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*COURSE CATALOG*

### Three Methods of Delivery

- 1) **DDN:** DDN classes meet five days a week via DDN. A DDN course meets at a predetermined time with direct engagement between the teacher and the students on a daily basis. These synchronous classes typically connect students from several schools.
- 2) **Blended:** A blended course features the convenience of an online course and the engagement of a DDN course. Schools schedule the course at a time that fits the school's local schedule. The DDN connections are between the teacher and the school, on the school's local schedule. Schools with a low number of students in a blended class may need to consolidate sessions depending on staffing availability.
- 3) **Online:** An online course features the convenience of allowing a student to interact with the course work at a time determined by the student and the local school. Students view recorded class sessions, interacting with the content asynchronously. All class sessions and materials are available online. The course follows a traditional school calendar.

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# CTE Courses

## **ACCOUNTING I**

Course Number: 12104

1 Year

Online Delivery

This course introduces concepts and principles based on a double entry system of maintaining electronic and manual financial records for a sole proprietorship, partnership and corporation. It includes analyzing business transactions, journalizing, posting, and preparing worksheets and financial statements. Technology will be incorporated as an essential tool where resources are available.

Topics include accounting careers; accounting cycle; accounting equation; journalizing and posting; financial statements; cash management; tax forms; and payroll.

Course Prerequisites: None

## **INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS**

Course Number: 12051

1 Semester; Fall

Online Delivery

This course focuses on an introduction to business at an entry level in which students are introduced to all aspects of business: the domestic and international economies, financial principles, management strategies, administrative and information systems, ethics, and organizational and professional leadership. Students will analyze the elements of the business environment and focus on attitudinal and problem-solving skills inherent to success.

Topics include the role of business; economic systems; forms of business; management and marketing principles; financial planning; and investment options.

Course Prerequisites: None

## **BUSINESS LAW**

Course Number: 12054

1 Semester; Spring

Online Delivery

This course focuses on an understanding of the court system at the local, state and national level. Students will gain an understanding of contract law, their rights and responsibilities as citizens, utilization of financial transactions, employment and agency relationships, and the understanding of the regulations governing different types of business organizations.

Topics include court systems; sources of law; criminal law; tort law; contract law; consumer law; and employment law.

Course Prerequisites: None

**PERSONAL FINANCE**

Course Number: 19262

1 Semester; Fall, Spring

Blended Delivery

Personal Finance introduces students to the knowledge and basic skills necessary for managing personal finances.

Topics include preparing a budget, understanding paychecks and deductions, banking, investing, insurance, managing credit and income taxes.

