

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL



2023-2024 Course Description Booklet

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Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. Van Wert High School's Course Description Booklet is designed to inform you of the many academic options available to you for the upcoming year. Hopefully, this course description booklet is easy to understand and use. As you begin to study all of the options within this booklet, should you have questions, please feel free to contact Van Wert High School.

It is the philosophy of Van Wert High School that careful planning and preparation for one's course of study throughout four years of high school is considered most important by the teaching staff and administration. In fact, it is quite apparent that the Ohio Legislature and the Ohio State Department of Education continue to "raise the bar" and expect more academically from the students of this state. The intent of our message is to strongly encourage all students and parents to realize that the academic expectations from schools continue to change. We strongly believe that the state legislature, the state department of education, and educators must continue to seek new and innovative ways to cognitively engage students in their learning. We believe it is important for our students and parents to understand these expectations.

Again, please realize that this Course Description Booklet is intended to assist students and parents in a better understanding of the course work and expectations which culminate in the granting of a high school diploma by the Van Wert City School's Board of Education and is accessible online at the Van Wert High School website (hs.vwcs.net).

We welcome any opportunity to answer questions you may have concerning curriculum and/or the course of study at this high school. You may contact the Principal's Office (419-238-3350) or the Office of Student Services (419-238-2180), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

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VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL

This page has been prepared so that each student, with the help of parents, teachers, and counselors may plan his/her high school years. The courses that the student elects to take should meet needs which occur immediately after graduation and in later life.

The State Department of Education and the Van Wert City Board of Education require that certain subjects be satisfactorily completed for graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from Van Wert High School a student must:

1. Complete four years of high school attendance and/or:

2. Class of 2023 and beyond to complete 21 units of credit as follows:

English	4 credits
Science.....	3 credits
Math (required to complete Algebra II)	4 credits
Social Studies.....	3 credits
Physical Education (or PE Waiver)	1/2 credit (2 classes)
Health	1/2 credit
Financial Literacy (beginning with class of 2026)	1/2 credit
PLUS	
Electives.....	6 credits

****1 credit of Fine Arts must be completed in grades 7 -12**

AND

3. **All students in the Class of 2023 and beyond must take end-of-course exams in the following:**

Algebra I and Geometry
Biology
American History and American Government
English-Language Arts II

AND

Prove competency by scoring proficient in Algebra I and ELA II end-of-course test OR meet one of the three additional competency pathways.

AND

Show readiness by earning two diploma seals of which at least one must be Ohio-designed.

4. Additionally, every student will have the opportunity to take a nationally-recognized college admission exam free of charge in Grade 11. Van Wert High School will be giving the ACT exam.

GRADUATE OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Students to be considered for the Graduate of Distinction Award must meet the following criteria through 8 semesters:

1. Top 10% of the graduating class based upon class rank
2. Cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher
3. Students must have successfully completed a minimum of 3 Advanced Placement courses (8 AP courses are offered at Van Wert High School)
4. Students must have no incidents of cheating or plagiarism reported to principal's office.

DIPLOMA WITH HONORS

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Ohio-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Requirements-2014-2017/Criteria-for-Diploma-with-Honors/Honors-Diploma-Revised-Grid.pdf.aspx>

Criterion	Academic Honors Diploma	Career Tech Honors Diploma	STEM Honors Diploma	Arts Honors Diploma (Includes dance, drama/theatre, music, and visual art)	Social Science & Civic Engagement Honors Diploma
Math	4 units, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher level course or 4 course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content	4 units, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher level course or 4 course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content	5 units, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher level course or 4 course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content ⁴	4 units, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher level course or 4 course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content	4 units, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher level course or 4 course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content
Science	4 units, including two units of advanced science ²	4 units, including two units of advanced science ²	5 units, including two units of advanced science ²	3 units, including one unit of advanced science ²	3 units, including one unit of advanced science ²
Social Studies	4 units	4 units	3 units	3 units	5 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied	2 units of one world language studied	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit	N/A	1 unit	4 units	1 unit
Electives	N/A	4 units of Career-Technical minimum ³	2 units with a focus in STEM courses	2 units with a focus in fine arts course work	3 units with a focus in social sciences and/or civics
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	3.5 on 4.0 scale	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT/WorkKeys¹	27 ACT/1280 SAT ⁸	27 ACT/1280 SAT ⁸ /WorkKeys (6 Reading for Information & 6 Applied Mathematics) ⁷	27 ACT/1280 SAT ⁸	27 ACT/1280 SAT ⁸	27 ACT/1280 SAT ⁸
Field Experience	N/A	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus ⁵	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus ⁵	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus ⁵	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus ⁵
Portfolio	N/A	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic related to the student's area of focus that is reviewed and validated by external experts ⁶	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus that is reviewed and validated by external experts ⁶	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus that is reviewed and validated by external experts ⁶	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus that is reviewed and validated by external experts ⁶
Additional Assessments	N/A	Earn an industry-recognized credential or achieve proficiency benchmark for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent	N/A	N/A	N/A

COLLEGE CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

If you plan to attend any one of Ohio's public or private four year colleges or universities, the following courses are recommended:

- 4 Units of College Bound English
- 4 Units of Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and Pre-Calculus)
- 3 Units of College Bound Social Studies (Am Lit, World Lit and Government)
- 3 Units of Science (2 of which should include lab sciences)
- 2 or 3 Units of Foreign Language
- 1 Unit of Fine Art (Band, Choir, Art, Sculpture, Elements of Theatrical Design, Fundamentals of Performance, TV Production)

If you do not follow the college preparatory curriculum, you may not be given unconditional admittance. This means you may be required to attend a developmental class at your expense, or take extra courses, which will not count toward a degree. See a counselor for more information.

PREPARING FOR REGISTRATION

1. Consideration is given to course requests, not teacher requests.
2. Students are asked to read this booklet carefully and choose subjects to meet their own needs.
3. Be sure to include in your planning the subjects required for your grade in school.
4. All attempts will be made to honor the student requests for courses; however, it is not guaranteed that a student will receive all selected courses.
5. You will be expected to adhere to the choices you make for the year ahead.
6. Your counselors, teachers, and administrators stand ready to help you work out your choices and they recommend that you discuss these choices with your parents.
7. In elective courses, every attempt will be given for preference to Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen in that order.
8. In choosing semester courses, always select enough for the entire year.
9. You are to carry at least six (6) academic classes each semester regardless of the number you need to reach the required minimum for graduation. Students are then permitted one (1) study hall during the 7 period day.

DROP POLICY

If it is necessary to make a schedule change, the following procedure will apply:

1. With written parental permission a student may drop within the first ten (10) days of that course. This will not appear on the student's permanent record.
2. The student must schedule 6 periods every day.
3. After 2 weeks, changes within the guidelines will be made upon approval by the principal, guidance counselors and teachers.
4. After 2 weeks, withdrawal will result in an "F" for the semester which will be figured into the student's GPA.
5. The parent has the right to appeal the withdrawal decision to an Appeal Board within 1 week. The Appeal Board shall consist of a high school administrator, counselor, and a representative from faculty council.

INCOMPLETES

Students have 10 school days following the last day of the previous grading period to make up incomplete work. Those incompletes that are not made up within the period of 10 school days will receive a failing grade unless given special approval through the principal's office.

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SCALE

The classroom follows the Board of Education Uniform Grading Scale for Van Wert High School.

100	A+	89	B+	79	C+	69	D+	59	F
99-93	A	88-83	B	78-73	C	68-63	D		
92-90	A-	82-80	B-	72-70	C-	62-60	D-		

(59.5 rounds up to a passing grade (D-))

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION POLICY

1. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION UNLESS:
 - A. The course does not offer one (Principal Excused)
 - B. The student has been granted permission to exempt through the Renaissance Program
2. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT SHOW UP FOR THEIR EXAMINATIONS WITH AN EXCUSED ABSENCE WILL:
 - A. Receive a "0" on the examination
 - B. Fail the entire course for that semester, even if the % is equivalent to a passing grade
Basis for grade: Because the student did not fulfill the course requirements - which includes showing up and taking the examination
3. STUDENTS WHO ARE ABSENT FROM AN EXAMINATION MUST:
 - A. Follow all Van Wert High School attendance policies and procedures, as adopted by the Board of Education
 - B. All make-up exams will occur according to the Van Wert High School attendance policies and procedures. Make up exams will not be completed before the regular examination schedule and will be arranged through the principal or counselor.
 - State law requires that a parent or guardian must call the school on the day of a student absence, preferably before 8:30 a.m. for morning absences or by 12:30 p.m. for afternoon absences. Van Wert High School appreciates telephone contacts by parents on the days that examinations are given.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with the OHSAA, the Van Wert City Board of Education has adopted the following policy for students in grades 9-12. The following criteria must be met:

- Successfully complete a minimum of 5 one-half credit courses per semester (or the equivalency) which would count toward graduation;
- Receive no more than one failing grade in the previous 9 week grading period
- Earn a minimum 1.2 grade point average for the previous 9 week grading period based on a 4.0 grade scale

Summer school grades cannot be used to determine eligibility. The definition of athletic activities is a school sponsored student activity not included in the graded course of study that includes participants from more than one school or school setting. Incompletes are regarded as an "F" or failing grade until the student makes up his/her work so that an official letter grade can be given.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES & FEES

The Advanced Placement Program gives students the opportunity to complete college-level studies while still in high school. Participating colleges grant credit and/or appropriate placement to students who have done well on the AP Examinations which are administered in May. Van Wert High School offers 8 AP courses including AP Language, AP Literature, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, AP Government and AP Art. There is a fee assessed for the Advanced Placement Tests which a student takes. The Van Wert City Board of Education pays for half of the fee for the required test. The amount that students were assessed for the 2022-2023 tests was \$48.50 for each test taken.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

The Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Legislature in conjunction with universities and community colleges in the state have worked together to create the College Credit Plus program. Through this program a student can earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from community colleges or universities, through online programs or through courses offered at his/her high school. There will be no extension to the State determined intent filing deadline.

CREDIT FLEXIBILITY

Credit Flexibility options are designed for students who demonstrate the ability, interest and maturity to accept personal responsibility for their learning in selected curricular areas. The purpose is to provide learners who identify their own learning objectives and implement a plan to attain those objectives outside of the traditional classroom. This plan is coordinated thorough the high school principal, guidance counselors and athletic director and requires an application process.

