



Course & Career Planning Guide 2026-2027

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Mission Statement of Ashland High School

The mission of Ashland High School is to focus on student learning. We will work to ensure students connect to their education by making learning relevant so that students become responsible citizens and contribute to society. Students will learn academic skills: reading, writing, math, critical thinking, and communication. Students will learn how to get along with others in a safe learning environment.

Graduation Requirements

Students in the Ashland School District have access to courses that provide a balanced academic background which meet a broad array of interests and needs. Students in grades 9-12 will be expected to successfully complete those courses (required and elective) necessary to meet the 24 required credits during the high school years as established by the Board and listed in the policy.

***Wisconsin Required Naturalization/Civics Exam**-all students must pass with a 65%

At least 24 high school credits including:

Graduating Class of 2020 and beyond	
English - 4.0 Credits	Mathematics - 3.0 Credits
1.0 English 9	1.0 Algebra 1
1.0 English 10	1.0 Geometry
1.0 English 11 Elective	1.0 Algebra 2 or Math Elective
1.0 English 12 Elective	
	Health - 0.5 Credit
Science - 3.0 Credits	
1.0 Science 9	Physical Education - 1.5 Credits
1.0 Biology	0.5 PE 9 or Strength & Conditioning
1.0 Science Elective	0.5 PE 10 or Strength & Conditioning
	0.5 PE Elective
Social Studies - 3.0 Credits	
1.0 Global Studies	Finance & Careers (F&C) - 0.5 Credits
1.0 U.S. History	
1.0 Social Studies Elective	Elective- 8.5 Credits

Full-time Student Requirements

5200.01- FULL-TIME STUDENT

The Board of Education defines a full-time student as:

- A. a student enrolled in a Board-approved program;
- B. a student enrolled in three (3) credits per semester unless the student is enrolled in a Board-approved Early College Credit & Start College Now program, special education program identified in an IEP, modified program authorized for medical, emotional/social or disciplinary reasons, or an alternative education program that includes the following combination of higher education credits plus high school credit loads;
- C. a student enrolled as a 5th year senior.

HIGHER EDUCATION CREDITS	HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS
12+	0
9-11	0.5
6-8	1.0
1-5	2.0

Students who do not meet one (1) of the standards identified above will be classified as part-time students.

Minimum Recommended: Freshman (Grade 9)

Six and one-half credits include one credit of English 9, one credit of Global Studies, one credit of Physical Science, one credit of Mathematics (algebra), one-half credit of PE 9 or strength and conditioning, one-half credit of health, and two additional credits.

Sophomores (Grade 10)

Six and one-half credits include one credit of English 10, one credit of U.S. History, one credit of Biology, one credit of Mathematics (geometry), one-half credit of PE 10 or strength and conditioning, and two and one-half additional credits.

Juniors (Grade 11)

Six and one-half credits academic credits to include one credit of English, one credit of Social Studies, one credit of Science, one credit of Mathematics, one-half credit of PE (unless taken in sophomore and senior year), one-half credit of Financial Literacy course (Finance and Careers or Independent Living) *taken during the junior or senior year), and one and one-half additional credit.

Seniors (Grade 12)

Six and one-half academic credits including one credit of English, one-half credit of PE (unless taken in sophomore and junior year), one-half credit of Finance & Careers (if not taken during the junior year), and four and one-half additional credits.

Academic & Career Planning (ACP)

What is ACP?

Academic and Career Planning, or ACP, is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for postsecondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills. The term ACP refers to both a process that helps students engage in academic and career development activities as well as a product that is created and maintained for students' academic, career, and personal advancement.

ACP Model

Know-Explore-Plan-Go aligns Wisconsin ACP required components with research-based recommendations for incorporating career development throughout K12 for self-exploration, career exploration, and career planning and management.

Grade 9

KNOW "Who am I?" In ninth grade, credits become very valuable. Missed credits in required courses will need to be made up. Additionally, students will continually revise the plan for what they would like to do after graduation and engage in structured activities designed to help them learn about career skill development and college and career options.