Course Prerequisites: None

**INTRO TO LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, SECURITY & CORRECTIONS I**

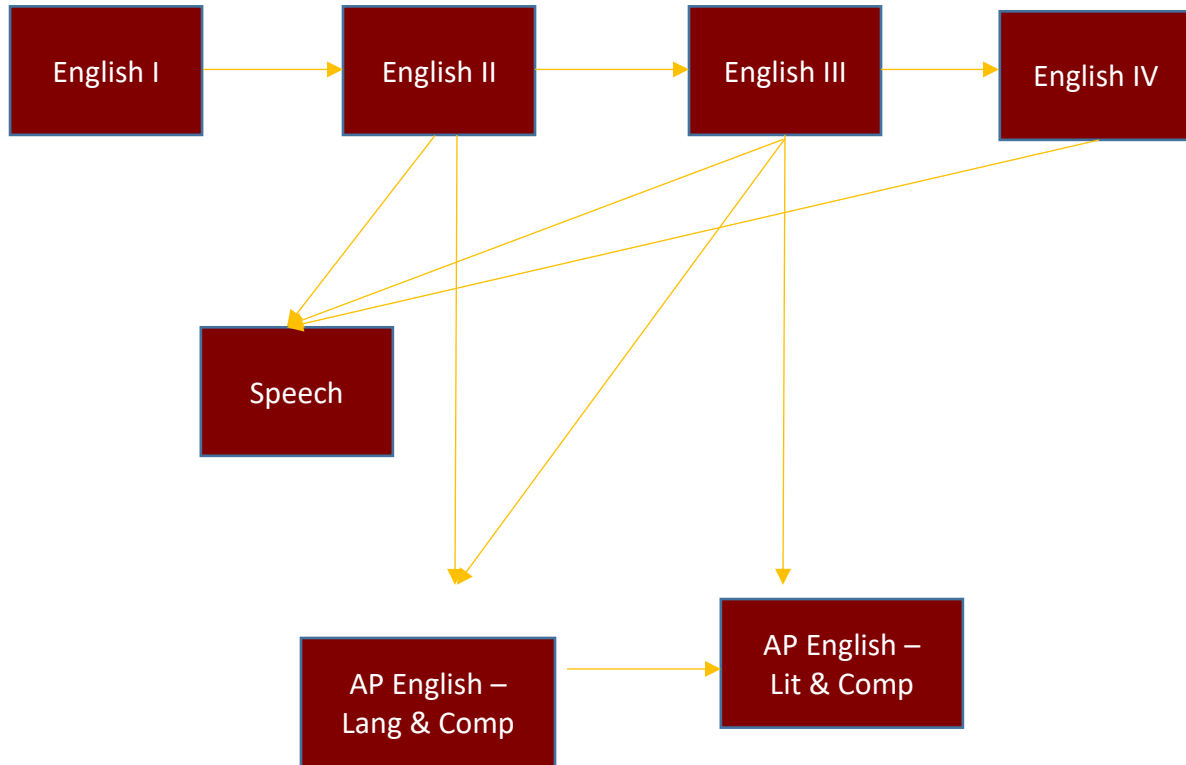
Course Number: 15001

1 Semester; Fall

Online Delivery

Exploration of Public Service Careers courses expose students to the duties, responsibilities, requirements, and career opportunities within public service. Course topics vary and may include, but are not limited to, public safety, police, fire, emergency services, law, forensics, corrections, fire/EMS and homeland security issues. Course activities depend upon the career clusters that students explore.

# ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS



## ENGLISH I

Course Number: 01001

1 Year

Blended Delivery

This English I (9th grade) course builds upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, including the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The course introduces and defines various genres of literature, with writing exercises linked to reading selections.

Course Prerequisites: None



**ENGLISH II**

Course Number: 01002

1 Semester; Fall 2023

Blended Delivery

This English II (10th grade) course offers a balanced focus on composition and literature. Students learn about the alternate aims and audiences of written compositions by writing persuasive, critical, and creative multi-paragraph essays and compositions. Through the study of various genres of literature, students may improve their reading rate and comprehension and develop the skills to determine the author's intent and theme and to recognize the techniques used by the author to deliver his or her message.

Course Prerequisites: English I

**ENGLISH III**

Course Number: 01003

1 Year

Blended Delivery

This English III (11th grade) course continues to develop students' writing skills, emphasizing clear, logical writing patterns, word choice, and usage, as students write essays and begin to learn the techniques of writing research papers. Students read works of literature, which often form the backbone of the writing assignments. Literary conventions and stylistic devices receive greater emphasis than in previous courses.

Course Prerequisites: English I, II

**ENGLISH IV**

Course Number: 01004

1 Year

Blended Delivery

English IV (12th grade) courses blend composition and literature into a cohesive whole as students write critical and comparative analyses of selected literature, continuing to develop their language arts skills. Typically, students primarily write multi-paragraph essays, but they may also write one or more major research papers.

Course Prerequisites: English I, II, III

**SPEECH**

Course Number: 01151

1 Semester; Spring 2024

Blended

This Public Speaking course enables students, through practice, to develop communication skills that can be used in a variety of speaking situations (such as small and large group discussions, delivery of lectures or speeches in front of audiences, and so on). Course topics include research and organization, writing for verbal delivery, stylistic choices, visual and presentation skills, analysis and critique, and development of self-confidence.

Course Prerequisites: None

## **AP ENGLISH – LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION**

Course Number: 01005

1 Year

Online

To be a thoughtful, productive citizen in the 21st century, an individual must think critically, read widely with full comprehension, and write from a perspective of strength and conviction. The AP English Language and Composition course “engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of rhetorical contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes” (The College Board, AP English Course Description, Fall, 2010: 7).