SUGGESTED FOUR (4) YEAR CURRICULUM **COLLEGE BOUND**

Freshman

English 9/American History (Am Lit)
Algebra I, Geometry, Applied Geometry
Biology, Inv Biology, Physical Science
Physical Education/Health
Foreign Language
Electives

Sophomore

English 10/World History (World Lit)
Applied Geometry, Algebra II or Int. Math
Integrated Science, Inv Biology or Chemistry
Physical Education
Foreign Language II
Electives

Junior

English 11 or AP Language
AP Psychology or Social Studies Electives
Pre-Calculus, Appl. Algebra II, Int. Math or
Algebra II
AP Statistics
Physics, Geology, Chemistry or AP
Chemistry
Foreign Language III (opt.)
Electives

Senior

English 12 or AP Literature
AP Psychology, Government or AP
Government
Appl. Algebra II, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, AP
Calculus, AP Statistics
Calculus/Stats, AP Computer, Senior
Analysis/Stats
Physics, Geology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry,
or Anatomy
Foreign Language IV (opt.)
Electives

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER CANDIDATES

Students interested in the Vantage Career Center are to pay particular attention to the subjects that need to be completed before entering.

Additional required courses for graduation will be taught at the Vantage Career Center in the areas of: English, US History, US Government, Mathematics, and Science.

If a student is deficient in more than three credits in the core areas listed below, he/she will not be eligible for admission.

This means that the following credits should be earned before enrolling in the Vantage Career Center:

English	2 credits
Health	1/2 credit
Physical Education	1/2 credit
Mathematics	2 credits
Science (To include: 1 credit in a Physical Science and 1 credit in a Biological Science)....	2 credits
Social Studies.....	2 credits

SUGGESTED TWO (2) YEAR CURRICULUM **VANTAGE INTENDING STUDENT**

Freshman

English 9/American History (Am Lit)
Biology, Inv. Biology, or Physical Science
Algebra I, Applied Geometry or Geometry
Physical Education
Health
Electives in Interested Area

Sophomore

English/World History (World Lit)
Chemistry, Inv. Biology or Integrated Science
Algebra II, Int. Math or Applied Geometry
Physical Education
Electives in Interested Area

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER PROGRAMS

Information Technology

Interactive Media
Health Information Management
Network Systems

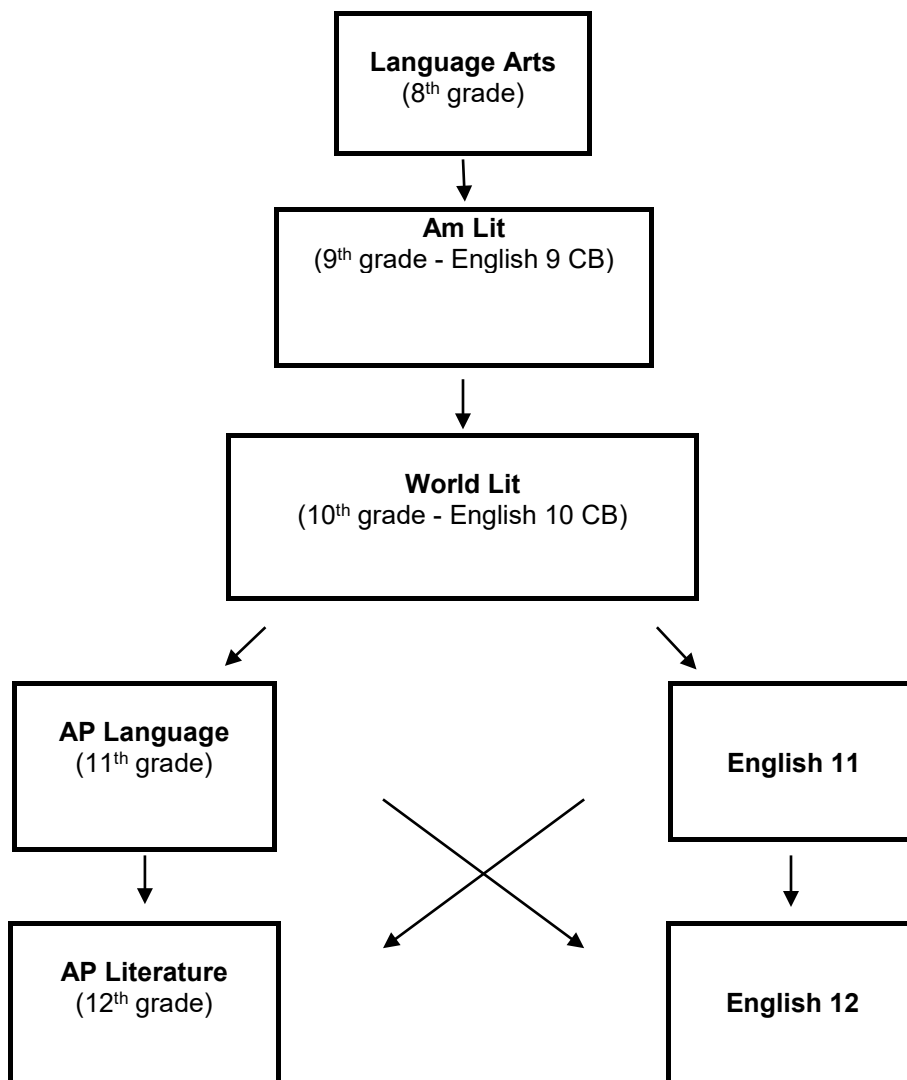
Service Occupations

Cosmetology
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Early Childhood Education
Health Technology
Sports Exercise Therapy

Trade Industry

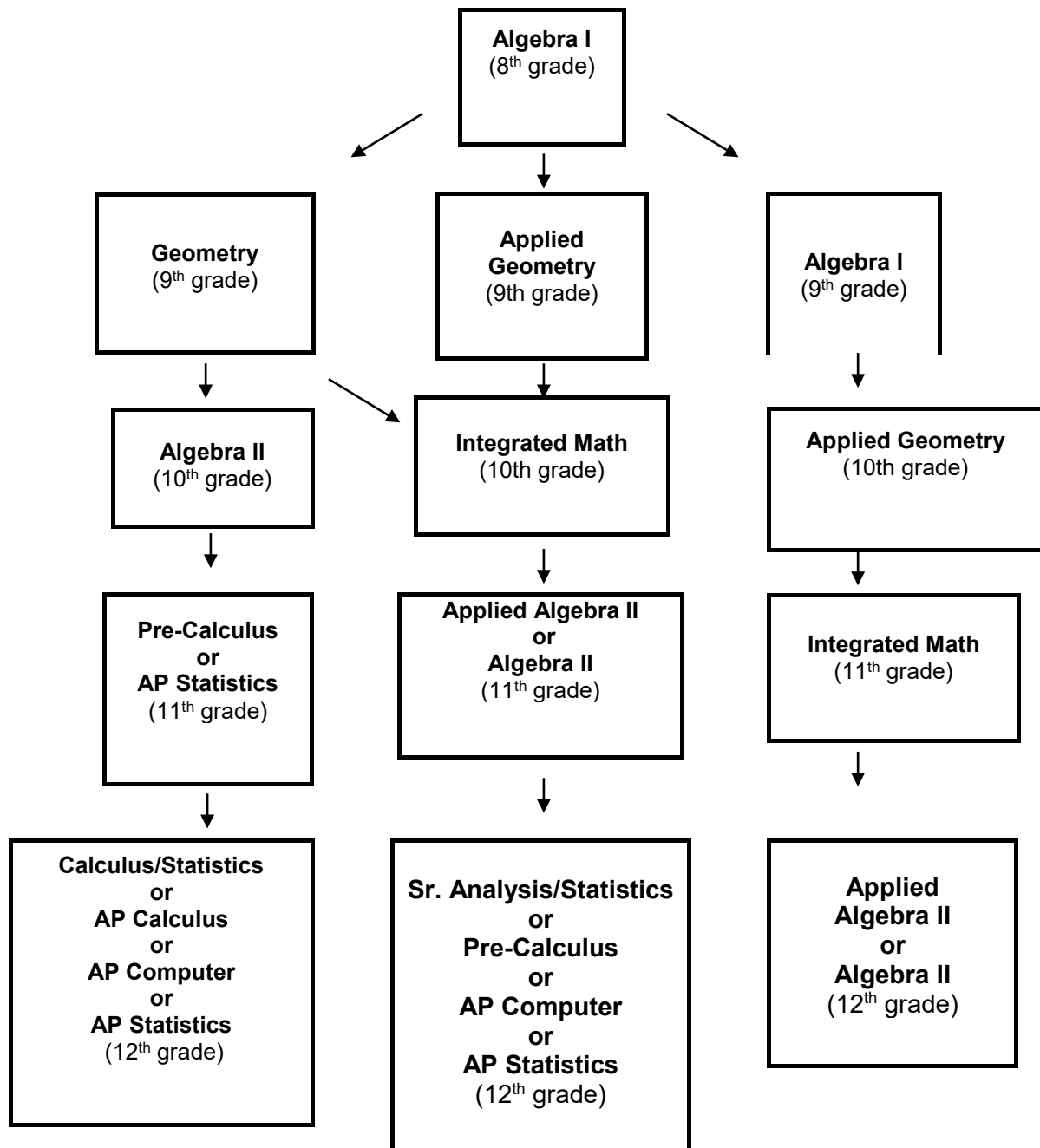
Ag & Industrial Power Technology
Auto Collision Repair
Automotive Technology
Carpentry
Construction Equipment Technology
Electricity
Industrial Mechanics
Precision Machining
Welding

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS
(4 Credits)

