

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Course Offerings

2023-2024

Some courses, particularly those at advanced levels, may require the instructor's approval. Likewise, the instructor's approval is required for those students who wish to take two courses in a discipline the same year

English

(4 credits required)

English 1

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

This freshmen level course is designed to improve reading skills and comprehension through literary analysis and to provide a basic understanding of grammar. Students will learn the elements of the short story, novel, poetry, as well as literary terms. In addition, they will be introduced to the four types of writing – narrative, informative, descriptive, and persuasive. The students will also be introduced to the study of communication, including interpersonal, intrapersonal, and mass media. This course includes required reading selected by the instructor.

This class is required for all freshmen.

English 2

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 1

This course is designed to further enhance students' understanding of composition and literary analysis. Personal response to literature is used to develop critical thinking and writing skills. In composition, students will practice writing the four major types of essays – informative, narrative, descriptive, and persuasive. All requirements for the standardized testing will be reviewed and practice exercises will be completed. This course includes required reading selected by the instructor.

This class is required for all sophomores.

English 3

Grades: 11-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 2

This course is designed to further enhance students' understanding of composition and literary analysis. Personal response to literature is used to develop critical thinking and writing skills. This course includes required reading selected by the instructor that includes novels, short stories, poetry, drama, and a variety of nonfiction selections.

Pre-AP English

Grades: 11

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 2

You must have instructor permission to take this course. Advanced Placement English is this department's most challenging curriculum. This Pre-AP English 3 is designed to prepare students to enroll in AP Literature and Composition their senior year. This course includes an intensive study of various pieces of literature from different genres and time periods from the 16th to the 21st

century. It has an immense focus on literary interpretation, literature discussion, and written literature analysis. In order to meet junior curriculum, students will also develop argumentative writing skills. In addition, a required list of summer reading will be assigned.

English 4

Grades: 12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 3

This course is designed to further enhance students' understanding of composition and literary analysis. Personal response to literature is used to develop critical thinking and writing skills. The course has been designed to teach students to apply and master reading skills and strategies through the exploration of literature. This will be done through the exploration of the development of the English language and British Literature from the studying Old English and the Anglo-Saxon Era, Middle English, and the Middle Ages, and modern English from the Renaissance to present day. College Board preparations and testing, college admission essay writing, and career planning will be included early in the year. This course includes required reading selected by the instructor.

This class is required for all seniors except those who opt to take AP Literature and Composition.

AP English: Lit & Comp

Grades: 12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Required: Pre AP English

Prerequisite: well-developed essay written and assessed by instructor for approval of enrollment in course

You must have instructor permission to take this course. Advanced Placement English is this department's most challenging curriculum. This course includes an intensive study of various pieces of literature from different genres and time periods from the 16th to the 21st century. It has an immense focus on literature interpretation, literature discussion, and written literature analysis. In addition, a required list of summer reading will be assigned. **Taking the AP English Lit & Comp exam in May is required. Taking the exam is an additional fee. Additionally, there are summer reading/writing assignments that MUST be completed prior to the first day of school if opting to enroll in this class.**

Publications & Social Media

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

This course teaches journalistic principles and characteristics of journalistic writing. This knowledge is applied in the production of the school newspaper and other school publications both written and video. Using this information to disseminate on social media.

Communications

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 1

Credits: .50

Prerequisite: None

This course is designed to help the students improve communicative skills. Students read or listen to a variety of

speeches in order to recognize the techniques used in effective communication. Students write speeches that include clear organization, meaningful sentence structure, and correct diction. The course aims to make students not only better communicators, but better rhetoricians; people capable of using sound and ethical rhetoric and of analyzing other forms of communication.

Fine Arts

(1 credit required)

Art 1

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

This is a basic introduction to art. Students will experience various differences in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional art. They will develop and understanding of the following: (1) the color wheel; (2) critiquing works of art; and (3) incorporating various elements of design in their work. Students will also study various aspects of art history and how it relates to art and the world today.

Art I does not have a prerequisite and all grade levels are eligible and encouraged to enroll. For those students who have significant concerns regarding their GPA and only intend to achieve their "Visual Arts" requirement by taking one year of Art, would be advised to take Art I during their Junior or Senior year.

This class would fulfill any Fine Arts credit. It could also serve as an elective only if you have fulfilled your one credit of Fine Arts.