Course Prerequisites: Before taking AP English Language & Composition, all students should complete two or three years of secondary English Language Arts designed for college-bound students, courses in which they study the writing process of brainstorming, pre-writing, drafting, editing, and revision. Students must have a strong base in critical reading, particularly reading for information. Students must also grasp the concepts of grammar, demonstrating that understanding in their writing. A level of and use of a high-level vocabulary will be pertinent to their success in the course. Students will need an understanding of the art of rhetoric, the techniques authors use to portray their position.

## **AP ENGLISH – LITERATURE & COMPOSITION**

Course Number: 01006

1 Year

Online

Following the College Board’s suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level English courses, AP English Literature and Composition courses enable students to develop critical standards for evaluating literature. Students study the language, character, action, and theme in works of recognized literary merit; enrich their understanding of connotation, metaphor, irony, syntax, and tone; and write compositions of their own (including literary analysis, exposition, argument, narrative, and creative writing).

Course Prerequisites: This course is designated for motivated students with a command of Standard English, an interest in exploring and analyzing challenging classical and contemporary literature, and a desire to analyze and interpret dominant literary genres and themes. The AP English Literature course is often offered to high school students. The course is designed to be challenging and rigorous.

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### **COMPOSITION I: ENGL 101 NE1 (3 credit hours)**

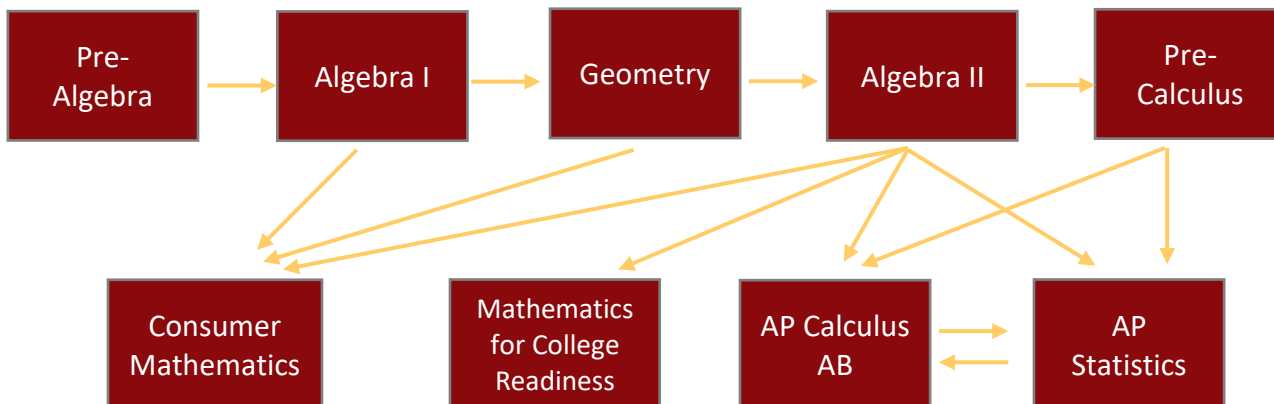
1 Semester; Fall, Spring

Online

This course focuses on practice in the skills, research and documentation needed for the effective academic writing. Analysis of a variety of academic and non-academic texts, rhetorical structures, critical thinking and audience will be included.

Course Prerequisites: Placement Test Score or satisfactory completion of ENGL 033

# MATHEMATICS



## PRE-ALGEBRA

Course Number: 02051

1 Year

Blended Delivery

This Pre-Algebra course is an intervention program designed exclusively to ensure that at-risk students are adequately prepared for Algebra 1. The class is implemented the year prior, to build and solidify foundational skills and conceptual understanding necessary to be successful in Algebra 1. This course includes the foundations of Algebra; operations with fractions; positive and negative numbers; ratios and proportionality; relationships with graphs; expression, equations, inequalities and exponents.

Course Prerequisites: 8th Grade Mathematics

**ALGEBRA I**

Course Number: 02052

1 Year

Blended Delivery

This Algebra I course includes the study of properties and operations of the real number system; evaluating rational algebraic expressions; solving and graphing first degree equations and inequalities; translating word problems into equations; operations with and factoring of polynomials; and solving simple quadratic equations.