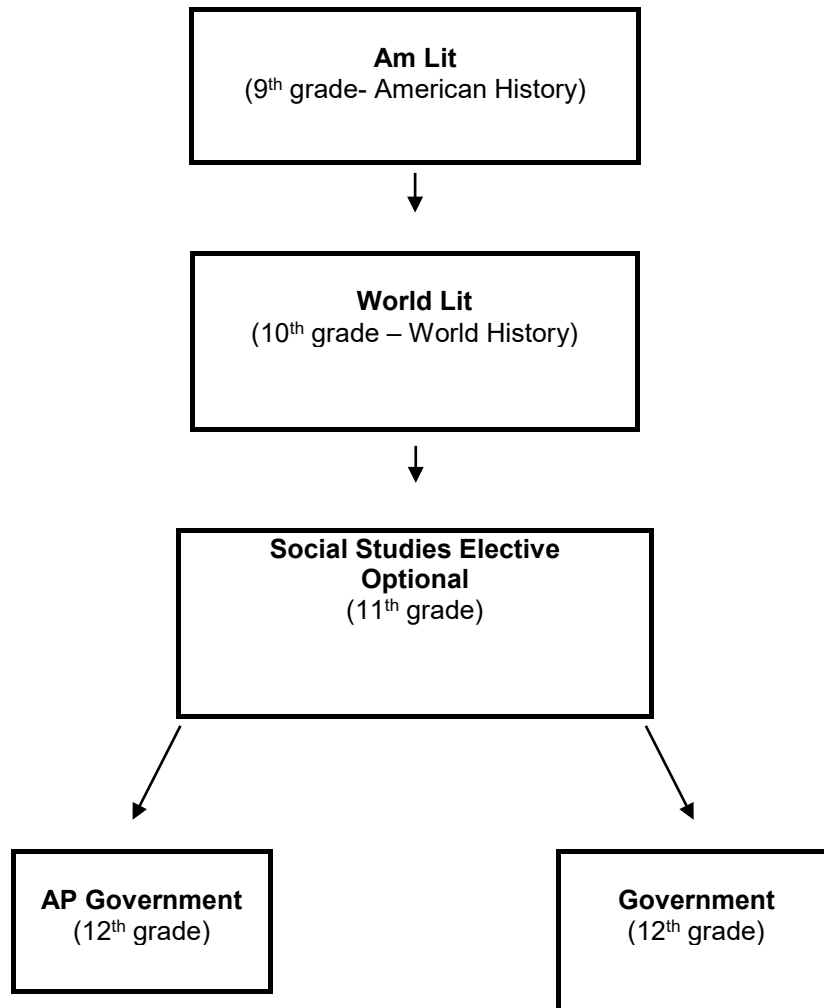


MATHEMATIC REQUIREMENTS

(4 Credits)

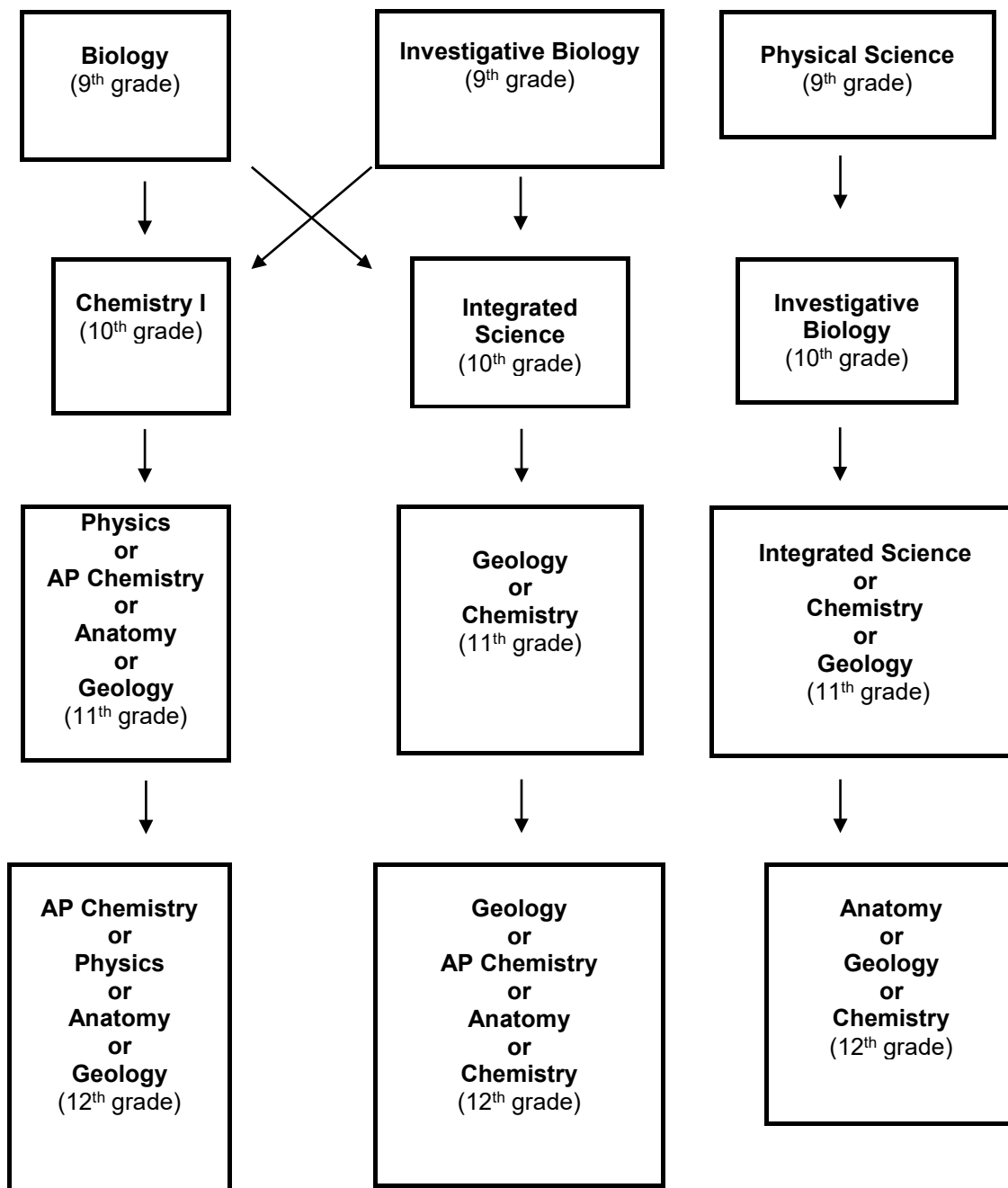


SOCIAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS
(3 Credits)

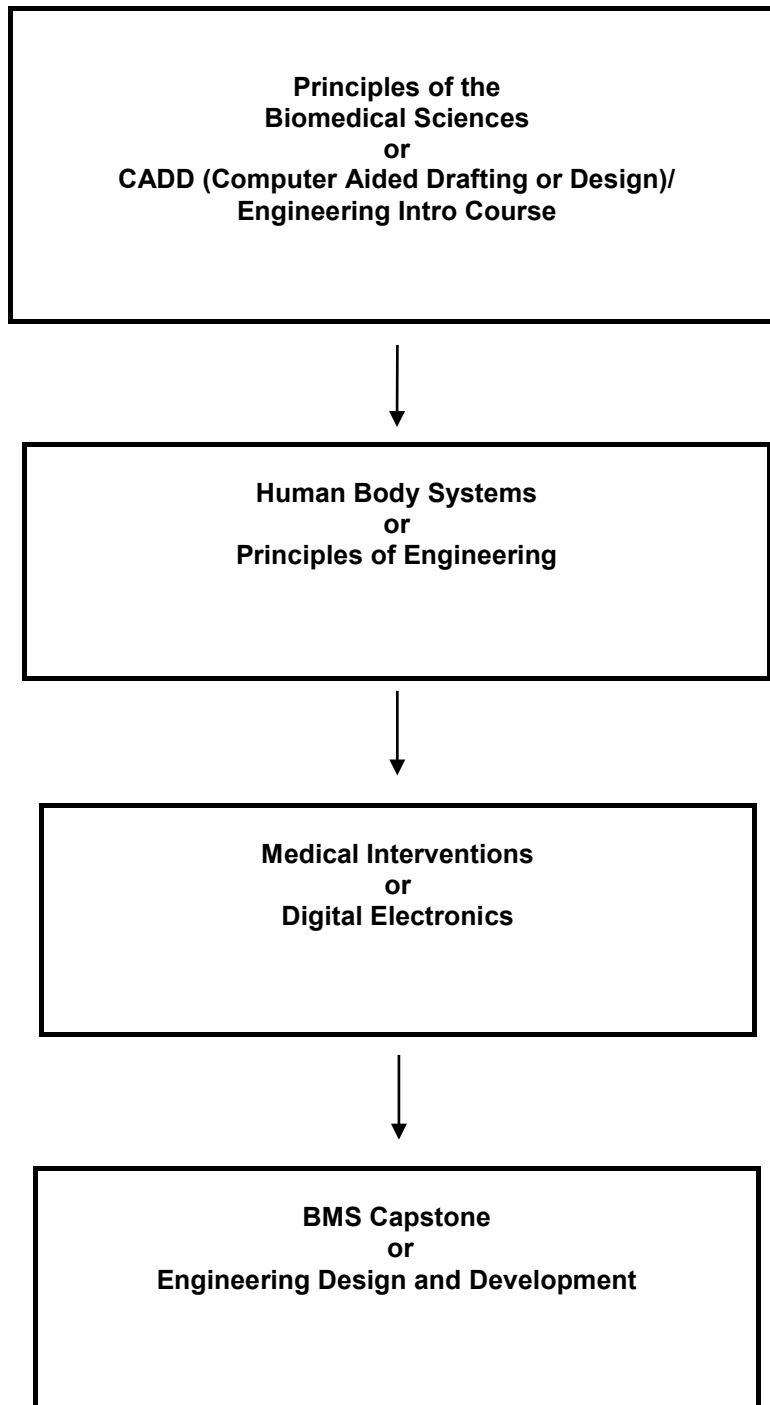


SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

(3 Credits)



SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Engineering / Biomedical
(3 Credits)



RESOURCE

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- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirements: Students must have an intervention plan such as an individualized education plan (IEP), 504 or ELL to be enrolled in this course.

Resource is designed to prepare students on IEPs or 504 plans with 21st Century Skills, the soft skills, such as promptness, organization, time management, assignment completion and social skills such as respect, responsibility and to specifically focus on the goals of the IEP. A rubric will be used to evaluate students on these skills. Many of these skills can and will be taught through the content of other courses. Resource skills will be taught through a variety of course content.

CAREER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY (CEO)

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- Credit: 1/2
- Elective: 12
- Semester Course

The CEO program is offered to seniors as an elective course where students are released during the school day and partnered with either a teacher to provide educational experiences or local businesses which will provide internships, apprenticeships, or other business opportunities. Students have the opportunity to learn the skill sets that are necessary for a specific career and learn the soft skills necessary in the work force. Students will complete the course knowing the type of post-secondary education/training required in their career field.