Art 2

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Art 1

This course continues to develop the skills learned in Art 1. The class will focus primarily on studio art but will continue with art history. Students will be given the opportunity to explore art disciplines of their choosing.

This class is an elective and is not required.

Art 3

Grades: 11-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisites: Art 2

This class will offer students the opportunity to explore art disciplines of their choosing. Art appreciation is also studied, and as technology continues to be available, computer-generated art will be incorporated into the curriculum.

This class is an elective and is not required.

Art 4

Grades: 12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisites: Art 3

Art 4 is structured to provide individual students an opportunity to develop their portfolios. This will include in-depth explorations of preferred media as well as an emphasis on developing a diversified portfolio.

This class is an elective and is not required.

Art & Technology

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.0

Prerequisite: Art 1

This class will focus on creating works of art by utilizing various forms of technology. This will include 3D printing, laser-engraving, computer generated art and use of various materials such as wood, epoxy and metals. The primary focus will be on creating 3 dimensional works of art.

Choir

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.0

Prerequisite: None

Students will learn Sacred & Secular Vocal Music, They will prepare and present a Christmas Prayer Service and/or Program. Possibly Offer Christmas caroling at nursing homes as a service project. They will prepare and present a Spring Prayer Service and/or Program.

This class would fulfill any Fine Arts credit. It could also serve as an elective only if you have fulfilled your one credit of Fine Arts.

Guitar I

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

This is a basic introduction to guitar. Students will learn basic guitar fundamentals including note names and chords. There is a \$10 fee for the course textbook.

Guitar II

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Guitar I

This course continues to develop the skills learned in Guitar I. More emphasis on chords and basic improvisation and composition.

Guitar III

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Guitar II

This course continues to develop the skills learned in Guitar II. More emphasis on chords and basic improvisation and composition.

Faith, Culture and Social Justice Themes in Film and Music I and II

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

Semester 1:

The course will study film/theater technique so as to understand and appreciate the action in selected films. We will also look at various themes expressed in contemporary music genres that touch on faith and life. We will study religious themes that can be discovered such as the battle between good and evil, biblical themes, moral themes.

Semester 2:

The course will study film/theater technique so as to understand and appreciate the action in selected films.

We will also look at various themes expressed in contemporary music genres that touch on faith, life and social justice.

We will study religious and social justice themes that can be discovered such as racism, poverty, genocide.

Music Appreciation

Grades: 9-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.0 **Prerequisite: None**

In this course, students will be educated in the basic fundamentals of music and the importance in the development of human culture.

This class would fulfill any Fine Arts credit. It could also serve as an elective only if you have fulfilled your one credit of Fine Arts.

Yearbook 1

Grades: 9-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: None**

Students will produce a modern yearbook under teacher supervision, training, and guidance. Leadership ability, independent thinking, ability to meet deadlines, and teamwork skills are a must. Yearbook production requires outside class work by students – including the selling of ads and covering extracurricular school events. **Approval of the advisor is required.**

This class is an elective and is not required.

Yearbook 2

Grades: 9-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: Yearbook 1**

Course description is the same as Yearbook 1. **Approval of the advisor is required.**

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

(1 credit required)

Physical Education 1

Grades: 9 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: .50 **Prerequisite: None**

Students will be involved in activities that offer expressions and healthful benefits throughout life. Students learn the fundamentals of team and individual sports, and physical fitness programs. The students also participate in team building exercises. *Check student handbook for dress code.*

This class is required for all freshmen.

Health

Grades: 10-12 **Semesters: 1**
Credits: .50 **Prerequisite: None**

The purpose of health education is to enable students to integrate the social, physical, and mental/emotional health dimensions to achieve and maintain a quality lifestyle. Students study aspects of weight training, flexibility, and nutrition in order to fulfill the state requirements. Students will explore human growth and development, chronic and communicable diseases, CPR/AED training and certification, and decision-making behaviors.

This class is required for all sophomores.

Advanced PE

Grades: 10-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: .50 **Prerequisite: PE 1**

Students will advance the foundations of PE I by focusing on personal fitness, learning specialized skills in health-related fitness activities, nutrition and sports appreciation. Advanced PE will enable students to demonstrate competency in motor skills and movement patterns needed to perform a variety of physical activities as well as an understanding of all movement concepts, principles, strategies and tactics of physical activities over a lifetime .