Course Prerequisites: None

**ALGEBRA II**

Course Number: 02056

1 Year

Blended Delivery

The Algebra II course topics include field properties and theorems; set theory; operations with rational and irrational expressions; factoring of rational expressions; in-depth study of linear equations and inequalities; quadratic equations; solving systems of linear and quadratic equations; graphing of constant, linear, and quadratic equations; properties of higher degree equations; and operations with rational and irrational exponents.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra I

**GEOMETRY**

Course Number: 02072

1 Year

Blended Delivery

This Geometry course takes previous mathematical knowledge and moves the focus towards generating mathematical ideas and arguments. Major concepts in this course include properties of plane and solid figures; deductive methods of reasoning, and the use of logic; the use of postulates, definitions and theorems to formulate proofs; triangle relationships; properties of quadrilaterals and other polygons; concepts of congruence, similarity, parallelism, perpendicularity and proportion; coordinate geometry; measurements in circles; and problem-solving using area, perimeter, volume and surface area.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra I

## **MATHEMATICS FOR COLLEGE READINESS**

Course Number: 02138

1 Semester; Fall and Spring

Blended Delivery

Course Description: Mathematics for College Readiness solidifies quantitative literacy through the use and extension of algebraic, geometric, and statistical concepts. The course prepares students for postsecondary liberal studies mathematics coursework; the course is not intended to serve as a remedial mathematics course. Course content includes algebraic operations, solutions of equations and inequalities, number sets, coordinate geometry, functions and graphs, probability and statistics, and data representation.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra I and II, Geometry

## **CONSUMER MATHEMATICS**

Course Number: 02157

1 Year

Blended Delivery

Consumer Mathematics reinforces general mathematics topics (such as arithmetic using rational numbers, measurement, percent, ratio and proportion, and basic statistics) and apply these skills to consumer problems and situations. Major concepts in this course include managing personal income, taxation, buying and selling products and services, pricing and discounting products and services, consumer and business credit, interest, banking services, insurance, home ownership, and investment.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra I

## **PRECALCULUS**

Course Number: 02110

1 Year

Online, DDN (9:20-10:10)

Precalculus courses combine the study of Trigonometry, Elementary Functions, Analytic Geometry, and Math Analysis topics as preparation for calculus. Topics typically include the study of complex numbers; polynomial, logarithmic, exponential, rational, right trigonometric, and circular functions, and their relations, inverses and graphs; trigonometric identities and equations; solutions of right and oblique triangles; vectors; the polar coordinate system; conic sections; Boolean algebra and symbolic logic; mathematical induction; matrix algebra; sequences and series; and limits and continuity.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra I and II, Geometry

### **AP CALCULUS AB**

Course Number: 02124

1 Year

Online

AP Calculus AB follows the College Board's suggested curriculum designed to parallel a first-semester college calculus course. The course topics include concepts and skills of limits, derivatives, definite integrals and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Students are introduced to new ways of thinking about math, including graphical, numerical and analytical approaches; modeling; problem solving; and analysis emphasizing real-life data.

Course Prerequisites: Before studying calculus, all students should complete three or four years of secondary mathematics designed for college-bound students, courses in which they study algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry, and elementary functions. These functions include linear, polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric, inverse trigonometric, and piecewise-defined functions.

### **AP STATISTICS**

Course Number: 02203

1 Year

Online

Following the College Board's suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level statistics courses, AP Statistics courses 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.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra II (Before studying statistics, all students should complete three or four years of secondary mathematics designed for college-bound students, courses in which they study algebra, geometry.)