Grade 10

EXPLORE: "Where do I want to go?": Students begin to narrow their career considerations and broaden their understanding of learning and post-secondary options. Students will continue to have structured activities designed to help them learn about career skill development and college and career options.

Grade 11

PLAN: "How do I get there?" Reminder to continue to meet with your counselor. Annual event: Education Fair, Northwoods Technical College Career Day, a career pathway exploration day. All juniors are invited to explore career pathways they may be interested in and then they have the option to attend Northwoods Technical College for a day to take classes in their chosen pathway. Students participate in hands-on learning and experience a day at a post-secondary institution to get a sense of options after high school.

Grade 12

GO: "Recalculate plan as needed to achieve vision and goals" Education Fair, All seniors will meet with their counselor at the beginning of their senior year to make sure they are on track to graduate and on track with their post-secondary plans.

ACP connects students to classrooms and communities

Xello (formally Career Cruising): Ashland High School utilizes the career development tool Xello. This tool allows students to develop a cumulative Academic and Career Portfolio and to participate in activities that will allow you to learn more about yourself as well as to document academic and career experiences that you have while you are in school.

Many post-secondary, college, and military reps come to AHS during the year to talk with students interested in their programs. All students should read announcements & school email to learn about the many opportunities AHS has to offer throughout the school year.

Reminder

Know...

Who am I? Get to know your interests, skills, and strengths.

Explore...

Where do I want to go? Explore career pathways and education opportunities.

Plan...

How do I get there? Set goals, choose courses, join clubs and activities, fill out applications, write resumes, fill out FAFSA. Set your route!

Go!

Achieve your goals and plans! Recalculate as needed.

Career Planning

Students, parents, and guardians are welcome to make appointments with counselors anytime throughout the year. In addition, school counselors present on post-secondary planning as well as distribute transcripts to 10-12th grade students. Students need to take and pass the Wisconsin Required Naturalization/Civics Exam. Below is a *Four-Year Course Planning Worksheet* ***24 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION***

FRESHMAN			JUNIOR		
Course Key	Course Name	Credits	Course Key	Course Name	Credits
	PE 9 or Strength & Conditioning	0.5		Phys Education (unless taken as a sophomore and senior)	0.5
	Health	0.5		Finance & Careers (Junior or Senior Year)	0.5
	English 9	1		American Lit, College Prep, or AP English	1
	Algebra 1	1		Algebra 2 or Mathematics Elective	1
	Physical Science (Physical Science was taken in 8th grade, then Biology)	1		Science Elective or Ag- Sci Equivalent Elective	1
	US History A	1		Social Studies Elective	1
	Electives	2		Electives	1.5
Total Credits		6.5	Total Credits		6.5
SOPHOMORE			SENIOR		
Course Key	Course Name	Credits	Course Key	Course Name	Credits
	PE 10 or Strength & Conditioning	0.5		Phys Education (unless taken in sophomore and junior)	0.5
	English 10	1		Finance & Careers (Junior or Senior Year)	0.5
	Geometry	1		College Prep, 21st Century Communication, AP English, or electives	1
	Biology	1		Electives	4
	U.S. History B	1			
	Electives	2.5			
Total Credits		6.5	Total Credits		6

Scheduling Deadline

The entire hiring process and the procedure of building the master schedule for the school is based on the class's students request when scheduling. Therefore, students and parents should give careful thought to their course selections. Student needs and course enrollments are taken into consideration for changes in courses or schedules requested after designated deadlines.

Registration/Scheduling

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) and reviewing that ACP yearly are critical steps to a successful high school experience and transition to postsecondary plans. Students are encouraged to plan their schedules according to career pathways and post-secondary requirements. The registration/scheduling process starts in January. Changes in schedules after registration are difficult to make and must meet the criteria in our change policy. Please set up an appointment with your school counselor to help with planning.