ART

FUNDAMENTALS OF ART: 2D

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$38.00

Fundamentals of 2D is the entry-level course designed to provide a foundation for other 2D art courses. This course is a prerequisite for all other 2D art courses. Emphasis is placed on understanding the Elements and

Principles of Design, as a basis for composition. Students will explore a variety of artist 2D art processes, and materials such as drawing, painting, graphic design, and printmaking. Emphasis will be placed on the production of artwork, with considerable course work in aesthetics, art criticism, and art history. Students are required to keep a sketchbook for ideas and journal entries.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ART: 3D

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$38.00

Fundamentals of 3D is the entry-level art course designed to provide a foundation for other 3D art courses. This course is a prerequisite for all other 3D art courses. Emphasis is placed on understanding the Elements and Principles of Design, as a basis for composition. Students will explore a variety of artists, 3d art processes, and materials such as clay, cardboard, and plaster. Students will learn the methods of ceramics such as: pinch pots, coiling and slab building. Emphasis will be placed on the production of artwork, with considerable course work in aesthetics, art criticism, and art history. Students are required to keep a sketchbook for ideas and journal entries.

DRAWING AND PAINTING I

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Fundamental of 2D with a "C" or higher
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$38.00

Drawing and Painting I expands upon the techniques and skills built upon in Fundamentals of 2D. Students will dive deeper into drawing and painting media and develop skills necessary for advanced courses. Emphasis is placed on production with work in aesthetics, art criticism, and art history. Students are required to keep a sketch book for ideas and journal entries

DIGITAL ART I

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Fundamentals of 2D with a "C" or higher
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$38.00

Digital Art I expands upon the techniques and skills built upon in Fundamentals of 2D. Students will dive deeper into digital mediums in Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator and develop skills necessary for advanced courses. Emphasis is placed on production with work in aesthetics, art criticism, and art history. Students are required to keep a sketchbook for ideas and journal entries.

CERAMICS AND SCULPTURE I

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Fundamentals of 3D with a "C" or higher
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$38.00

Ceramics and Sculpture 1 expands upon the techniques and skills built upon in Fundamentals of 3D. Students will dive deeper into ceramics and pottery and develop skills necessary for advanced courses. Students will learn methods in wheel throwing and create larger scale sculptures for this course. Emphasis is placed on production with work aesthetics, art criticism, and art history. Students are required to keep a sketchbook for ideas and journal entries.

STUDIO ART

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Fundamentals of 2D or 3D THEN Drawing and Painting 1 or Digital Art 1, or Ceramics and Sculpture with a "C" or higher
- Requirement: Student must submit a required portfolio by exams.
- Course Fee \$45.00

Studio Art expands upon the skills learned in previous courses. This course is desirable for any student who is serious about art and is a requirement for students to take AP their junior or senior year. Students will be encouraged and taught how to expand their creative ideas, and create artwork that is more independently driven. Students will have opportunities to work with experimental medias and techniques.

AP ART

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: "C" Equivalent in Studio Art
- Course Fee \$48 plus cost of AP Exam
- Students are required to submit completed portfolio to the College Board in May.

AP Art is a two semester course for mature, motivated students who have completed all prerequisite courses for Studio Art, and have completed and passed a semester of Studio Art. Students must be dedicated to creating a series of art pieces that is of their own creative ideas and motivation. AP Art does not have a written exam; instead students are expected to create a strong portfolio in 2D or 3D media that must be submitted to the College Board. Completing the SP portfolio may result in Advanced Placement credit at the institution the student chooses to attend after high school, but does not guarantee it. It will, however, help the student to have a strong portfolio to submit for admissions and scholarship opportunities. This class will require intense focus and work in and out of class.

ART INDEPENDENT STUDY

For students unable to fit art courses into their schedule. Only 1 independent study student is allowed for each class period.

- Credit: 1/2 OR 1
- Semester or Year Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Fundamentals of 2D or 3D
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$38.00 (\$48.00 for AP)

Visual Art Independent Study is a course designed to allow students, who are unable to fit art courses into their schedule, to take a visual art course during a study hall or resource period. Students are able to choose their intended course of study, from the list of available courses. Through this Independent Study, students will be able to study and create artwork in the intended course they want to take during this class period. An application must be filled out for this course, as well as a short interview with the art teacher.

MUSIC

GENERAL MUSIC

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Requirement: Admittance to this course will be at the recommendation of the teacher, counselors and administration.

This course will teach vocal music at a slower pace than that of choir. The class will emphasize the use of vocal technique and the study of music to enhance other skills.

FRESHMEN CHORUS

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This choir is open to VWHS freshmen who are interested in choral singing. Freshman choir is designed to be an introductory group where basic vocal training, music reading, and choral concepts are taught using a variety of choral literature. Some of the choir's activities include a fall concert, a Christmas Concert, and a Spring Concert. "Ambitious and developing groups may attend OMEA Contest. Choir members also have the option of attending Solo and Ensemble Contest."

SOPHOMORE WOMEN'S CHORUS

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 10th grade females
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Women's Choir consists of sophomore women progressing from the previous Freshman Choir. This group is designed to give special attention to the female voice. Women's Choir continues fostering vocal techniques, music reading skills, and choral concepts which were started in Freshman Choir. "Ambitious and developing groups may attend OMEA Contest. Choir members also have the option of attending Solo and Ensemble Contest." New members are welcomed and encouraged.

CONCERT CHOIR

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12 (males) 11, 12 (females)
- Prerequisite: Students must have an A in Freshman or Sophomore choir or be required to audition
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Only those students who can maintain the highest standards of musical excellence through choral performance and rehearsal will be permitted to hold membership in the Concert Choir. An above average level of commitment and cooperation during all rehearsals and performances is required. Membership is restricted to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade males and 11th and 12th grade females. Most members have graduated from Freshmen and/or Women's Choir and through hard work and dedication have proven their ability to sing in Concert Choir. Other upperclassmen wanting to enter this choir must audition with the director. Students cannot add choir to their schedule at semester. Emphasis in Concert Choir is placed on greater mastery of performance skills and a varied repertoire of challenging music from all periods. Concert Choir activities include: Fall Concert, Christmas concert, Rotary Concert, OMEA contests, Formal Spring Concert, and various other events. Participation in Solo and ensemble Contest is optional.

BAND

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Middle School Band or Audition
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The band year begins with performances by the Marching Band in early June at the Van Wert Peony Parade and in early July with a performance at the Van Wert 4th of July Parade. Band Camp in late July/ early August is required of all students who wish to be a member of the band program. Varsity football players are the only members excused from Band Camp. The Marching Band performs at all home and away Van Wert football games and at selected out of town festivals, parades, and performances.

There are three Concert Bands in operation during the remainder of the year. Placement in these bands is determined by audition. Performance opportunities include: 3 formal concerts, student assemblies, District and State contest, Graduation, and select out of town performances. Band members are encouraged to participate in small ensembles or as soloists for OMEA Contest. Basketball Band and Jazz Ensemble are formed from students within the Concert bands. Students are required to perform at 5 Varsity boys' basketball games per year. Students who play guitar, bass guitar, and keyboard or drum set and are not members of the Concert Bands are encouraged to audition for the Jazz Ensemble.

Freshmen and sophomores who are interested in learning to play a band instrument, with membership in the VWHS band being a final goal, are encouraged to contact the Director of Bands for more information.

MUSIC THEORY

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course (First Semester Only)
- Elective: 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is a study of musical elements including note names, rhythms, scales, key signatures, chords, chord analysis and composition. Some previous musical knowledge is preferred (band, choir, private lessons). This course is especially recommended for potential music majors.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course (Second Semester Only – 2025, 2027)
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The focus of this course is the use and value of music in people's lives. It encourages students to view music in a social context. Music will be presented as a natural and essential ingredient of one's own life and of life in all cultures. Music from all genres, cultures, and time periods will be included. This course is for all students, not just those who are in choir or band.

WORLD MUSIC

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course (Second Semester Only)
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

World Music is a semester long course that provides learners with a basic understanding of the following musical elements: notation, rhythm, melody, form, tempo, dynamics, timbre, and harmony. Selected traditional, popular, and classical music cultures (Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East, Latin America, etc.) from around the globe will be explored. Students will be learning through active vocal and instrumental music making. The course provides opportunities for students to develop critical listening skills about music heard or performed and to identify connections between music and other content areas.

ARTS PRODUCTION

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course (Second Semester Only – 2025, 2027)
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Arts Production is a semester long course that provides learners with a basic understanding of the aesthetics and design process of all phases of theatrical arts production. The content should include, but not be limited to, the following: stage management, theatre roles and careers, scene development, blocking, and script research and interpretation. Students learn the fundamentals of design presentation and documentation; the organizational structure of productions, and how to use creative thinking to develop and lead artistic works.

FUNDAMENTALS OF PERFORMANCE

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course (Second Semester Only – 2024, 2026)
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Fundamentals of Performance is a semester long course focusing on acting technique, character building, and voice and diction. This course provides students with opportunities to develop their craft, explore pantomime, storytelling, improvisation, monologues, and popular acting methods through analysis, discussion, and classroom performance. Students learn to analyze dramatic texts to develop character perspective and audience connection. The history of theatre will be explored and emphasis will be on creating a complete character for the stage.

MUSICAL THEATRE

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course (First Semester Only)
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Musical Theatre is a semester long course that provides students with opportunities to develop vocal music skills with a focus on vocal technique and performance. Students will collaborate and perform solo and in small groups. The content will include, but not be limited to, the following: music fundamentals, performance terminology and evaluation, artistic discipline, character development and musical expression, musical theatre history and repertoire, rehearsal procedures, audition process, scene preparation, and movement.

JAZZ APPRECIATION AND TECHNIQUES

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course (Second Semester)
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Students must have performance ability on an instrument (band, guitar, piano, bass) or speak with instructor

- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course will focus on the history and development of jazz beginning with the earliest influences as well as basic performance practices. Famous artists, types of jazz, performance, improvisation, chords and more will all be covered. Playing participation is required. Basic knowledge of instrument performance is a prerequisite.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

GLOBAL FOOD

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee approximately \$25.

In this course, students will learn basic cooking skills, compare cuisines, ingredients and preferred cooking methods of various cultures. The influence of traditions and regional and cultural perspectives on food choices and culinary practices will be emphasized. Students will examine the issues and conditions that affect the availability and quality of food in the global market and prepare a variety of foods from around the world using a variety of preparation techniques.