Nutrition & Healthy Foods

In this course, two major concepts will be discussed: Nutrition and Food.

Nutrition Concepts:

- nutrients and how the body uses them
- assessing how good or bad nutrition affects a person's health
- how nutrients change at different stages of life

Food Concepts:

- knowledge in food selection criteria
- preparation methods to promote a healthy lifestyle
- cooking methods, ingredient selection, and nutritional information in the context of selected food dishes
- Cultural and geographic regions of the world and their associated cuisines

*We will be utilizing kitchen equipment and preparing various foods throughout the semester. Food safety and sanitation techniques are of utmost importance.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

(2 credits required)

Latin 1 (thru Rosetta Stone)

Grades: 9-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1 **Prerequisite: None**

First year Latin is an intensive study of the morphology, grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of the Latin language, with emphasis on Ecclesiastical use. Students should expect a rigorous workload that has as its goal the complete covering of the linguistic fundamentals, with an eye to perfecting an understanding of English and appreciating the inherent genius of everyday language.

Latin 2 (next year thru Rosetta Stone)

Grades: 9-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1 **Prerequisite: Latin 1**

Second year Latin is an intensive application of the fundamentals of the Latin language in widely-ranging variety of provided primary source texts after a brief review of basic grammar and morphology. Usage and style are the focus of this course, with the goal of appreciating the linguistic nuances in each major era of Latin literature and finally moving towards elementary composition. Prerequisite of C+ average or better in Latin I for admittance.

Latin 3 (thru Rosetta Stone)

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: Latin 2

To be determined.

Mandarin 1

Grades: 8-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

Teacher Recommendation for 8th grade.

Since the teaching of Chinese is quite different from the teaching of more common languages, emphasis is placed on listening and speaking skills. Learning occurs through modeling and consistent repetition of sound, words and phrases in a variety of instructional formats. Students are expected to attain a level of proficiency particularly in speaking and listening. Some reading and writing is taught as students progress. Class is offered online through Bishop Ready HS.

Mandarin 2

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Mandarin 1

Students will build on the foundations of the middle grade Mandarin program. Continued emphasis is placed on speaking and listening while reading and writing skills development is supported to a greater degree. Class is offered online through Bishop Ready HS.

Mandarin 3

Grades: 10

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Mandarin 2

Students will build on the foundations of the middle grade Mandarin program. Continued emphasis is placed on speaking and listening while reading and writing skills development is supported to a greater degree. Class is offered online through Bishop Ready HS.

Mandarin 4

Grades: 11

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Mandarin 3

Students will build on the foundations of the middle grade Mandarin program. Continued emphasis is placed on speaking and listening while reading and writing skills development is supported to a greater degree. Class is offered online through Bishop Ready HS.

Spanish 1

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

Spanish 1 gives students a thorough understanding of basic Spanish. The course includes the basic verbs which end in the present and simple past tense. An abundance of vocabulary is also covered. Spanish customs, food, and music serve as added learning incentives.

Spanish 2

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Spanish 1

This course gives students an understanding of main Spanish grammatical concepts that correspond with the

English language. Verb tenses are studied, and much emphasis is placed on grammar and its English counterpart. Additional vocabulary and basic Spanish literature is covered also.

Spanish 3

Grades: 11-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Spanish 2

This course is divided into the following sections: culture, conversation, language, structure, and literature. The culture section contains original readings on one aspect of contemporary Spanish life. The conversation section presents advanced vocabulary of real-life conversations. Each section of language offers students communicative strategies that will allow them to negotiate real-life situations. The literature section introduces students to a sample of the great literature produced throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

Spanish 4

Grades: 12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Spanish 3

This level gives students a survey of Spanish literature and culture while using previously learned skills. This course strives for continued fluency and is taught 95% in Spanish. Students study literature and culture of the Hispanic civilization. This level focuses on each of the 21 countries of the Spanish-speaking world – including the United States. The readings in this course serve as an essential role in the development of other language skills, cultural understanding, and global awareness.

MATHEMATICS

(4 credits, including Algebra II)

Algebra I

Grades: 8-19

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

8th grade must meet diocesan grade & testing requirements

Algebraic concepts and manipulative techniques constitute much of the course content. Students will learn to solve linear equations, inequalities and word problems, polynomial equations, and systems of equations. Students must have strong arithmetic skills for this course.