Add/Drop Class

Students will have the first 3 days of each semester to add or drop classes. After the 3 days, students can no longer add classes; however, they can still withdraw from a course. All students are allowed to withdraw from a course until mid-term of the 1st or 3rd quarters. After those deadlines, withdrawal from a course results in a withdrawn fail grade (WF). Students also cannot drop or withdraw from a course if it puts them below the 3 credit/semester requirements.

School Counseling Services

School Counseling Services are available to each of you to aid in your academic success in school, to help you better understand your strengths and limitations, and to help in planning for and obtaining realistic goals.

School counselors focus on facilitating:

- Student transitions from middle school and from high school
- Academic programming of students
- Academic progress of students
- Career exploration
- Post-secondary planning
- Assisting with identification of student issues and needs

Whenever you have a concern or need information, you are encouraged to see your school counselor. Throughout the course description book, you will see an increased emphasis on career exploration and development. As you engage in the process of making career decisions, it is important that you understand the purpose and expectations of the university system, technical college, apprenticeship programs, and the world of work.

Post High School Opportunities

Technical Colleges

These programs offer opportunities to learn specialized skills and trades that meet the needs of business and industry.

Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent.

Armed Forces

Recruiters visit high schools regularly to provide up-to-date information.

Requirement: High school diploma.

www.airforce.com ; www.goarmy.com ; www.navy.com ; www.marines.com

Colleges and Universities

Many colleges and universities have two-year and four-year university programs. High school coursework should prepare you for college by helping develop strong skills in at least four areas-- English, math, social studies, and natural sciences. World language is also recommended.

Requirements: High school diploma, core college preparatory credits, grade point average, class rank, and ACT or SAT test scores. Consideration is also given to co-curricular and community activities.

www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu

Apprenticeships

Youth Apprenticeships (YA) and Post-secondary apprenticeships may be available through sponsorship by a trade professional. It typically includes technical college coursework and on-the-job training.

Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent.

[Youth Apprenticeship link : How To's of Apprenticeship](#)

World of Work

Students may increase employment options and opportunities by selecting career-related courses. Wisconsin Job Centers provide a 'one-stop' service for employers to meet their workforce needs and job seekers to get the career planning, job placement and training services they need to get jobs. Call toll-free 888-258-9966 to learning the phone number and address or your nearest Wisconsin Job Center or go to

www.wisconsinjobcenter.org

Post-Secondary Education Admission Tips and Readiness

High school graduation requirements may be different from the entrance requirements for specific colleges and universities. The requirements listed below are the minimum requirements for students to be eligible for admission to these institutions. Students are encouraged to exceed these minimum requirements and to challenge themselves by taking rigorous courses, including Advanced Placement courses, to be competitive in the collegiate admissions process.

University of Wisconsin System

Students must meet the following minimum requirements in order to be eligible for admission:

English	4 credits
Mathematics (minimum of Algebra 2)	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Electives	4 credits

Two years of a single world language are required for admission to UW-Madison, and strongly recommended at other UW System campuses. Additional years make for a stronger application to 4-year universities. Students are also able to take a placement exam to earn retroactive college credit.

Nation's Top Universities

Students must meet the following minimum requirements in order to be eligible for admission:

English*	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3-4 credits
Social Studies**	3 credits
World Language***	3-4 credits

**Intensive work in writing*

***Includes American & European History*

****At least one world language*

Rigorous courses should be taken, including AP level when possible.

Technical Colleges

The following are recommended high school credits for adequate, comprehensive preparation for success in technical college programs:

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Technical Courses	3-4 credits

Technical college programs have admission standards, and some programs have waiting lists. Apply early and seek your counselor's advice regarding your chosen program.

Private Universities

Students must meet the following minimum requirements in order to be eligible for admission:

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
World Language (Check individual colleges as requirements vary)	2 credits

Technical college programs have admission standards, and some programs have waiting lists. Apply early and seek your counselor's advice regarding your chosen program.

Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges. AP courses expose high school students to college level material and give students the opportunity to show that they have mastered the material by taking an AP exam. Colleges and universities may grant credit, placement or both to students who have attained a level specified by the institution. College and university policies regarding Advanced Placement grades are not consistent. Students seeking college credit through AP are advised to obtain the college's AP policy.

Students can benefit from taking AP courses by learning a subject in greater depth, developing skills that will be critically important to successful study in college and demonstrating to colleges their willingness to undertake a challenging course. Students take AP courses and exams for several reasons, including the challenge, the money and time saved and opportunities that can unfold as a result. The entering college student who has been given AP recognition can take advanced courses, explore different subject areas, enter honors and other special programs, pursue double majors and even complete undergraduate requirements early.

Students self-select into AP courses, but need to take an assessment in the spring. **Please be aware that all AP courses use college-level curriculum, materials, assessment and homework.** All students taking AP courses will be encouraged to take the corresponding AP exam. Each exam has a multiple-choice section and a free response (essay, problems, etc.) section. Scores on the AP test include: 5 (extremely well qualified), 4 (well qualified), 3 (qualified), 2 (possibly qualified), and 1 (no recommendation). A student who earns a grade 3 or better on an AP exam is generally considered qualified to receive credit for the equivalent course at one of the 2,900 colleges and universities that give credit for AP exams.

Registration for AP exams will take place during the month of February. The non-refundable fee of approximately \$93.00 is due at the time of registration. The AP exams are administered during May. Students with special needs can be accommodated but must discuss any necessary nonstandard exam conditions with the AP coordinator before registering. For further information, please contact the district AP coordinator, Deb Eichman at 715-685-7089 ext. 1029.

The table indicates AP courses are offered in the Ashland School District. ⇒

CLASSES	AP EXAM
AP Calculus AB	Calculus AB
AP English Lang & Comp	English Language and Composition
AP English Lit & Comp	English Literature and Composition
AP Statistics	Statistics
AP U.S. History	U.S. History
AP World History	World History

Grade Point Averages

The following scales will be used to calculate grade point average for the respective classes.

All Advanced Placement (AP) courses will be weighted grades.

STANDARD

Letter Grade	GPA Weight
A+ / A	4.0 - 3.70
A-	3.69 - 3.40
B+	3.39 - 3.10
B	3.09 - 2.80
B-	2.79 - 2.50
C+	2.49 - 2.20
C	2.19 - 1.90
C-	1.89 - 1.6
D+	1.59 - 1.3
D	1.29 - 1.0
D-	.99 - .70
F	.69 - 0

AP COURSES / WEIGHTED GRADE SCALE

Letter Grade	GPA Weight
A+ / A	5.0 - 4.7
A-	4.69 - 4.4
B+	4.39 - 4.1
B	4.09 - 3.8
B-	3.79 - 3.5
C+	3.49 - 3.2
C	3.19 - 2.9
C-	2.89 - 2.6
D+	2.59 - 2.3
D	2.29 - 2.
D-	1.99 - 1.7
F	1.69 - 0



English

English

All students are required to have **four (4) credits of English to graduate**, comprising the first three steps of any pathway.