CULINARY FUNDAMENTALS

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee approximately \$25.

In this course, students will apply fundamental culinary techniques, such as knife handling skills and the recognition, selection and proper use of tools and equipment. An emphasis will be placed on the management of time, ingredients and equipment, as well as the basic principles of nutrition and food preparation. Students will apply standard recipe conversions using proper scaling and measurement techniques in the preparation of a variety of foods incorporating nutrition basics.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee approximately \$5.

In this course, students will study the principles of child growth, development, and behavior. Topics will include childhood diseases, immunization, theories of development, learning styles, evaluation, childcare services, pregnancy, and prenatal development.

INTERIOR DESIGN, FURNISHINGS AND MANAGEMENT

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee approximately \$10.

In this career field course, students will examine design principles used in residential interiors. An emphasis will be placed on using the elements and principles of design to create the interior spaces in a home. Additional topics will include the selection and organization of furnishing, floors and wall covering in living spaces, kitchens and baths.

TEXTILE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee Approximately \$15.

In this course, students will study the visual appearance of fabric and fashion design. Students will identify, analyze and apply production processes and techniques to textiles. Additional topics will include the maintenance, alterations, and the construction of textile products.

BUSINESS

PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This class is the basis for an understanding of economic principles and the free enterprise system and how these factors affect the individual in our society. Topics will include: the nature of American business, business and the consumer, a study of career opportunities, banking and banking services, and introduction to entrepreneurship. This course provides an introductory background for taking other business classes, but is not necessary to take other business classes. Implementation of a new innovative program in partnership with Central Mutual Insurance Company will enhance insurance knowledge and abilities of sustaining careers in the insurance field.

APPLIED BUSINESS

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Applied Business is designed to build on and expand principles and applications of Principles of Business. Similar topics will be discussed in greater detail; new topics will be included to expand and apply information

obtained from Principles of Business. The following topics will also be included: Resume Writing, effective employee characteristics, interviewing skills and a mock interview will be conducted. Students will complete an employment project by preparing a career plan, preparation of a resume, cover letter and thank you note following the actual interview simulation. Students may have the opportunity for a job shadowing experience.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course will deal with consumer buying problems, wages, commissions, and cost of credit, taxes and business problems of the retailer, wholesaler, and manufacturer of everyone's day-to-day living. Other topics discussed relate to consumer's interest involving installment loans, notes, mortgage loans, as well as home equity loans to help with money management. Students will also discuss the stock market. Students will have the advantage of having a banking representative present "real-life" banking experiences.

ACCOUNTING I

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Previous Year Course Fee: \$24.00

This first semester of accounting presents the instruction needed to provide an understanding of the first and most elemental accounting cycle for a service business and its effect on management policies, and accounting careers. Two major application activities bring all of the learned concepts together in a realistic manner to provide "hands-on" experience through actual manual bookkeeping completion. Special Notes: Students will receive a workbook to apply accounting techniques learned in the textbook which is included in the student fee.

ACCOUNTING II

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Accounting I
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course
- Previous Year Course Fee: \$24.00

The second semester of accounting rounds out the full year course for the students who developed an interest in accounting during first semester. This course also adds additional dimensions and further details on the students' understanding of the accounting process. The basic accounting cycle is expanded using special journals and a 10-column worksheet. Payroll and special procedures accounting are also learned. Again, two major application activities as well as one computer generated practice set provides real-life application. All problems will be reinforced through automated processes. Special Notes: Students will receive a workbook to apply accounting techniques learned in the textbook which is included in the student fee.

ACCOUNTING III

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Accounting I and II
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Previous Year Course Fee: \$24.00

This class is aimed at students who plan to pursue a career in the business fields of accounting, banking, management, marketing, finance, etc. Concentration will be on uncollectible accounts receivable, depreciation methods, methods of inventory control, notes receivable and notes payable, and a voucher system of accounting. Computer applications will be included.

Special Notes: Students will receive a workbook to apply accounting techniques learned in the textbook which is included in the student fee.

ACCOUNTING IV

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Accounting I, II, and III
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Previous Year Course Fee: \$24.00

This class is aimed at students who plan to pursue a career in the business fields of accounting, banking, management, marketing, finance, etc. Concentration will be advanced accounting procedures for merchandising businesses, partnerships, and corporations. Computer applications will be included. Students will compete in the Stock Market Game and a practice set will be completed.

Special Notes: Students will receive a workbook to apply accounting techniques learned in the textbook which is included in the student fee.

APPLIED ECONOMICS

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is a study of basic economic concepts and principles stressing the relationship of supply, demand, and free enterprise system. Other areas that are covered are economics as a social science; behavior of business firms with respect to competition and market conditions; the role of labor and government; role of financial institutions; national income accounting and statistics; comparative economic systems and international trade; and fundamental economic problems facing the world's nation. This program is sponsored in part by Junior Achievement. This class will attend a field trip to our Van Wert Central Mutual Insurance Company.

ENGLISH

AM LIT 9

(English 9)

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$15

Combining English 9 and American History, this freshman level course spans over two class periods each day utilizing a project-based learning approach. Focus will be on content and skills including school wide learning outcomes emphasizing the need for 21st Century skills. Students will have an in-depth study of American History from 1865 to the present, incorporating facts, concepts, ideals, and philosophies involved in the country's development. Language Arts skills will be incorporated with a focus on writing and various forms of literature including poetry, short stories, novels, drama, and primary source readings. Ohio New Learning Standards are at the root of all projects in which students will participate.

WORLD LIT 10

(English 10)

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$17 for novels

Combining English 10 and Modern World History, this sophomore level course spans two class periods each day utilizing a project based learning approach. Focus will be on history content and Language Arts skills including school wide learning outcomes, emphasizing the need for 21st Century skills. Students will combine a chronological approach with a detailed explanation of political, economic, social, and cultural developments from The Enlightenment to the present in all major parts of the world. Language Arts skills will be incorporated with a focus on writing and various forms of literature including poetry, short stories, novels, drama, and primary source readings. Ohio New Learning Standards are at the root of all projects in which students will participate.

ENGLISH 11

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$10

English 11 includes grammar, reading, and writing using American literature and novels utilizing a project-based learning approach. Together, these units will help the students facilitate their skills in language, organizing and compiling research data, and developing an appreciation of American Literature. Focus will be on content and skills including school-wide learning outcomes emphasizing the need for 21st Century skills for college & career readiness.

** All juniors will be required to complete an assigned number of service hours in the community to explore local resources. This class will be designed to address the above description and all Ohio New Learning Standards established for English curriculum.

CREDIT RECOVERY ENGLISH

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must complete all classroom assignments and attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$10

This course is a retake of English for the students who did not successfully complete in a previous semester. New materials/skills will be introduced that allow students to learn and move to the next grade level, thus preparing them for graduation.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11
- Fee for AP exam. Previous Year Course Fee: Approximately \$65. Refer to page 10 of section titled AP courses & fees.
- Requirement: A 3.0 minimum GPA in specific subject matter of English.
- 1st semester exam is required without exemption.
- Students will take the AP exam in May.

This is a very demanding course that tests the students' skills in analyzing the rhetoric of prose passages and asks students to demonstrate their skill in composition directly by writing essays in various rhetorical modes. During the research unit students are required to submit an eight to ten-page paper, comparing and contrasting fiction to reality. Students also learn to evaluate passages in order to address analytical multiple choice questions. At the end of the year, AP students will take a College Board exam. All juniors will be required to complete an assigned number of service hours in the community to explore local resources. This class will be designed to address the above description and all Ohio state standards established for English curriculum. The course also includes summer prep work, including reading and writing assignments.

ENGLISH 12

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$14.00 for binders and novels.

Utilizing a project-based learning approach, the college-bound Senior English course studies literary masters of British literature, as well as classical mythology, emphasizing the development of critical reading and thinking. Oral presentation, group and individual, will also be required. Composition skills will also be refined by developing grammatical proficiency and variety in sentence structure. Students will analyze and duplicate professional models of syntax to make their own style more deliberate and effective. Writing will also be enhanced with the development of a mature vocabulary. Exposition, narration, argumentation, and description are the forms of writing practiced, as well as college and career readiness documents. Students will complete a senior project which develops a focus on community services. This class will be designed to address the above description and all Ohio state standards established for English curriculum.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 12
- Fee for AP exam. Refer to page 10 of section titled AP courses & fees. Previous Year Course Fee: \$54.00
- Some Literature Books will need to be purchased
- Requirement: A 3.0 minimum GPA in specific subject matter of English.
- 1st semester exam is required without exemption.
- Students will take the AP exam in May to receive college credit

This is an entry-level college course that tests the students' reading of selected novels, short stories or dramas, and poems. It requires students to write essays on critical analysis as a measure of their ability to read and interpret literature and to use other forms of discourse effectively. This course also includes summer prep work including reading, writing, and vocabulary. Students will complete a senior project which develops a focus on volunteer community services. This class will be designed to address the above description and all Ohio state standards established for English curriculum.

CREATIVE WRITING I

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exam, submit one fully edited story to a publisher in order to pass this course, and must have achieved a "C" or above in English.

Creative Writing, a course open to all students who are interested in writing imaginatively, focuses upon the individual and his/her skills in both prose and poetry. Daily classroom activities offer the student a chance to improve and enhance these skills. To provide a background in content, ideas, and styles, students will study the works of professional writers and poets. From this evaluation of great works and styles, students will learn to evaluate their own writing. Students will submit quarterly and semester portfolios of various genres, and must write and submit stories for publication.

CREATIVE WRITING II

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Prerequisite: Students must have successfully completed every element of Creative Writing I with a "C" or better. This includes submitting at least one story for possible publication in a designated national publication as part of the Creative Writing I exam.

Creative Writing II is an advanced writing course designed to incorporate a workshop approach. Students will complete several original writings in the following genres: short fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Writing will employ all the elements of storytelling as learned in Creative Writing I. In addition, there will be an emphasis on reading and analytical discussion of both the students' work and the works of professional writers.

CLASSIC MYTHOLOGY AND FOLKLORE

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12

Classic Mythology and Folklore is a survey of ancient Greek, Roman, and various other cultures, focusing on the myths and legends woven into those cultures. The course highlights stories of heroes, gods, and the universe, illustrating the influence these myths have on art, literature, and culture in the modern world. Starting with an overview of mythology, student will journey with ancient heroes as they slay dragons and outwit the gods, follow fearless warriors into battle, and watch as clever animals outwit those stronger than themselves. These myths represent the ancients' serious attempts to explain the world around them; therefore, a study of these ancient myths forces us to reevaluate our own questions and answers, our own way of looking at the world, and our place in it.