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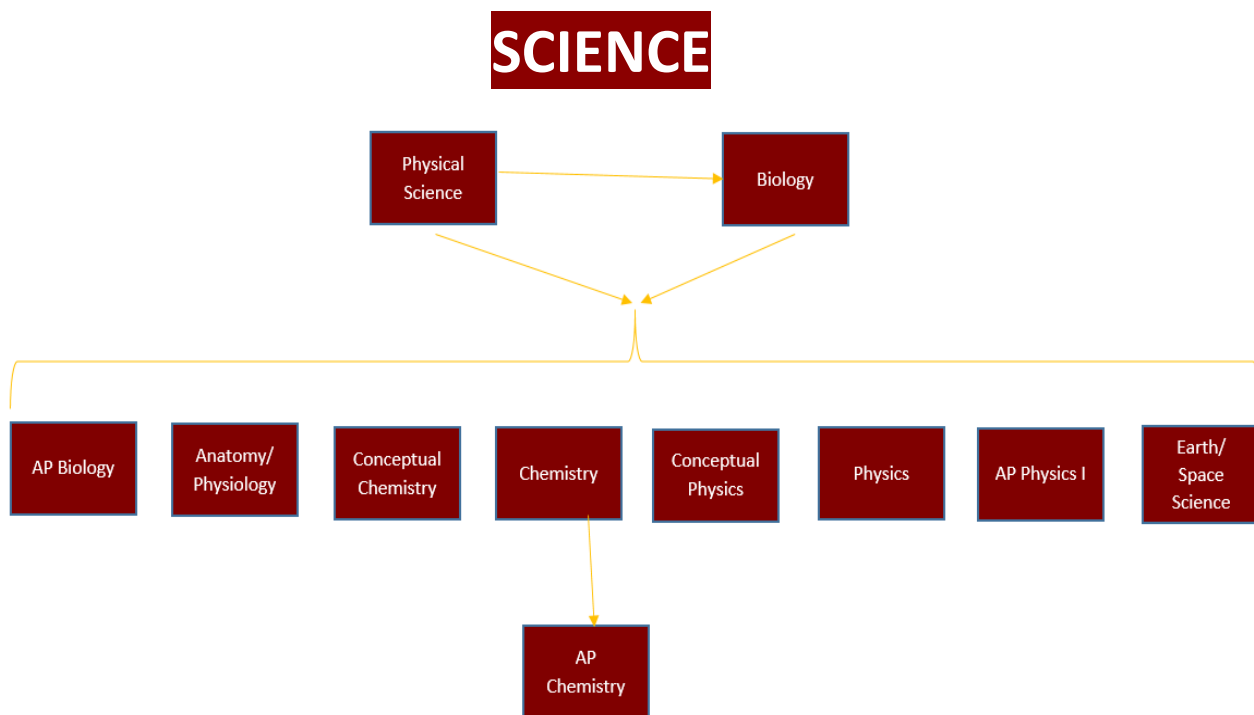
**COLLEGE ALGEBRA: MATH 102 NE1 (3 credit hours)**

1 Semester; Fall, Spring

Online

This course focuses on equations and inequalities; polynomial functions and graphs; exponents, radicals, binomial theorem, zeros of polynomials; systems of equations; exponential, logarithmic, and inverse functions, applications and graphs. Other topics selected from sequences, series, and complex numbers.

Course Prerequisites: ACT math sub-score 20 or higher **OR** ACCUPLACER scores: Elm. Algebra 76-120 **OR** College Level 0-50



**PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

Course Number: 03159

1 Year

Blended Delivery

Physical Science courses involve study of the structures and states of matter. Typically (but not always) offered as introductory survey courses, they may include such topics as forms of energy, wave phenomenon, electromagnetism, and physical and chemical interactions.

Course Prerequisites: None

**BIOLOGY**

Course Number: 03051

1 Year

Blended Delivery

Biology courses are designed to provide information regarding the fundamental concepts of life and life processes. These courses include (but are not restricted to) such topics as cell structure and function, general plant and animal physiology, genetics, and taxonomy.

Course Prerequisites: None

## **CHEMISTRY**

Course Number: 03101

1 Year

Online, DDN (9:20-10:10, 2:45-3:35)

Chemistry courses involve studying the composition, properties, and reactions of substances. These courses typically explore such concepts as the behaviors of solids, liquids, and gases; acid/base and oxidation/reduction reactions; and atomic structure. Chemical formulas and equations and nuclear reactions are also studied.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra I. Completion or concurrent enrollment in Algebra II recommended.

## **PHYSICS**

Course Number: 03151

1 Year

Online

This is a college-prep physics course with a problem-solving component requiring an Algebra II level of mathematics preparation and will include basic trigonometry (taught in the course). The topics to be covered in the first semester are Measurements, Mechanics, and Circular and Rotational Motion. The topics to be covered in the second semester are Electricity and Magnetism, Wave Motion, Thermodynamics, and Modern Physics.