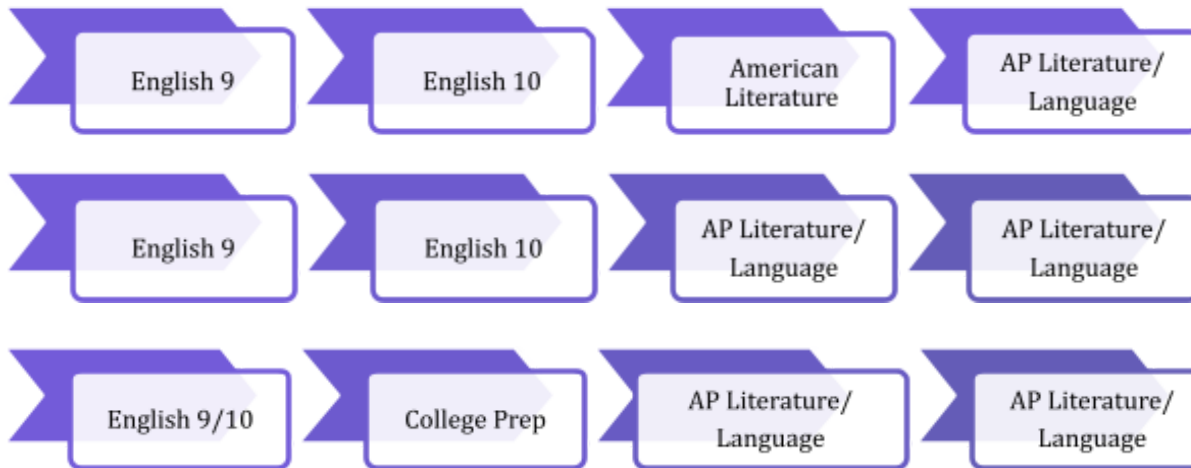
Pathway for the student preparing for a 4-year college degree in Pathway for the student preparing for a 4-year college degree in any field:



Pathway for the student preparing to enter the workforce, military, apprenticeship or certification after high school:



Following 4 Pathways for the student preparing for a 4-year college degree in English, journalism, or any field requiring formal research and writing:



Grade 11 (Junior) and 12 (Senior) may also enroll in the following English electives. Course availability depends on enrollment; not every course will be offered every year.

- Creative Writing
- Reading for College and Career 2
- Connections: Exploring Literature and Film
- Environmental Literature
- Science Fiction
- Dramatic Literature
- Women Writers
- Native American Literature

Asterisked (*) courses are the required options for Grade 11 (Junior). Students must take one of these courses during Grade 11 (Junior).

English 9

1 credit

Grade: 9

Course Description: English 9 emphasizes critical thinking, reading, writing, listening, speaking and cooperative skills. Independent reading is a major cornerstone. This course is required for graduation and serves as a basis for English courses at the high school level.

English 10

1 credit

Grade: 10

Prerequisite(s): English 9

Course Description: English 10 is required for graduation. This class values the learner's perspective, collectively and individually, and provides next-gen learning experiences that promote higher achievement and develop the competencies needed for college and career readiness. Interactive learning blends print and technology in a student-centered, teacher-inspired classroom. You will interact and engage in a relevant learning environment during this class through readings, meaningful activities, and performance tasks.

Accelerated ELA 9/10

1 credit

Grade: 10

Prerequisite(s): 8th Grade ELA, instructor approval, or recommendation

Course Description: This is an accelerated English course combining essential standards in both English 9 and English 10 in one year, offered to incoming Freshman who are approved by their 8th grade ELA teacher or by the high school English department. This will offer an accelerated ELA pathway in high school.

21st Century Communication

1 credit

Grade: 12

Prerequisite(s): Any Grade 11 English Course

Course Description: 21st Century Communication is designed to provide students with communication skills necessary for success either in the vocational education field or in immediate employment. In individual and group projects critical thinking and problem-solving skills are employed to understand a variety of media. Emphasis is also placed on job related skills: letters of application, a working resume, memos, preparing for interviews, basic work and language skills, reading and writing skills. Use of the writing process approach to writing is stressed in assignments using computers and other technology.

American Literature

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: American Literature emphasizes reading and writing; it focuses on major authors and literary works from throughout the United States and the rest of the Western hemisphere. Literature is read, analyzed, and discussed. In addition to developing skills in critical thinking, this course will include an emphasis on argumentative writing, research, and revision skills. There will also be some presentation work in this class.

***College Prep**

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: A Survey of British Literature is designed to prepare students for success at the college level by increasing grammar and vocabulary skills, exposing them to college type writing assignments, and composing a research paper. The course will also include a chronological survey of British literature beginning with the Anglo-Saxon period (440 AD) and ending with the 20th century.