CLASSIC MYTHOLOGY II

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Classic Mythology and Folklore

Classic Mythology II is a survey of ancient Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Norse cultures, focusing on the myths and legends woven into those cultures. The course highlights stories of heroes, gods, and the universe, illustrating the influence these myths have on art, literature, and culture in the modern world. Starting with an overview of mythology, students will learn about ancient heroes and gods, follow fearless warriors into battle, and they will learn about various cultures and how they sought to understand the world around them through the stories they developed. A study of these ancient myths forces us to reevaluate our own way of looking at the world and our place in it. The myths of ancient civilizations can be examined from several perspectives:

1. In their ancient context, as expressed in the literature and art of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, and Norwegians.
2. In the context of Western civilization, as themes in later Western literature and art.
3. In the context of comparative mythology, selected myths will be compared with myths and stories from other cultures.

This course presents an inter-disciplinary approach that considers literary and artistic themes from diverse mythological perspectives.

YEARBOOK

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Must attend semester exam to pass this course.
- Students will purchase a SD (Scan Disk) card for this course

Yearbook offers students a chance to contribute, create, and assemble the Excalibur, VWHS' yearbook. This course offers multiple skills in book production, including layout design, copy writing, photography, advertising, and financial management. Positions are available in layout, photography, and advertising. Much of the actual work will be done in class; however,

students will be expected to work after school and during evenings for deadlines and special projects.

Special Note: Purchase of your own SD card.

MEDIA ARTS

TV I - MEDIA ARTS PRIMER

- Credit: 1
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course

In this first course of the Media Arts pathway, students will learn the basics of how to convey messages through journalism, commercial advertising, and marketing. They review the accuracy and impact of words and visuals used in news, advertisements, and commercials. They learn essential terminology and basic tools for delivering messages. They understand the content length, deadlines, and responsibilities of various delivery channels.

TV II – VWHS TV MORNING SHOW

- Credit: 1
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Successful completion of TV I
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course

This course focuses on creating and adapting content for multiple purposes with print, radio, TV and the Web. Students in this course are responsible for producing a morning announcement show for the Van Wert High School student body. Students will conduct and synthesize research and interviews to write persuasive and unbiased copy throughout the year for a variety of projects and assignments. Students will evaluate and edit text for purpose, style, space limitations, and accuracy and emphasize messaging by using design elements. Additional course responsibilities include filming one (1) remote each semester in which the students select from a provided list of school and community events.

TV III- SPORTS BROADCASTING

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Television Production I and teacher recommendation
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course focuses on video broadcast for the journalism industry. Skills attained include interviewing, image capture, color manipulation, audio and video blend, lighting and editing. Students will critique sports broadcasts and research content. They plan and shoot video for live and recorded use in a specific time slot while adhering to laws related to defamation, libel, copyright and privacy. Students in this course are responsible for producing a weekly sports broadcast for the Van Wert student body and Van Wert community. Additional course responsibilities include filming one (1) remote each nine weeks with the additional responsibility of capturing both a pre-game interview and stand-up as well as post-game interviews and stand-up.

TV IV- VIDEO PRODUCTION

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Successful completion of Television Production I and teacher recommendation
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course focuses on video production for commercial use. Students plan and coordinate work with clients to produce projects on a tight timeline. They learn how to read and interpret a script, select and maintain equipment and combine graphics, text and special effects. Skills attained include pre-production documentation and planning; in-production audio and video recording; and post-production editing and distribution.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION / HEALTH

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Credit: ¼ per semester
- Semester Course
- Required: 9, 10
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee - \$11
- Students may only repeat this class in back to back semesters with the teacher's approval.

This course provides challenging and developmental activities for students to achieve skills, knowledge, and good overall fitness. Fitness testing is part of this course. A variety of activities including badminton, basketball, pickle ball, tennis, bowling, softball, and volleyball are included in this course, with emphasis on leisure time recreational activities. Students will also cover a PBL unit covering biomechanical analysis on grade level skills (break down of a movement skill and apply knowledge for self-improvement). Special emphasis is placed on improving student's physical fitness levels.

Special Note: Class Fee is \$11.00 and covers the cost of bowling and gym lock.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – STRENGTH TRAINING

- Credit: ¼ per semester
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- May use this class to fulfill PE 9-10 credit
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee - \$1 for gym locks
- Students may only repeat this class in back-to-back semesters with the teacher's approval.

This course is designed to enhance one's muscular strength and endurance as it relates to athletic performance. Special emphasis on weight training as well as flexibility, agility, and speed development. Activities will be centered around the core lifts, but will also include agility drills, stretching and plyometric (jump training) drills.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – LIFE FITNESS

- Credit: ¼ per semester
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- May use this class to fulfill PE 9-10 credit
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee - \$7
- Students may only repeat this class in back-to-back semesters with the teacher's approval.

A course designed to improve all areas of physical fitness with an emphasis on learning how to maintain one's health throughout a lifetime. Particular attention will be given to cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength, muscular endurance, core stability, proper nutrition, and weight management. Activities will include but not be limited to: walking, jogging, aerobics, yoga, stretch band exercises, strength training, and plyometric ball exercises.

Special Note: Class Fee is \$7 and covers the cost of bowling and gym locker.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

In order to receive the PE waiver, the student is required to complete TWO full seasons, and complete them IN GOOD STANDING, in one of the following activities and in any combination:

- One season of participation in a VVHS interscholastic sport
- One season of participation in the VVHS Marching Band
- One season of participation as a VVHS Cheerleader.

Student must see Student Services to receive the waiver. It is recommended that the waiver be completed by the end of junior year.

NOTE: In case of a PE waiver, the student will be excused from PE classes, but his/her total credits for graduation will not change (21 credits required).

Therefore, the student must replace the PE course with other academic electives.

HEALTH

- Credit: ½
- Semester Course
- Required: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$5.00

A course designed to educate students with a general understanding of physical, mental, social and emotional wellness. This course places emphasis on understanding substance and chemical abuse, first aid and CPR, sexuality and reproduction, sexually transmitted disease, mental health, and other current health issues. Special emphasis is placed on decision making and preventative health practices.

Special Note: Class fee of \$5.00 covers expenses related to CPR.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

GERMAN I

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Recommended C average in all work
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is intended to acquaint students with a basic knowledge of the German language and culture in various German-speaking countries. The course includes the study of vocabulary, grammar, and culture. Emphasis is placed on reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills.

GERMAN II

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: German I and approval of the instructor
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course

This course is intended to transition students from a basic to an intermediate level of proficiency. The course will include more intensive grammar and vocabulary study with an emphasis on furthering reading and conversational skills.

GERMAN III

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: German II and approval of the instructor
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course

This course is intended to apply and build upon skills and knowledge learned in German I and II. Focus will be on students developing a more sophisticated use of the language and to further explore the Germanic cultures. Language instructions through content consisting of history, literature and film on a rotating basis.

GERMAN IV

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: German III and approval of the instructor
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course

This course is intended to provide advanced study of German language and German culture. Depending on enrollment numbers, this course may be taught simultaneously with a German III class. As with German III, language instruction through content composed of history, literature, and film on a rotating basis.

SPANISH I

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Recommend at least a C average in all work
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is intended to acquaint students with a basic knowledge of the Spanish language and culture in various Spanish-speaking countries. The course includes the study of vocabulary, grammar, and culture. Emphasis is placed on reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills.

SPANISH II

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Spanish I passing grade. Students who fail should not move on. Demonstrated proficiency on the placement test for Spanish 2 and approval of teacher.
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is intended to transition students from a basic to an intermediate level of proficiency. The course will include more intensive grammar and vocabulary study with an emphasis on furthering reading and conversational skills.

SPANISH III

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Spanish II passing grade. Students who fail should not move on.
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is intended to apply and build upon skills and knowledge learned in Spanish I and II. Focus will be on students developing a more sophisticated use of the language and to further explore the Hispanic cultures. The second semester will be language instructions rough content consisting of history, literature and film on a rotating basis.

SPANISH IV

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Spanish III passing grade. Students who fail should not move on.
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is intended to provide advanced study of Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Depending on enrollment numbers, this course may be taught simultaneously with a Spanish III class or as an independent study. As with Spanish III, the second semester will be language instruction through content composed of history, literature, and film on a rotating basis.

MATH

ALGEBRA I

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Algebra 1 is a freshman level course. Math topics covered will include problem-solving skills, linear functions, solving and graphing techniques, factoring techniques, quadratic functions, rational functions and probability. Concepts will include scientific method, experimental design, data collection and analysis, motion and forces, atomic theory and structure.

Special Note: TI 30X IIS or better is required for class.

INTEGRATED MATH

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 10, 11
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Integrated Math is an intermediate step between Geometry and Algebra 2. Conceptual standards include are Dimensional Analysis and Conversion, Solving Equations for Unknown Variables, Sampling Methods of Data Collection, Graphing and Analyzing Data, Functions, Trigonometry, Trigonometric Functions, Exponent Properties, Geometry, Solving Equations (1 Step, 2 Step, and Multi-Step); Solving Systems of Equations, and Quadratic Equations.

APPLIED GEOMETRY

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9, 10
- Prerequisite: Algebra I
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$3.00

This course is intended for the student who needs to take the geometry curriculum at a slower pace. Topics covered include building blocks of geometry, tools of geometry, line and angle properties, triangle and polygon properties, circles, area, volume and the Pythagorean Theorem, geometric constructions, trigonometry, and proof.

Special Note: TI 30X or better is recommended.

Compass and protractor provided through class fees.

GEOMETRY

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11
- Prerequisite: Algebra I
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$3.00

Topics covered include building blocks of geometry, tools of geometry, line and angle properties, triangle and polygon properties, circles, area, volume and the

trigonometry, and proof.

Special Note: TI 30X IIS recommended or better. Compass and protractor provided through class fees.

