

John Taylor's English Language Arts Program

At John Taylor there are two programs from which students may choose to study English. The two programs consist of the Regular English Language Arts program and the Advanced Placement stream.

Academic English Language Arts Program

Students, in this program, take the foundation course in grade nine and ten. In grade eleven they have a choice of the literary course or the transactional course. In the first semester of their grade twelve year, students must take English Comprehensive 40SC; the Grade Twelve Standards Test is taken at this point. In second semester, students will need to choose between the literary stream and the transactional stream.

Advanced Placement Program

After grade nine, students may opt into the Advanced Placement stream for their grade ten, eleven and twelve years. This involves Pre-Advanced Placement preparation activities with emphasis upon essay and reading comprehension skills that prepare students for the Advanced Placement exam in their grade twelve year.

One advantage of the program includes reading works of merit, as recognized by Advanced Placement and universities, to an in-depth level. Once students reach grade twelve and write their exam in May, they are well-prepared for university English and may even get the university credit with a score of 4 or 5 on the exam on a 5 point scale. Of course this allows students to take a higher level English in their first year.