***Advanced Placement Literature and Composition**

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12 Offered every other year, alternating with AP Language and Composition

Prerequisite(s): English 10, Recommended for students with strong foundational ELA skills and a desire to advance as critical readers and writers.

Course Description: Advanced Placement Literature and Composition is designed to help students develop critical standards in their reading and writing and become mature writers. Students analyze a wide array of short stories, poetry, and longer works practicing the art of literary analysis. Students will write frequently, with emphasis on literary analysis. Daily reading, writing, and analysis will be expected. This course aims to prepare students for the College Board AP Literature and Composition test and students may opt to take the test to become eligible for college credit based on their performance on the exam. AP courses are taught at a college level.

***Advanced Placement Language and Composition**

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12 Offered every other year, alternating with AP Literature and Composition

Prerequisite(s): English 10, Recommended for students with strong foundational ELA skills and a desire to advance as critical readers and writers.

Course Description: Advanced Language and Composition is designed to help students develop critical standards in their reading and writing and become mature student writers. Students are introduced to the principles of logic and critical rhetoric, and learn to recognize their use in effective and persuasive communication. Students analyze a wide array of nonfiction texts and some fiction texts to learn how writers from different periods and disciplines accomplish their purposes for various audiences. Students write in various genres but major emphasis is placed on expository, analytical, and argumentative essays. This course aims to prepare students for the College Board AP Language and Composition test and students may opt to take the test to become eligible for college credit based on their performance on the exam. AP courses are taught at a college level.

Connections: Expl Lit and Media

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: Connections is an advanced elective semester long course designed for juniors and seniors who wish to explore additional experiences in literature and writing. This will involve reading and analyzing novels and comparing them to the films. Analytical writing projects and discussion of literature is an integral part of the course. Further, students will be exposed to foundational film techniques and will harness Project Based Learning to take a story and plan its expansion into a cinematographic work.

Creative Writing

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: Creative Writing is for beginners as well as serious writers who want to explore the pleasures and rigors of writing creative non-fiction, fiction, poetry and drama. Throughout the year, numerous writing exercises, reading and discussing one another's writing in workshop format and developing a portfolio of writing will be required. All students can expect a fun, supportive, hardworking and productive class atmosphere that encourages experimentation and constructive criticism. The emphasis is on literary development as both a reader and a writer.

Dramatic Literature and Performance

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: Dramatic Literature will focus on improving communication skills, performing, and critical analysis. Plays will be read, analyzed, discussed and in some cases performed. Students will be exposed to theater and encouraged to develop an appreciation for the art form. Students will gain exposure to theater arts and draw connections to their previous ELA learning in a way that fosters self-expression. Contemporary plays and classic plays may be studied, as well as, bringing English to life through acting exercises.

Wilderness Literature

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: Wilderness Literature is the study of writers who portray the natural world through stories, poems, essays, and other types of literature. Students will examine this through literature and human interaction with the environment and how these have shaped and influenced societal, cultural, and interpersonal affairs. Students will enhance their abilities in analytical and critical thinking in terms of how humans both shape the environment and are shaped by environmental conditions.

Science Fiction

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: In Science Fiction, students will examine the ways in which science fiction reflects popular culture and the concerns of society today. In engaging with science fiction novels, short stories, and some science fiction films, students will sharpen their abilities to analyze, think critically, and make both inter-textual and global connections. Students will use these skills in conducting research and in producing writing for various purposes and audiences.

Women Writers of the World

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): English 10

Course Description: Women Writers of the World focuses on the writing of women throughout the world and throughout history. A variety of genres will be read including: short stories, nonfiction, poetry, short novels, and memoirs. Students will read, discuss, and write reflective pieces and essays looking to answer the questions, how have women writers helped shape the world narrative and how have cultures and communities supported and silenced women's voices?

