

What are the differences between the courses *Honors English 3* and *Honors Analysis and Research Writing (HARW)*?

This is a very often-asked question. There have been several students take **both** courses, sometimes in the same school year. **Both courses count as one English credit**, so it depends on what goals and outcome the student needs on the way to earning that English credit. Here are the basics of each course.

English 3:

- Core focus is on American Literature from the 1600s to current time (there is also a bit of American history included to understand each time period and literary movement)
- SAT vocabulary work almost every week covering a total of about 450 words by the end of the course
- Writing/Essay unit almost every week covering all types of essay writing (definition, expository, persuasive, narration, critical, etc.)
- English Grammar unit for four weeks before we begin the seven units of American Literature (all literature exams are all essay)
- Grades are based on Homework - 25%, Quizzes - 25%, Writing/Essay - 25%, Exams - 25%

HARW (Research Class):

- Core focus is on research writing and presentation, plus the methodology to complete a research project
- Three major style formats used by most colleges are covered - Turabian/Chicago, APA, MLA
- Specific grammar, writing, and organization skills for writing research papers (not essays) and for producing research presentations
- Thesis development and research support
- Synthesis of student viewpoints and research conducted (including opposing and conventional viewpoints)
- End-to-end HARW research methodology and process steps from topic selection to production of final paper or presentation
- Grades are based on Homework - 50% and Projects - 50% (there are no quizzes or exams in this course)