



OnRamps Explained:

OnRamps is a dual enrollment program run by The University of Texas at Austin. Students are enrolled in a high school course and a college course simultaneously. The instruction provided in the high school course develops skills that will facilitate student success in the college course. Students receive a grade for the high school course (and yes, at Round Rock High School OnRamps students receive the same GPA “bump” as students enrolled in AP). Students are also offered grades for the college course (one in the fall and one in the spring), but have the option of accepting or declining whether the grade appears on their college transcript.

OnRamps is a growth mindset program emphasizing learning and resilience with the goal of exposing students to college to improve their futures success at universities of their choosing.

Rhetoric 306 & 309K:

Students will complete two college courses this year: RHE 306 & RHE 309K. Below is a brief description of the courses. The course syllabi are linked here as well for your convenience (must access a digital copy of this document to click them).

- [RHE 306:](#)
 - This is a “writing seminar course in argumentation that situates rhetoric as an art of civic discourse.” The course is focuses on an assigned topic. This year’s topic is “Global Climate Change.” See the course description on the college syllabus for a more detailed description.
- [RHE 309K:](#)
 - This is a college writing course [that] aims to prepare students to become more effective in analyzing and producing arguments.” This course is themed. The theme is “Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Identity.” See the course description on the college syllabus for a more detailed description.

About Mrs. Renfroe:

I graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 2011 with a Bachelor’s of Arts in English and have been teaching English at Round Rock High School since that time instructing a variety of courses and grade levels. This is the first year RRHS is offering OnRamps Rhetoric, and I am excited to pioneer this program! This year, I also sponsor Student Council. I have a two-year-old son named Henry. I can’t wait to know each of you!

Supplies:

- **Required Supplies:**
 - A personal Gmail account (i.e. not the email provided by the school)
 - Composition Notebook (for notetaking and vocabulary log)
 - Box of Tissues
 - Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- **Suggested Supplies:**
 - Notecards for vocabulary flashcards
 - Binder to organize your work

Grades:

Your high school grade will be calculated based on work completed in preparation for your college assignments. Your college assignments will not impact your high school grade because they are graded by UT and count toward the average in the college course. You will receive two college grades: one for RHE 306 in the fall and another for RHE 309K in the spring. You will have the option of accepting or declining the grade offered to you by UT. See the courtesy copy of the college syllabi for an explanation of college grades for each course.

There are three weighted categories for your high school grade (weighted means they calculate in your average) and one unweighted category (titled “Individual Learning”) that is used to decide things like the potential for awarding extra credit points at the end of each marking period.

- Grading Categories (high school course only):
 - Major Grades = 50%
 - In Class Work = 20%
 - Homework = 30%
 - Individual Learning = not weighted, see above for explanation

High School Assignments:

Each marking period, I will provide an at-a-glance document explaining which units in the modules will be taken for which type of grade. All work will be in Canvas, the online learning platform used by UT.

Submitting Assignments:

- All college assignments will be submitted to the **college portal** in Canvas.
- All high school assignments will be submitted to the **high school portal** in Canvas **and also submitted to turnitin.com** (unless specified that a hard copy should be submitted in class).

What is Canvas?:

- Canvas is a digital learning platform similar to Google Classroom. You will find all of your assignments in Canvas. There will be one portal for the high school course and separate portal for your college course.

Helpful Links:

- [Canvas](#)
- [Turnitin.com](#)
 - 2nd Period
 - Class ID: 21886027
 - Enrollment Password: renonramps
 - 5th Period
 - Class ID: 21886043
 - Enrollment Password: renonramps
- Writing Consultant (link coming soon)
- [OnRamps Support](#)
- Remind
 - Sign up for OnRamps Rhetoric’s Remind by texting @renonramps to 81010
- [Purdue Owl MLA 8 Style Guide](#)

NOTE: These are live links that can be accessed from a digital copy of the OnRamps Rhetoric high school syllabus. A digital copy is available on my website: lorenrenfroe.weebly.com. A copy was sent to your school email and is also accessible on Canvas.