

Department of English

Department of History & Social Studies

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Department of English

Dr. Megan Minogue, Chair
Mrs. Iryna Sirota-Basso
Ms. Maria Effertz
Mrs. Virginia Clifford-Weiss

Course Options

Freshman Year

- English I
- English I Honors

Sophomore Year

- English II
- English II Honors

Junior Year

- English III: American Literature
- AP English Language & Composition

Senior Year

- Fantastic Realities
- Women's Voices
- Creative Writing
- Dual Credit Short Fiction
- Dual Credit Approaches to Creative Writing
- AP English Literature & Composition

Pathway to Graduation

Department of English

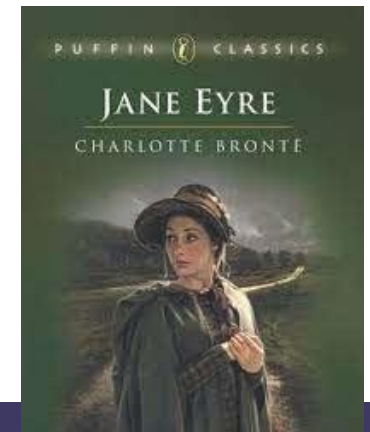
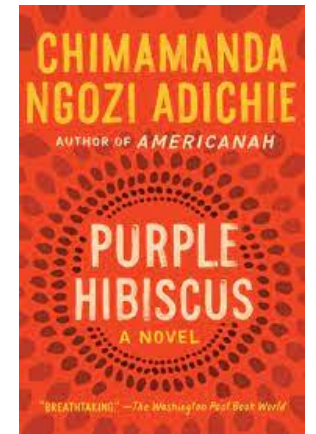
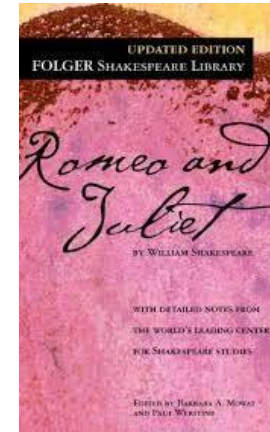
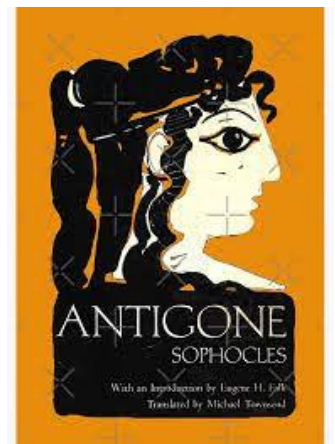
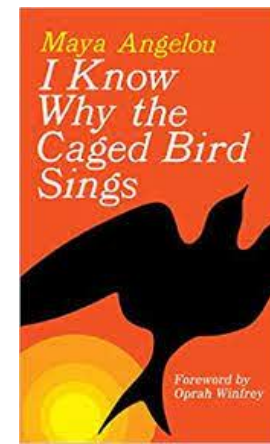
English Graduation Requirement: 4 Credits

Dual Credit with Marymount University

- Eligible to Seniors (fall and spring)
- Courses taught on Holy Cross campus
- ½ English Holy Cross credit + 3 Marymount Undergraduate Credit Hours

English at Holy Cross

- College preparatory curriculum that focuses on critical thinking, academic & analytical writing, and personal reflection
- Flexible program of study encourages student growth & development
- Literature from a wide range of time periods, genres, and countries of origin: from Greek tragedies to the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Strong emphasis on female authorship and female narrative
- Dual Credit and AP courses available junior and senior years
- A variety of senior electives that fit our students' myriad interests and desired strength of schedule





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Department of History & Social Studies

Dr. Maureen Morris, Chair
Mrs. Elizabeth Baldacci
Mrs. Anna Dettbarn
Mr. Robert Christian

Freshman Year

- Geography (fall)
- US Government (spring)
- Honors US Government (spring)

Sophomore Year

- Global Civilizations
- AP Human Geography

Junior Year

- US History
- AP US History

Senior Year

- Constitutional Law; Criminal & Civil Law
- Economics; Honors Global Economics
- Dual Credit MU Microeconomics
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Psychology


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Students are required to earn three credits from the Department of History and Social Studies in order to graduate. The options to the left illustrate the choices students have as they progress through the department towards graduation.

Dual Credit Opportunity

Seniors are eligible to take Dual Credit Microeconomics from Marymount University (held on our campus) in the fall of their senior year. The dual credit program allows students to earn ½ credit from the History Department towards her graduation requirement plus 3 undergraduate credit hours from Marymount University.





Advanced Placement

Department of History and Social Studies

AP courses prepare students to be successful on the College Board examinations with approximately 80% of our students scoring three or better on exams.

AP Courses offered

- ☐ AP Human Geography
- ☐ AP US History
- ☐ AP US Government and Politics
- ☐ AP Comparative Government
- ☐ AP Psychology

Inside the Classroom

Department of History and Social Studies

Inside the history and social studies classroom at The Academy of the Holy Cross students are challenged to stretch their minds and expand their abilities. Through rigorous coursework, students develop their reading and writing skills, analytical skills, and critical-thinking skills. Students are challenged to define the problem, discern fact v. opinion, and identify bias and misleading information.

Project-Based Assessments

Students make connections to the world through individual and collaborative opportunities to:

- ❑ curate a museum exhibit
- ❑ design a travel guide
- ❑ create an economic development project
- ❑ write a business plan and market a product
- ❑ conduct Mock Trials and Mock Congress
- ❑ write op-ed columns and psychology memes
- ❑ film TED Talks

In the Department of History and Social Studies, The Academy of the Holy Cross graduates return to share with us how well our classes prepared them for the rigors of their college coursework!



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Club Moderators

Model United Nations Mrs. Baldacci, Moderator

No Place for Hate Mrs. Dettbarn, Moderator

Young Conservatives Dr. Morris, Moderator

Mock Trial Team Dr. Morris, Moderator

