be required to select one novel from a specified list to use in the second half of the course.

**Required Course Materials:** None

**Outside Websites:** A list of links to websites and online textbooks used in this course can be found here: [VirtualSC Course Links Document Folder \(opens in a new window\)](#). Students will need to be able to access all these links to view all course materials.

**Final Exam:** Students in this course take a VirtualSC final exam. Details on scheduling and taking final exams can be found on the [Final Exam Page \(opens in a new window\)](#) of the VirtualSC webpage.

## Course Description

English 1 Honors is the first of four English courses designed to improve your reading, writing, and communication skills as you prepare to enter the workforce, study a trade, or attend college. Because you will read complex fiction and nonfiction texts from diverse voices as well as works you have chosen, English 1 Honors will also help you consider the perspectives of others from a variety of backgrounds and experiences which is a skill necessary for any path you choose in life. This course will give you the opportunity to make connections between texts and real-world experiences, write about texts and topics related to them, and discuss their themes with others. It will allow you to strengthen your ability to think independently about and use information to make logical decisions and present your ideas and solutions in ways that make others take notice. Simply put, this course will help you be a successful communicator long after you have finished high school.

In this course, you will consider personal, media, and global morality and justice as you:

- read and analyze complex literature and nonfiction texts.
- write analyses, arguments, expository and narrative pieces about topics or texts of your choosing.
- judge sources for accuracy and effectively back your claims with credible evidence.
- research a topic emerging from the inquiry process, related to globalization.
- present an argument based on your research.
- make choices about what you read and how you complete assignments.
- proofread and revise your writing.
- communicate clearly with your classmates about fiction, historical events, and contemporary issues.

The curriculum used in this course is guided by the [South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards](#) (opens in a new window)

## Scope and Sequence

- ✎ Course Overview & Introduction
- ✎ Unit 1: Character and Plot Development
- ✎ Unit 2: Point of View and Perspective
- ✎ Unit 3: The Author's Purpose
- ✎ Unit 4: The Impact of Rhetoric
- ✎ Unit 5: The Inquiry and Research Process
- ✎ Unit 6: The Argument Writing Process
- ✎ Unit 7: Novel Study

Students will be sent a full list of assignments and their due dates at the beginning of the course.

Current pacing guides for this course can be found on the [Current Course Offerings page \(opens in a new window\)](#) on the VirtualSC website.

## Course Grades

The final grade in this course results from the following:

- € Coursework: 80%
- € Final Project: 10%
- € Final Exam: 10%

Each unit in this course counts 14.3% towards your coursework grade.

## VirtualSC Details

Information on VirtualSC student guidelines, policies and technology requirements can be found in the [VirtualSC Student Support Portal \(opens in a new window\)](#).