Geometry

Grades: 10-11

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Algebra 1

This course covers major geometric concepts such as similarity, area and volume of 2 and 3-dimensional figures, and congruence. Students are challenged to develop logical, deductive reasoning skills.

Algebra 2

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Algebra 1

This course builds on skills learned in Algebra 1. In addition, it introduces new skills such as working with rational expressions, irrational and complex numbers,

quadratic equations and functions, polynomial equations, matrices, and exponential and logarithmic functions.

Advanced Algebra 2

Grades: 10-11

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 with "B" average or better

This course builds on skills learned in Algebra 1. In addition, it introduces new skills such as rational expressions, irrational and complex numbers, quadratic equations and functions, polynomial equations, matrices, exponential and logarithmic functions, sequences, and series. Many of the topics will be covered in more depth than Algebra 2. **This course is needed to prepare for pre-calculus and AP Calculus.**

Math 4

Grades: 12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Algebra 2

The purpose of this course is to review and strengthen the skills taught in Algebra 1 & 2. Students will continue to develop skills such as graphing, manipulating algebraic expressions and equations, usage of variables and exponents all within the rational number system.

Pre-Calculus

Grades: 11-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Adv. Alg 2

The purpose of this course is to prepare students for calculus or college mathematics. It reviews many of the fundamental ideas of Algebra 2 and extends them. It also covers trigonometry with an emphasis on practical applications and branches into other topics in mathematics including polar coordinates and analytic geometry.

Statistics

Grades: 11-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Algebra 2

Decisions or predictions are often based on data—numbers in context. These decisions or predictions would be easy if the data always sent a clear message, but the message is often obscured by variability. Statistics provides tools for describing variability in data and for making informed decisions that take it into account.

AP Calculus

Grades: 12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Pre-calculus

You must have instructor permission to take this course.

This course includes an intensive study of graph analysis, limits of functions, asymptotic and unbounded behavior, continuity, derivatives, functions, and applications of first and second derivatives, integration, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. **Taking the AP Calculus exam in May is required. There is a fee for this test to be paid in full by the student prior to October 1.**

Religion

(4 credits required)

Religion 1

Grades: 9

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

Semester 1:

The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture

The purpose of this course is to give students a general knowledge and appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures. Through their study of the Bible, they will come to encounter the living Word of God, Jesus Christ. In this course they will learn about the Bible and its value to people throughout the world. They will learn how to read the Bible and will become familiar with the major sections of the Bible and the books included in each section. The students will pay particular attention to the Gospels, where they may grow to know and love Jesus Christ more personally.

Semester 2:

Who Is Jesus Christ?

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the mystery of Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, and the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. In this course students will understand that Jesus Christ is the ultimate Revelation to us from God. In learning about who he is, the students will also learn who he calls them to be.

Religion 2

Grades: 10

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Religion 1

Sophomore Theology comprises two modules from the curriculum of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which address the concepts of the Paschal Mystery and the Church. The course includes study of the Church's Sacred Tradition, consideration of Sacred Scripture, real-life applications, and prayerful personal reflection on the class material with the goal of profoundly deepening each student's personal relationship with the Lord.

Religion 3

Grades: 11

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Religion 2

Junior Theology comprises two modules from the curriculum of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which address the concepts of the Sacraments and Catholic morality. The course focuses on a study of the historical background and dogmatic principles that underlie both fields, beginning with their Scriptural foundations, up to our present day real-life experiences in the life of the Church. Prayerful reflection on the class material is prompted to help achieve the goal of profoundly deepening each student's personal relationship with the Lord.

Religion 4

Grades: 12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Religion 3

Semester 1:

History of the Catholic Church

The purpose of this course is to supply the students with a general knowledge of the Church's history from apostolic times to the present. Students will be introduced to the

fact that the Church was founded by Christ through the Apostles and is sustained by him throughout history through the Holy Spirit. The students will come to know that the Church is the living Body of Christ today, and, has both divine and human elements. In this course, students will learn about the Church's over 2,000 years of history and about how the Church is led and governed by the successors of the Apostles.

Semester 2:

Living as a Disciple of Jesus Christ in Society

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the Church's social teaching. In this course, students are to learn how Christ's concern for others, especially the poor and needy, is present today in the Church's social teaching and mission.

