



ELA Course Selection

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Examples:

- ▶ English 11 1/2/3
- ▶ Canadian Literature 120
- ▶ Journalism 120
- ▶ Dramatic Arts 110
- ▶ Dramatic/Theatre Arts 120
- ▶ Writing 110

- ▶ Psychology 120

English 1 1/2/3

From the SRHS Course Selection Handbook:

Level 1 – “for students with an exceptional talent and/or interest in the subject with at least an 85% in Grade 10”

Level 2 – “for students with good study and work ethic skills, average to above-average ability and interest in the subject area with at least 70% in Grade 10”

Level 3 – “for students interested in the basic, practical aspects of the subject... level 3 courses may be eligible to apply to some programs at post secondary institutions”

Most important decision...

- ▶ Each year students end up feeling stress or anxiousness because they don't end up in the right level.
- ▶ Your English teacher will recommend what level you take – to be written on your course selection planning sheet that will also be signed by your parents.

Canadian Literature 120

- ▶ “Promote an interest in important Canadian Literature and other creative texts... and to explore Canadian Identity through a variety of literary texts”

Journalism 120

- ▶ “A writing course with emphasis on communicative skills, principles of journalistic expression and the practice of both”
 - ▶ Practice in writing and editing for brevity and clarity

Theatre Arts 120

- ▶ “Students will read and interpret scripted drama, learn how to analyze scripted drama, and learn how to stage and perform scripted and improvised drama”

Writing 110

- Recommended that students are taking Level 1 or Level 2 English
- Students complete four mandatory modules:
 - o Personal
 - o Persuasive
 - o Fiction
 - o Informational
- Students also complete two self-directed modules
- The class takes a writer's workshop approach where peer feedback and collaboration play a large role

Psychology 120

- ▶ English Level 2 and Biology Level 2 recommended
- ▶ Fast paced course that usually discusses the following units:
 - ▶ Science and History of Psychology
 - ▶ Memory
 - ▶ The Brain
 - ▶ Sensation and Perception
 - ▶ Learning
 - ▶ Personality
 - ▶ Intelligence
 - ▶ Psychological Disorders and Treatments
 - ▶ Social Psychology

Review

- ▶ Discuss with your ELA teacher what level you should take
- ▶ Ask previous teachers of other subjects if you want further information
- ▶ Q&A?