MATH LAB

- Credit: 1
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Placement by Administrator, Counselor, and recommendation by teachers.
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is for students who need more preparation for the End-Of-Course Exam in the subject area, as well as assistance on current Algebra 1 and Applied/Geometry courses. Other math courses will be considered depending on seat availability. Past test/math course data will be analyzed to identify weaknesses and determine teacher instruction. This course is designed to provide instruction and practice toward successful completion of the Ohio Standards required for graduation. Students enrolled in this course will gain additional instruction to help them prepare for the End of Course Exam in the subject area. Students are placed in this course by recommendation of administrators, counselors, and teachers. Credits earned in this class will not count toward the four math core credits that are required for graduation. This is a pass/fail course. Credit earned in this course will *not* be factored into the student's GPA.

APPLIED ALGEBRA II

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra I, Applied Geometry, Geometry, Integrated Math
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is designed for the junior or senior who needs to take Algebra II curriculum at a slower pace, however, all Algebra II content standards are mastered. Topics covered include building blocks of Algebra II, equations, inequalities, matrices, probability, statistics, functions, factoring, exponents, logarithms, quadratics, and complex numbers.

Special Note: TI 30X or better needed for this class.

ALGEBRA II

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra I and Geometry
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Algebra II is an in-depth study of Algebra topics including equations, inequalities, matrices, probability, statistics, functions, complex factoring, exponents, logarithms, quadratics, variation, analytic geometry, complex numbers, sequence and series.

Special Note: TI83 graphing calculator recommended.

SENIOR ANALYSIS

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra II
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

A problem-based math course for seniors. The first quarter includes concepts and applications of graphing in various contexts. Real-life applications will be emphasized in a problem-based learning environment. The second quarter focuses on the mathematical elements of personal finance and concludes with a culminating finance project.

Special Note: TI83 or better graphing calculator recommended

PRE-CALCULUS

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra II & Geometry
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The objective of this course is to advance Algebra II one step further into the area of coordinate systems, conic sections, polar coordinates, polynomial functions, trigonometry, probability, and elementary calculus. This course is designed to prepare students for Calculus.

Special Note: TI83 graphing calculator recommended

CALCULUS

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 12
- Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This semester long class is designed for the college-intending student. Topics to be covered are a review of pre-calculus, limits, derivatives, and applications of differentiation.

Special Note: TI83 or better graphing calculator required.

STATISTICS

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra II
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This class will be a statistics curriculum. Topics will include central tendency, dispersion and skewness, probability, normal distribution, the Central Limit Theorem, hypothesis testing, correlation and regression analysis.

Special Note: TI 83 graphing calculator is recommended.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) STATISTICS

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra II
- Fee for AP exam. Refer to page 10 of section titled AP courses & fees. Previous Year Course Fee: \$48.50
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- 1st semester exam is required without exemption.
- Requirement: A 3.0 minimum GPA (cumulative) in specific subject matter of Math. Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The AP Statistics course is equivalent to a one-semester, introductory college course in statistics. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. Students are exposed to four broad conceptual themes: exploring data, sampling and experimentation, anticipating patterns and statistical inference. Statistics is required by most majors in college, if you are planning on attending college this would be a great course for you. Students will take the AP Statistics exam in May.

Special Note: TI 83 or better graphing calculator recommended.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CALCULUS

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 12
- Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus
- Fee for AP exam. Refer to page 10 of section titled AP courses & fees. Previous Year Course Fee: \$48.50
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- 1st semester exam is required without exemption.
- Requirement: A 3.0 minimum GPA (cumulative) in specific subject matter of Math. Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The objective of this course is to learn the basic properties of calculus (limits, derivatives, integration, and trigonometric, exponential, and logarithmic functions). Applications are made in the fields of physics, engineering and economics. Students will take the AP Calculus exam in May.

Special Note: TI 83 or better required.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra 2
- Fee for AP exam. Refer to page 10 of section titled AP courses & fees. Previous Year Course Fee: \$48.50
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- 1st semester exam is required without exemption.
 - Requirement: 3.0 minimum GPA (cumulative) in specific Math subject matter. Student must attend semester exams to pass this course.

AP Computer Science Principles offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of computation. The course will introduce students to the creative aspects of programming, abstractions, algorithms, large data sets, the Internet, cybersecurity concerns, and computing impacts. Students will take AP Computer Science Principles exam in May.

SOCIAL STUDIES

AM LIT 9 **(American History)**

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Combining English 9 and American History, this freshman level course spans over two class periods each day utilizing a project-based learning approach including group work. Focus will be on content and skills including school wide learning outcomes emphasizing the need for 21st Century skills. Students will have an in-depth study of American History from 1877 to the present, incorporating facts, concepts, ideals, and philosophies involved in the country's development. Language Arts skills will be incorporated with a focus on writing and various forms of literature including poetry, short stories, novels, drama, and primary source readings. State Standards are at the root of all projects in which students will participate.

WORLD LIT 10 **(World History)**

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Combining English 10 and Modern World History, this sophomore level course spans over two class periods each day utilizing a project-based learning approach including group work. Focus will be on history content and language arts skills including school wide learning outcomes, emphasizing the need for 21st Century skills. Students will combine a chronological approach with a detailed explanation of political, economic, social, and cultural developments from major world events from the

17th Century to the 21st Century. Language Arts skills will be incorporated with a focus on writing and various forms of literature including poetry, short stories, novels, drama, and primary source readings. Ohio's New Learning Standards and The Ohio Model Curriculum are the driving force of all projects in which students will participate.

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN HISTORY & WORLD ISSUES

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The study of American History from 1945 to the present. The course will stress the development of U. S. Foreign and domestic policy that created modern American society. Historical films and documentaries will be used extensively to enhance the textbook, lectures, and readings.

SOCIOLOGY

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The study of the fundamental principles of human social behavior with a focus on individual and group behavior. Such topics as crime, racial conflicts, death and dying, generation gap, and socio-economic differences will be covered. To help students realize that the purpose of studying social problems is not to define them, nor even to simply understand them, but to be able to seek and evaluate possible solutions to solving them as a community, state, and nation.

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

The course is offered to give students a deeper understanding of the Civil War. The course will focus on causes and events leading up to the outbreak of the Civil War, military strategies, important battles, the abolition of slavery, major figures (political, military, and cultural), as well as the aftermath, Reconstruction, and long-term impact.

PSYCHOLOGY

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course is the study of human behavior. Topics addressed include, but are not limited to the following: sensation & perception, memory, learning, stress, personality, and psychological disorders. Course designed to prepare students for an introductory college course in Psychology.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Required: 12
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

An in-depth study of American government at the Federal, State and Local levels. An emphasis on the philosophy our governmental system is based on and the practical application of this philosophy. Extra readings will be used to accomplish this goal. Practical application of how the student can become involved in our political system will also be included.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) GOVERNMENT

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Required: 12
- Fee for AP exam. Refer to page 10 of section titled AP courses & fees. Previous Year Course Fee: \$48.50
- Requirement: A 3.0 minimum GPA (cumulative) in specific subject matter of Social Studies.
- 1st semester exam is required without exemption.
- Students must attend semester exams to pass.

This is a very demanding course that will cover the following major content areas: constitutional underpinnings of democracy; political beliefs and behaviors of individuals; political parties and interest groups, mechanisms that facilitate the communication of interest and preferences by likeminded citizens; the congress, the presidency, the bureaucracy, and the federal courts; institutions and policy processes; and civil liberties and civil rights. Students will take the AP exam in May.

SCIENCE

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY PATHWAY TO ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING INTRO COURSE/CADD (COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING OR DESIGN)

- Credit: 1
- Elective 9, 10, 11, 12
- Year Course
- Recommendation from 8th grade math teacher and School Counselor
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course teaches problem solving skills using a design development process. Models of product solutions are created, analyzed, and communicated using solid modeling computer design software. Projects include the puzzle cube design and reverse engineering project. Other topics covered include advanced modeling skills, advanced designs, functional and structural analysis, and other open-ended design problems.

PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: None
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

This course helps students understand the field of engineering/engineering technology. Exploring various technology systems and manufacturing processes help students learn how engineers and technicians use math, science, and technology in an engineering problem solving process to benefit people. Other topics covered include thermodynamics, fluid systems, electrical systems, control systems, statics and strengths of materials, material testing, engineering reliability, and kinematics.

FANUC ROBOTICS

- Credit: 1/2
- Semester Course
- Elective: 11, 12
- Prerequisite: Algebra I
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Using the FANUC software and a fenceless trainer Robot, students will attain a basic understanding of robot operations and programming, material handling and its components, as well as get an introduction to preventative maintenance with troubleshooting. This also provides students a thorough understanding of robot operations and programming, material handling and its components, and integrated technologies like 2D iRvision, conveyors, digital and Ethernet I/O.

DIGITAL ELECTRONICS

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: None
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$15.00

This Project Lead the Way course will provide students with a solid foundation in Digital Electronics. Students will learn the basic properties of electricity and electronic circuitry. Students will design, simulate and construct actual electronic devices. Instructional topics will include fundamentals of electricity, Boolean algebra, circuit design, microprocessors and digital electronics application.

ENGINEERING DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: Intro to Engineering
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.

Engineering Design and Development is a research course that requires students to formulate the solution to an open-ended engineering question. With a community mentor and skills gained in their previous courses, students create written reports on their applications, defend the reports, and submit them to a panel of outside reviewers at the end of the school year.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY – BIOMEDICAL (Courses are taken cumulatively)

PRINCIPLES OF THE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Credit: 1
- Elective 9, 10, 11, 12
- Year Course
- Recommendation from 8th grade math teacher and Guidance Counselor
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Previous Year Course Fee: \$25.00

Students explore the concepts of human medicine and are introduced to research processes and to bioinformatics. Hands-on projects enable students to investigate human body systems and various health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, sickle-cell disease, hyper-cholesterolemia, and infectious diseases.

Over the length of the course, students work together to determine the factors that led to the death of a fictional person. After pinpointing those factors, the students investigate lifestyle choices and medical treatments that might have prolonged the person's life.

The course is designed to provide an overview of all the courses in the Biomedical Sciences Program and to lay the scientific foundation necessary for student success in the subsequent courses. The key biological concepts embedded in the curriculum include homeostasis, metabolism, inheritance of traits, feedback systems, and defense against disease. Where appropriate, engineering principles are also incorporated into the curriculum. These include the design process, feedback loops, fluid dynamics, and the relationship of structure to function.

HUMAN BODY SYSTEMS

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: Principles of the Biomedical Sciences
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$25.00

Students examine the processes, structures, and interactions of the human body systems to learn how they work together to maintain homeostasis (internal balance) and good health.