SCIENCE

(3 credits required. Must include physical science, biology and one advanced science)

Physical Science

Grades: 9 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: None**

Students will study physical and chemical properties of objects and materials; investigate the states of matter, learn how atoms, compounds, and elements, are formed; and will learn about the laws of motion. In addition, students will be expected to observe and investigate the interactions between matter and energy.

Biology

Grades: 10, 11 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: Phys. Sci.**

This course provides students with an intensive introduction to the many topics of interest in the field of biology. Students will become familiar with basic chemistry, cell structures, genetics, ecology, plant biology, and animal biology. Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking skills and to become comfortable with science. The students will develop the ability to make logical decisions and to formulate opinions on questions concerning science in their everyday lives. **Lab is part of the regular class schedule.**

Chemistry

Grades: 11-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: Algebra 1**

This course is designed for students planning to pursue a college education and specifically those who have an interest in engineering, mathematics, or the physical sciences. Major topics covered are atomic theory, gases, bonding, acids, and bases. Students will also predict the individual behaviors of specific chemicals. The class format will include lecture, reading, problem solving, group work, and lab work. Students are required to explain microscopic behavior based on macroscopic observations. The students must also apply mathematics to real problems.

Physics

Grades: 11, 12 **Semesters: 2**

Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: B or above in Algebra 2**

This course is designed for students planning to pursue a college education that have an interest in engineering, mathematics, or physical science. Topics include motion, force, energy, matter, electricity, and more. The format consists of lectures, research, cooperative learning, lab work and mathematically-based problem solving.

Anatomy

Grades: 11, 12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: Bio, Phys. Sci**

This course is designed for students who have an interest in the medical/health field. Students will be introduced to basic mechanisms necessary to maintain life. In addition, they will examine the complex levels of organization in humans and identify the organs found in body cavities. **Lab is part of the regular class schedule.**

AP Chemistry (2 class periods with lab)

Grades: 11-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: Phys. Sci, Alg. 2 B or higher, B or higher in Chemistry**

This course is comparable to a full-year introductory college chemistry course. Topics studied in the course include matter, measurements, atoms, stoichiometry, solutions, gases, bonding, reactions, quantum mechanics, periodic properties, thermochemistry, equilibrium, electrochemistry, and some basic organic chemistry. The format consists of lecture, research, problem-solving, group work, and lab work. This course is two periods every day. **Taking the AP Chemistry exam in May is required. There is a fee for this test to be paid in full by the student prior to October 1.**

Environmental Science

Grades: 10-12 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: Physical Science**

Environmental Science is an interdisciplinary life science course and will cover topics such as: renewable energy and non-renewable energy resources, biomes, ecology, water and air pollution, hazardous wastes problems, recycling, geomorphology, climate change, organic and conventional agriculture, geology and social/political issues surrounding environmental problems. There will be outside labs and activities (possible summer lab activity).

SOCIAL STUDIES

(4 credits required)

World History

Grade: 9 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: None**

Students learn the political, diplomatic, social, and economical development of world history with an emphasis on western civilization from the beginning of historic time through the present. **This class is required for all freshmen.**

American History

Grade: 10 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1.00 **Prerequisite: World History**

This course presents a systematic study of American history from the exploration period to present time. Special importance is placed on the social, economic, and political aspects of the development of freedom. **This class is required for all sophomores.**

American Government

Grade: 11 **Semesters: 2**
Credits: 1 **Prerequisite: None**

This course concentrates on the formation, structure, and organization of our government from the federal to the local levels. Special emphasis is placed on the US Constitution and the structure and function of the federal government in its executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Students will also study the role of political parties and various other external influences on the United States government. **This class is required for all juniors.**

Geography

Grade: 12 **Semesters: 1**
Credits: .50 **Prerequisite: None**

This course builds on students' understanding of geography and spatial thinking. Contemporary issues are explored through the lens of geography. In addition to understanding where physical and cultural features are located and why those features are located as they are, students examine the implications of these spatial arrangements.

