Dual Enrollment English in a Nutshell

Basic Information

Dual Enrollment (DE) English is offered to juniors AND seniors. This class fulfills the FCPS 11th and 12th grade English requirement and the college freshman writing requirement—that's why it's called *Dual Enrollment.*

The six college credits received for DE are earned through NOVA and transfer to most VA state universities—and many, many other schools. ***You should contact your prospective schools to see whether or not they accept DE credits***.

DE and AP Lit. differences and similarities:

- You earn 6 college credits for DE; if you pass the AP exam, you earn 3 college credits for AP Lit. (As is true with DE credits, AP Lit credits are not universally accepted: you should find out whether or not the schools you hope to attend accept AP Lit. credits.)

- DE studies primarily nonfiction.

- In DE, first semester, you read and write about nonfiction prose, essays, and articles; second semester you write an argumentative/persuasive research essay of significant focus and length, and read and write about fiction, poetry, and drama.

- In AP lit, you read and write about fiction, poetry, and drama.

- DE and AP Lit require about the same total amount of reading and writing.