Economics

This is an introductory course in economics which will explore choice making and the components and characteristics of the American market economy. The student will examine the basic principles of supply and demand economics as well as business organizations and market structures. The course will also examine international trade and the role of government in our economy. The institutions of money and banking and the investment markets are also included. A major emphasis will be placed on introducing the student to the basic vocabulary and principles of a market economy and the macroeconomic structure of our market economy.

Government

The goal is that students will grow to be active citizens who make informed decisions. This course provides students with practical experiences and understandings regarding politics and the government of the United States with an analysis of the constitution, the three branches of government, political behavior and civil rights/ liberties. Students will study basic governmental institutions and their functions. Students will also examine the major ideas, protections, privileges, and structures that affect the life of a citizen in the United States political system. This is a required course for high school graduation within the prescribed social science sequence.

AP Microeconomics

This course may be substituted for SS311 The purpose of the Advanced Placement course is to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual decision-makers, both consumers and producers, within the larger economic system. It places primary emphasis on the nature and functions of product markets and includes the study of factor markets and of the role of government in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy. The course is intended to prepare the student for the advanced placement exam. *NOTE: THIS COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR DUAL CREDIT*

AP Macroeconomics

The purpose of the AP course in macroeconomics is to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. It places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price-level determination, and also develops students' familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. The course is intended to prepare the student for the advanced placement exam. *NOTE: THIS COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR DUAL CREDIT.*

AP Government and Politics

The course examines the principles of American government, political behavior, and the institutions of government. This course provides a general survey of American federal government and politics with an emphasis on the history and development of the federal Constitution and the federal system. The legislative, judicial and executive branches of government and their interrelationship with each other and the bureaucracy are examined. The administration of territories, the two-party system, and the media and current political issues and problems also are explored. This course fulfills the required ½ credit in government for high school graduation. In addition, the material covered can lead to advanced placement at the college level as the course follows the requirements of the College Board Advanced Placement Program. The course is intended to prepare the student for the advanced placement exam. *NOTE: THIS COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR DUAL CREDIT.*