Course Prerequisites: Math through Algebra II

## **ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY**

Course Number: 03053

1 Year

Blended Delivery, Online

Anatomy/Physiology is a laboratory course designed to prepare students in understanding the fundamental concepts of and relationship between basic human structure and function. Through interactive lecture, laboratory activities, projects and assessments, students will practice using correct anatomical terminology, study cells and tissues, and explore anatomical features of the major body systems while also analyzing the physiological mechanisms that maintain homeostasis in the human body. The topics covered during this course will include the integumentary system, skeletal system, muscular system, central nervous system, peripheral and autonomic nervous system, senses, endocrine system, blood and blood vessels, heart and cardiovascular system, lymphatic system and immunity, respiratory system, digestive system, urinary system, fluid, electrolyte and acid-base balance, reproductive system, and development and inheritance.

Course Prerequisites: Biology, Chemistry (Recommended)



**EARTH/SPACE SCIENCE**

Course Number: 03008

1 Year

Blended Delivery; Online Delivery

This is a year-long course in astronomy and earth studies with a problem-solving component requiring an Algebra I level of mathematics preparation. The topics covered in this course include the history of astronomy; tools of astronomers; the solar system; the birth, life, and death of stars; relativity; structure of the universe; makeup of the earth; earth history; motions and changes of the earth's surface; atmosphere; and weather. The course will also show how these principles are applied in order to explain the phenomena in the universe, the earth and of geology and meteorology as well as earth history. By the end of the course students will have a better grasp on how this amazing universe works.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra I

**FORENSICS**

Course Number: 03214

1 Semester; Fall, Spring

Online Delivery

Forensic Laboratory Science course will provide students with an application of general concepts of sciences (biology, chemistry, and physics) to explore the field of criminalistics. This course will introduce students to the science of crime scene investigations through course topics such as basic laboratory instruction, fingerprinting, blood sampling, trace evidence, DNA testing and other investigative measures. These topics will be covered through hands-on and virtual labs.

Course Prerequisites: Recommended for students to have successfully completed one full year of Physical Science or Biology.

**AP CHEMISTRY**

Course Number: 03106

1 Year

Online

Following the curricula recommended by the College Board, AP Chemistry courses usually follow high school chemistry and second-year algebra. Concepts covered may include the structure of matter; bonding of intermolecular forces; chemical reactions; kinetics; thermodynamics; and chemical equilibrium. For each concept, these courses emphasize the development of scientific inquiry and reasoning skills, such as designing a plan for collecting data, analyzing data, applying mathematical routines, and connecting concepts in and across domains. AP Chemistry courses include college-level laboratory investigations.

Course Prerequisites: Successful completion of a first-year chemistry course

## **AP PHYSICS I**

Course Number: 03165

1 Year

Online

The intent of this course is to introduce students to the principles and methods of physics and to show them how these principles are applied in order to explain the phenomena of the physical world. The inquiry-based laboratory experiences and demonstrations will give the students insight into how experimentation leads to the discovery of new scientific principles. Cooperative attitudes will be nurtured through the use of group activities. In addition to the knowledge base developed in physics, use of computer technologies are integrated throughout the entire course. The use of these technologies is intended to impart the following specific skills: ability to use a Web browser to access online information; ability to use bulletin boards; ability to download files; and ability to use software packages for data acquisition and analysis. As set forth by the College Board in the curriculum framework, this course will include the following **BIG IDEAS**.

**BIG IDEA 1:** Objects and systems have properties such as mass and charge. Systems may have internal structure.

**BIG IDEA 2:** Fields existing in space can be used to explain interactions.

**BIG IDEA 3:** The interactions of an object with other objects can be described by forces.

**BIG IDEA 4:** Interactions between systems can result in changes in those systems.

**BIG IDEA 5:** Changes that occur as a result of interactions are constrained by conservation laws.

**BIG IDEA 6:** Waves can transfer energy and momentum from one location to another without the permanent transfer of mass and serve as a mathematical model for the description of other phenomena.