Using real-world cases, students take the role of biomedical professionals and work together to solve medical mysteries. Hands-on projects include designing experiments, investigating the structures and functions of body systems, and using data acquisition software to monitor body functions such as muscle movement, reflex and voluntary actions, and respiratory operation.

Important concepts covered in the course are communication, transport of substances, locomotion, metabolic processes, defense, and protection.

MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: Human Body Systems
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$25.00

Students projects investigate various medical interventions that extend and improve quality of life, including gene therapy, pharmacology, surgery, prosthetics, rehabilitation, and supportive care.

The course explores the design and development of various medical interventions, including vascular stents, cochlear implants, and prosthetic limbs. In addition, students review the history of organ transplants and gene therapy, and stay updated on cutting-edge developments via current scientific literature. Using 3D imaging, data acquisition software, and current scientific research, students design a product that can be used as a medical intervention.

BMS CAPSTONE

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: Medical Interventions
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$25.00

Students will design and conduct experiments related to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease or illness. They will apply their knowledge and skills to answer questions or solve problems related to biomedical science. This course may be combined with the capstone course from the engineering pathway, allowing students from both pathways to work together to engineer a new health care-related product or process innovation.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$10.00

Combining Algebra 1 and Physical Science, this freshman level course utilizes a project based learning approach. Math topics covered will include problem-solving skills, linear functions, solving and graphing techniques, factoring techniques, quadratic functions, and rational functions. Science concepts will include scientific method, experimental design, data collection and analysis, motion and forces, atomic theory and structure, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding and reactions.

Special Note: OGT Calculators or better needed for class.

INVESTIGATIVE BIOLOGY

- Credit: 1
- Year Course
- Elective: 9, 10
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee \$15.00—needs Styrofoam square and a plastic container with lid to put the Styrofoam in. Also, earbuds are needed for this class.

The purpose of this course is to increase the students' knowledge of the Biological world and the processes related to life on Earth. Course work will involve, but not be limited to, characteristics of life, transfer of traits from generation to generation, parts and functions of the human body, interactions in ecology, and diversity of living things.

BIOLOGY

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite for sophomores: Successfully completed Algebra I and currently enrolled in Geometry.
- Prerequisite for freshman: Students must have had an A average for their 8th grade science (subject to change). In order to be scheduled for Biology, students must also be scheduled for Geometry.
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$15.00

Biology is a course which satisfies the Ohio New Learning Standard science graduation requirements. This class is a three-unit course with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information. This course investigates the composition, diversity, complexity, and interconnectedness of life on Earth. Fundamental concepts of heredity and evolution provide a framework through inquiry-based instruction to explore the living world, the physical environment and the interactions within and between them. Students engage in investigations to understand and explain the behavior of living things in a variety of scenarios that incorporate scientific reasoning, analysis, communication skills and real-world applications. The Biology learning standards will be covered using Project Based Learning in the New Tech Model.

ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: B Average in all Science courses
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Previous Year Course Fee: \$20.00

This is a one-year course designed for the college intending student. The anatomy and physiology portion will delve deeply into external and internal systems of the cat. These will be compared and contrasted to human systems. This course is geared toward those students interested in pursuing a medical career and therefore emphasizes the acquisition of medical terminology/vocabulary as well as an introduction to selected medical careers.

INTEGRATED SCIENCE

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 10, 11
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$10.00

This course investigates the connection between all the disciplines of science: biology, geology, chemistry, physics, and astronomy. Fundamental concepts of energy and matter provide a framework through inquiry-based instruction to explore all topics. Students engage in investigation to understand and explain visual phenomenon and physical compositions of both living and nonliving things.

GEOLOGY

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 11, 12
- Year Course
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$20.00

This course will investigate how earth is continuously changing through many processes, including plate tectonics, weather patterns, oceanography, and glacial geology. It will examine how rocks and minerals are found in natural formations in Ohio and throughout the world and will discuss natural resources. Finally, it will touch on astronomy to show similarities and differences between Earth and other planets.

CHEMISTRY

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 10, 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: C or better in all work. Concurrent enrollment in Algebra II.
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$20.00

This is a general chemistry course that gives the student a broad background in all the basic concepts of chemistry including, but not limited to, the metric system, atomic structure, quantum mechanics, periodic table, chemical bonding, formulas, balancing equations, stoichiometry, gas laws, solutions, acids and bases, and redox. A strong emphasis will be placed on lab work, demonstrations and hands-on learning. Students will be required to complete lab reports throughout the course.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CHEMISTRY

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: A minimum 3.0 GPA (cumulative) in specific subject matter of Science, Chemistry I with a "B" average or better in EACH quarter of Chemistry I.
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- 1st semester exam is required without exemption
- Fee for AP exam: Refer to page 10 of section titled AP courses & Fees. Previous year course fee: \$81.00

This is a college course taught at the high school for students who want to attempt to test out of their first year of college chemistry. It is fast-paced, and should only be considered by students who have a serious interest in chemistry as well as an excellent background in mathematics. This course will study, in depth, the areas of matter, atomic structure, nomenclature, periodicity, chemical bonding, molecular structure, chemical reactions, stoichiometry, gas laws, solutions, acids and bases, kinetics, equilibria, thermodynamics, entropy, electrochemistry, descriptive chemistry, nuclear chemistry, and qualitative analysis. Students will take the AP exam in May. Students will be required to complete lab reports throughout the course.

PHYSICS

- Credit: 1
- Elective: 11, 12
- Year Course
- Prerequisite: Must be currently enrolled in Algebra II or higher and achieve an A/B average in Algebra I & Geometry
- Requirement: Students must attend semester exams to pass this course.
- Course Fee: \$10.00

- A graphing calculator is needed for this course. A fundamental introduction to the field of physics. Periods are devoted to class and laboratory work. In the classroom, theoretical and mathematical consideration of natural laws and the relationship of kinematic motion, force vectors and resultant motion, projectile motion and air resistance, friction, application of Newton's Laws, momentum, sound waves, the Work-Kinetic Energy Theorem, periodic motion, electric and magnetic fields, and light phenomena.

CAREER CONNECTION

EXAMPLES OF CAREERS RELATED TO ACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS

English

2-year or 4-year degree

Actor
Dramatist (Playwright)
Legal Assistant/Paralegal
Library Technician
Movie/TV Director
Radio/TV Announcer
Newscaster
Writer/Author
4 year or higher degree
Advertising Copywriter
College/University Faculty
Editor
Educational Administrator
Historian
Lawyer
Librarian
Public Relations Specialist
Reporter/Journalist
Speech-Language Pathologist
Teacher
Technical Writer

Social Studies

2-year or 4-year degree

Human Resources Worker
Legal Assistant/Paralegal
Park Ranger
4 year or higher degree
Anthropologist
College/University Faculty
Counselor (School/College)
Criminologist
Economist
Educational Administrator
FBI Agent
Foreign Service Officer
Geographer
Gerontologist
Historian
Human Resources Manager
Lawyer
Librarian
Lobbyist
Market Research Analyst
Parole Officer
Political Scientist
Private Detective/Investigator
Psychologist, Clinical
Recreation Leader
Reporter/Journalist
Social Worker
Sociologist
Teacher
Travel Guide
Urban Planner

Foreign Language

2-year or 4-year degree

Flight Attendant
Interpreter
Nurse

Police Officer
Singer
Travel Agent
Travel Guide
Welfare Eligibility Worker
4 year or higher degree
Archivist/Curator
College/University Faculty
Editor
FBI Agent
Foreign Service Officer
Foreign Trade Clerk
Public Relations Specialist
Social Worker
Teacher
Technical Writer

Math

2-year or 4-year degree

Bank Branch Manager
Building/Construction Inspector
Financial Services Sales Rep
Food Service Manager
Hotel/Motel Manager
Loan Officer/Counselor
Real Estate Agent
Retail Store Manager
Tool & Die Maker
Travel Agent
Web Site Developer
4 year or higher degree
Account Executive
Accountant
Air Traffic Controller
Architect
Astronaut
Buyer
College/University Faculty
Computer Network Specialist
Computer Programmer
Computer Systems Analyst
Electrical/Electronics Engineer
Human Resources Manager
Industrial Designer
Insurance Claims Representative
Insurance Risk Manager
Market Research Analyst
Mathematician
Meteorologist
Oceanographer
Physicist
Sales/Marketing Manager
Tax Accountant
Teacher

Natural Sciences

2-year or 4-year degree

Aircraft Technician
Broadcast Technician
Dental Hygienist
Funeral Director
Nuclear Medicine Technologist

Nurse
Radiographer
Respiratory Therapist
4 year or higher degree
Animal Scientist
Astronomer
Athletic Trainer
Biochemist
Biologist
Botanist
Chemist
Civil Engineer
College/University Faculty
Dentist
Dietitian/Nutritionist
Ecologist
Fish & Game Warden
Food & Drug Inspector
Forester
Geologist
Horticulturist
Medical Records Administrator
Medical Technologist
Meteorologist
Occupational Therapist
Oceanographer
Optometrist
Pharmacologist
Physical Therapist
Physician
Physicist
Physiologist
Psychiatrist
Speech-Language Pathologist
Teacher
Veterinarian
Zoologist

Fine Arts

2-year or 4-year degree

Actor
Artist
Cartoonist
Composer
Dancer/Choreographer
Dramatist (Playwright)
Fashion Designer
Floral Designer
Graphic Artist (Software)
Illustrator
Interior Designer
Jeweler
Movie/TV Director
Musician
Photographer
Singer
Video/Film Editor
Web Site Developer
4 year or higher degree
Advertising Manager
Architect
Cinematographer
College/University Faculty
Landscape Architect

FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

Required Courses

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE		JUNIOR		SENIOR	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
English 9 (Am Lit)	1	English 10 (World Lit)	1	English 11	1	English 12	1
Algebra I /Math	1	Math	1	Math	1	Government	1
American History (Am Lit)	1	World History (World Lit)	1	Science	1	Math	1
Science	1	Science	1				
Phys. Ed.	1/4	Phys. Ed.	1/4				
Health	1/2						

Students are required to have a minimum of 6 classes. For electives refer to your class graduation requirements.

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE		JUNIOR		SENIOR	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
Am Lit (English/ Am History)		World Lit (English/ World His)		English 11		English 12	
				Math		Government	
Math/ Science		Math		Science		Math	
PE		Science					
Health		PE					
Total		Total		Total		Total	

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