

## English 12 ERWC Overview

English 12 ERWC is a rigorous, rhetorically based, full-year college preparatory English course designed to support college-readiness in English. The course emphasizes the in-depth study of expository, analytical and argumentative reading and writing, exploring a wide variety of expository texts and some literature. Analysis is a key skill that students will develop as they explore the significance of a piece of text and the elements of writing that create meaning. Students will also learn to use rhetorical devices to support claims effectively in their own writing and will develop critical thinking and literacy skills necessary for lifelong participation in the world of work and the digital community. Students will be challenged to grow in their practical language skills through class discussions, formal and informal writing assignments, projects, and oral presentations. Students will continue to develop grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary skills.

### **Skills for Success**

In order to succeed in English 12 ERWC, students should be prepared to:

- Demonstrate increased reading stamina with longer texts
- Write a persuasive argument and apply counterargument effectively
- Communicate an author's claim and support with text evidence
- Synthesize multiple sources in support of an argument
- Demonstrate understanding and control of proper English usage, grammar, mechanics, and writing conventions.
- Observe and comment on the effect of literary and rhetorical devices and appeals

### **Workload Expectations**

- Read a variety of expository non-fiction texts, including editorials, speeches, features and long form texts, as well as selected works of fiction
- Be prepared for independent reading assignments of 5-10 pages
- Write 2-3 multi-draft essays and 4-6 timed or in-class writing assignments.
- Prepare and deliver multiple formal and informal oral presentations

### **Course Notes**

10 units UC "B" approved

### **Level of Difficulty: Challenging**

#### **Estimated Homework**

30 minutes nightly. NOTE: Homework frequently includes reading and writing. Homework lengths will differ according to a student's reading level and writing proficiency.

#### **IB Learner Profile**

Successful RBV honors students are:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

#### **Course Objectives**

This course is designed to prepare students for the rigorous reading and writing requirements of university coursework. Students who demonstrate basic readiness for college level English coursework on the EAP and who successfully complete this course are exempt from the CSU English Placement Test.