Course Prerequisites: Algebra II

## **AP BIOLOGY**

Course Number: 03056

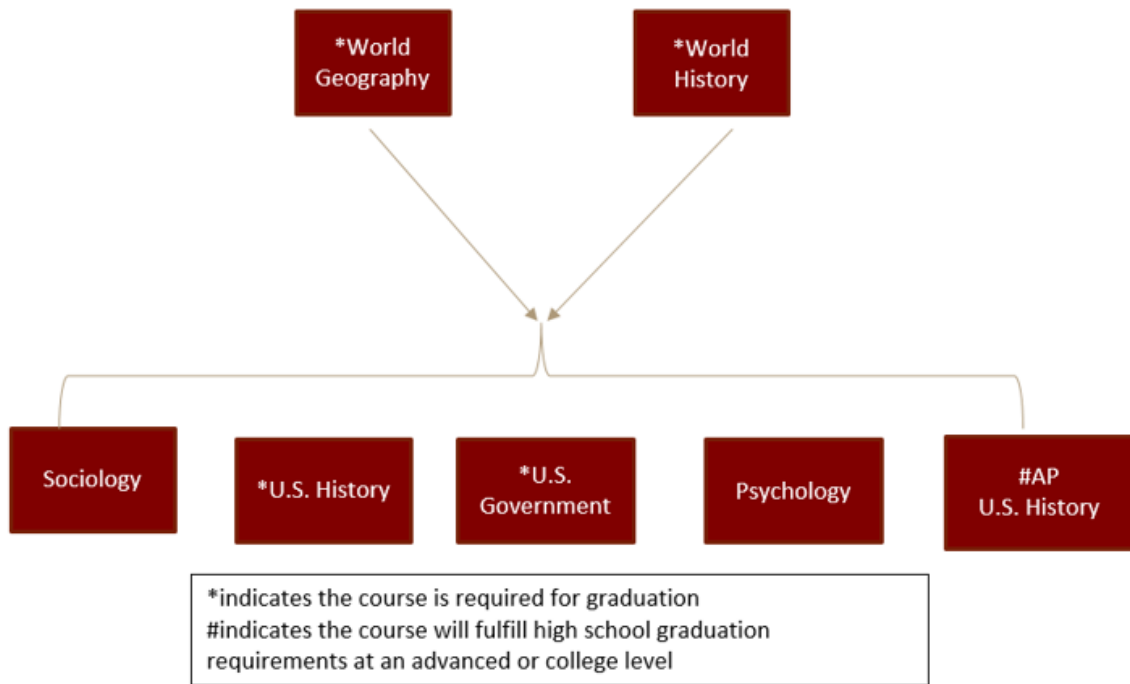
1 Year

Online

Adhering to the curricula recommended by the College Board and designed to parallel college-level introductory biology courses, AP Biology courses emphasize four general concepts: evolution; cellular processes (energy and communication); genetics and information transfer; and interactions of biological systems. For each concept, these courses emphasize the development of scientific inquiry and reasoning skills, such as designing a plan for collecting data, analyzing data, applying mathematical routines, and connecting concepts in and across domains. AP Biology courses include college-level laboratory investigations.

Course Prerequisites: Strongly recommended that students have completed chemistry before enrolling in AP Biology

# SOCIAL SCIENCE



## WORLD HISTORY

Course Number: 04053

1 Semester; Fall

Online Delivery

This modern World History course introduces students to political, social, and economic matters from the Renaissance to the present. The course will consist of historical investigations where students will evaluate why and how events occurred. In doing so, they will acquire relevant knowledge about significant events, developments, individuals, groups, documents, places, and ideas in World History.

Course Prerequisites: None

## SOCIOLOGY

Course Number: 04258

1 Semester; Fall

Online Delivery

This Sociology course introduces students to the study of human behavior in society. This course provides an overview of sociology, including topics such as social institutions and norms, socialization and social change, and the relationships among individuals and groups in society.

Course Prerequisites: Recommended for students with junior or senior status

**WORLD GEOGRAPHY**

Course Number: 04001

1 Semester; Spring

Online Delivery

This course provides students with an overview of world geography. Geographic reasoning will be imbedded with a spatial perspective as students utilize and create maps, imagery, and geospatial technology in investigations about the Earth's wide diversity of environments and cultures.