Economics

Grade: 12 **Semesters: 1**
Credits: .50 **Prerequisite: None**

The economics/finance course will focus on both the broader concepts of economic principles and the free-market economy as well as personal financial responsibilities and challenges. Study will include how universal economic principles apply to differing economic systems in both macroeconomics and microeconomics. The personal finance side will focus on the financial responsibilities and opportunities of adulthood. This will include topics such as budgeting, insurance, debt, investing, and financial decision making. **This class is required for all seniors.**

Psychology

Grades: 10-12 **Semesters: 1**
Credits: 0.5 **Prerequisite: None**

Psychology studies the individual and his/her behavior and mental processes. Human behavior is complex, and psychology dives into the human mind to further understand human behavior. Psychology offers an in-depth look at the human mind, memory, thought, human emotions, and personality development. Class size is limited and requires teacher approval.

Life Skills

Grades 10-12 **Semesters: 1**
Credits: 0.5 **Prerequisite: None**

Students will integrate management principle and life skills to lead to more productive and meaningful lives by accepting responsibility for the management of personal, family, spiritual, and environmental resources.

Mock Trial 1-4

Grades 9-12 **Semesters: 1**
Credits: 0.5 **Prerequisite: None**

Students will learn concepts involved with trials and compete in a trial against other schools. Learning how to be a witness, prosecute and defend.

End of Course Exams

Freshmen: IOWA Assessment tests, all parts

Sophomores: ACT offered in fall. Retake IOWA Assessment tests as needed in spring.

Juniors: PSAT in fall, ASVAB in fall, ACT offered in fall and required in spring. Retake IOWA Assessment tests as needed in spring.

Seniors: ACT offered in fall. Retake IOWA Assessment tests as needed.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 25 units of credit is required for graduation. Transfer credits will be reviewed for acceptance. The following credits are required in the specific subject areas:

SUBJECT CREDITS REQUIRED

- Religion 4.0
- English 4.0
- Social Studies 4.0 (*must include American History and American Government*)
- Mathematics 4.0 (*must include Alg II*)
- Science 3.0 (*must include a life, a physical, and an advanced science*)
- Foreign Language 2.0
- The Arts 1.0
- Physical Education 0.5
- Health 0.5
- Electives 2.0

Honors Diploma Requirements

Seniors must meet seven of the eight requirements.

English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or the equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content
Science	4 units, including chemistry and advanced science
Social Studies	4 units

Foreign Language	3 units (must include no less than 2 units for which credit is sought), i.e., 3 units of one language or 2 units each of two languages
Fine Arts	1 unit
ACT/SAT Score	27 ACT / 1280 SAT [excluding scores from the writing sections]*
Grade Point Average	3.5 on a 4.0 scale

Not available this year

Communications

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 1

Credits: .50

Prerequisite: None

This course is designed to help the students improve communicative skills. Students read or listen to a variety of speeches in order to recognize the techniques used in effective communication. Students write speeches that include clear organization, meaningful sentence structure, and correct diction. The course aims to make students not only better communicators, but better rhetoricians; people capable of using sound and ethical rhetoric and of analyzing other forms of communication.

Publications 2

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: Pub1

This course further studies the journalistic principles and characteristics of journalistic writing. The course will also explore communication, broadcasting, and mass media. This course is designed for students who are interested in the career of broadcast journalism and wish to broaden their communication skills.

AP Latin

Grades: 10-12

Semesters: 2

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: Latin

Advanced Placement Latin is a demanding curriculum focusing primarily on translating major selections of Vergil's *Aeneid* and Caesar's *Commentaries on the Gallic War*. Rhetorical devices, historical/cultural context, Greco-Roman mythology, literary analysis, and poetic meter are the key areas to be mastered through daily personal engagement with the primary texts and supplemental resources. Complete command of fundamental grammar and morphology is presumed after a very brief review at the beginning of the course, so that competent synthesis and interpretation become the emphases. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

Algebra I plus Math Lab (2 periods per day)

Grades: 9-12

Semesters: 2 Credits: 1.00

Prerequisite: None

In addition to all Algebra I requirements, students will be taught the important concepts of algebra on an introductory level. This course is designed to strengthen the basic math skills of students. Students are taught to work with variables in equations; to add, subtract, multiply, and divide real numbers; and to work with ratios, proportions, percentages, and fractions.

Geography

Grade: 12

Semesters: 1

Credits: .50

Prerequisite: None

This course builds on students' understanding of geography and spatial thinking. Contemporary issues are explored through the lens of geography. In addition to understanding where physical and cultural features are

located and why those features are located as they are, students examine the implications of these spatial arrangements. **This class is required for all seniors.**