

This semester-long high-school-level course will teach students the skills they need to write successful essays for high school, for college admission, and for future college courses. Successful essays depend on excellent structure and engaging style. Building on the Institute for Excellence in Writing approach, this class reviews IEW organizational and stylistic techniques and goes beyond those concepts to focus on paragraph organization and research, persuasive, and college application essays.

Students who take this course should have taken at least one previous writing course. This class quickly reviews previously learned concepts and introduces new skills, giving students weekly practice with what they've learned. Students submit weekly assignments that vary in length from one to five paragraphs and must be hand-marked to identify the required elements. To encourage and motivate students, the instructor will provide helpful corrections and feedback on each assignment.

Students will learn and practice:

- techniques for research writing (including MLA documentation)
- writing from prompts
- cohesive paragraphs
- application essays
- persuasive essays (including ACT Writing Test essays)
- narrative essays
- reflection essays

No textbook is required; lessons will use handouts provided by the instructor, Rebecca Hope.