Course Prerequisites: None

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Course Number: 04254

1 Semester; Spring

Online Delivery

This course introduces students to the study of individual human behavior. Course content includes an overview of the field of psychology, topics in human growth and development, personality and behavior, and abnormal psychology.

Course Prerequisites: Recommended for students with junior or senior status

**U.S. GOVERNMENT**

Course Number: 04151

1 Semester; Spring

Online Delivery

U.S. Government—Comprehensive course provides an overview of the structure and functions of the U.S. government and political institutions and examine constitutional principles, the concepts of rights and responsibilities, the role of political parties and interest groups, and the importance of civic participation in the democratic process. This course may examine the structure and function of state and local governments and may cover certain economic and legal topics.

Course Prerequisites: None.

**U.S. HISTORY**

Course Number: 04103

1 Year

Online Delivery

This modern U.S. History course introduces students to political, social, and economic matters from Reconstruction to the present. The course will consist of historical investigations where students will evaluate why and how events occurred. In doing so, they will acquire relevant knowledge about significant events, developments, individuals, groups, documents, places, and ideas in U.S. History.

Course Prerequisites: Recommended for students with junior or senior status

## **NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES**

Course Number: 04111

1 Semester; Spring

Online Delivery

This course will focus primarily on the Oceti Sakowin through inquiry-based investigations of history, culture, government, literature, art, and more. Additional areas of focus include historical and contemporary analyses of Tribal Nations across the US.

Course Prerequisites: None

## **AP U.S. HISTORY**

Course Number: 04104

1 Year

Online Delivery

Following the College Board's suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level U.S. History courses, AP U.S. History courses provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to address critically problems and materials in U.S. history. Students learn to assess historical materials and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. The course examines the discovery and settlement of the New World through the recent past.

Course Prerequisites: None

**\*DUAL CREDIT**

### **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: POLS 100 NE1 (3 credit hours)**

1 Semester; Fall, Spring

Online Delivery

This course is comprised of a study of the basic principles of the US system of government with emphasis on problems relating to governmental structure and policies.

Course Prerequisites: None

**\*DUAL CREDIT**

### **U.S. HISTORY I: HIST 151 NE1 (3 credit hours)**

1 Semester; Fall

Online Delivery

This course includes surveys the background and development of the United States from its colonial origins to the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Course Prerequisites: None

**\*DUAL CREDIT**

### **U.S. HISTORY II: HIST 152 NE1 (3 credit hours)**

1 Semester; Spring

Online Delivery

Surveys development of the United States since the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Course Prerequisites: None

# WORLD LANGUAGES



## **SPANISH I**

Course Number: 24052

1 Year

Blended, Online, DDN (M-F 8:25-9:15, 11:30-12:20, 1:30-2:20, 2:30-3:20, 2:45-3:35)

This course is designed to introduce students to Spanish language and culture, Spanish I courses prepare students to communicate authentically in Spanish by interpreting (reading, listening, viewing), exchanging (speaking and listening; reading and writing), and presenting (speaking, writing) information on a variety of topics. They introduce the relationships among products, practices, and perspectives of Spanish-speaking cultures.

Course Prerequisites: None

## **SPANISH II**

Course Number: 24053

1 Year

Blended, Online, DDN (M-F 9:20-10:10)

This course builds upon skills developed in Spanish I, preparing students to communicate authentically in Spanish by interpreting (reading, listening, viewing), exchanging (speaking and listening; reading and writing), and presenting (speaking, writing) information on concrete topics. Spanish II courses introduce the relationships among products, practices, and perspectives of Spanish-speaking cultures

Course Prerequisites: No semester grade below a “C” in the first year of foreign language.

## **SPANISH III**

Course Number: 24054

1 Year

Online

This course prepares students to communicate authentically in Spanish by interpreting (reading, listening, viewing, exchanging (speaking and listening; reading and writing, and presenting (speaking, writing) information, concepts, and ideas on a variety of topics, including connections to other subject areas. These courses expand a students' knowledge of relationships among products, practices, and perspectives of Spanish-speaking countries and cultures.

Course Prerequisites: Semester grade of C or better in Spanish II (A “B” average in English is recommended. Spanish III, as a high school course from NSU, is designed for students who are university-bound.)