Reading for Career and College 1

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: In Reading for Career and College One, students will develop and refine reading skills and strategies to help support students when they encounter challenging texts. Coursework focuses on daily independent reading and journaling and analysis of their independent books. Students will also read texts together as a class, focusing on skill development, vocabulary enrichment, and reading fluency. Throughout the course students will do a variety of writing tasks from short reflective pieces to essays. This course may be taken before or after Reading for Career and College Two.

Reading for Career and College 2

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: In Reading for Career and College Two, students will develop and refine reading skills and strategies to help support students when they encounter challenging texts. Coursework focuses on daily independent reading and journaling and analysis of their independent books. Students will also read texts together as a class, focusing on skill development, vocabulary enrichment, and reading fluency. Throughout the course students will do a variety of writing tasks from short reflective pieces to essays. This course may be taken before or after Reading for Career and College One.

Writing 102 - Introduction to Academic Writing (Dual Credit)

0.75 High School, 3 College Credits

Offered in: Spring

(Student is responsible for course fee)

Grade: 11 or 12

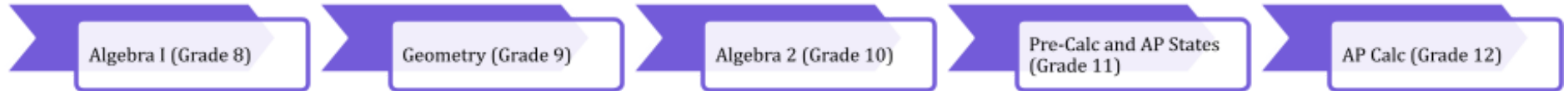
Course Description: In this course, we will analyze information to answer specific questions - through close reading and rhetorical analysis, as well as research. We will use evidence to reach and present innovative conclusions or produce original work - through analytical and argumentative works, both formal and informal. Students will work to demonstrate an understanding of elements of argument, including organizational models, rhetorical appeals, and uses of evidence in texts - through major essays, discussions, and short assignments. Students will engage in the research process by searching, finding, evaluating, and synthesizing a variety of sources, publications, and media appropriate to the rhetorical situation - through the Annotated Bibliography, research, short assignments, and argumentative essays.

Mathematics

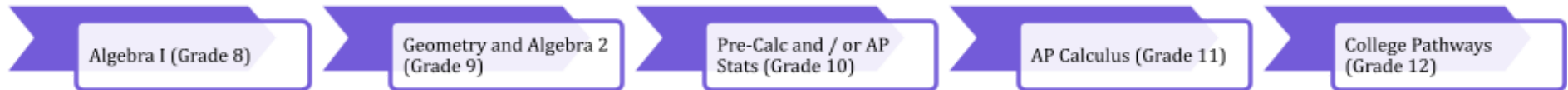
Mathematics

Algebra I and Geometry are required courses for graduation in the State of Wisconsin. Three (3) credits of Math are required to graduate high school. All Math courses available are 1 credit each.

STEM Careers - Biology or Physical Sciences:



STEM Careers - Engineering, Robotics, Computer Programming:



4 Year University Path – Medical Fields or Humanities Studies:



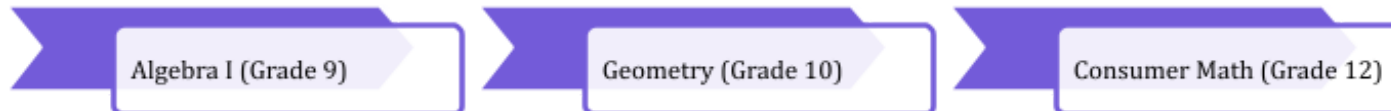
4 Year University Pathway:



Tech School Pathway:



School to Work / Military Pathway:



Algebra I

1 credit

Grade: 9

Prerequisite(s): Successful completion of 8th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, or by teacher recommendation.

Course Description: Algebra I, the first course in the traditional high school math program at AHS, is a full-year high school algebra course. In this course, the student will learn about algebra and practice algebra skills that are important for today's students. The student will apply these concepts and skills to solve many different types of problems, using functions, equations and inequalities, and graphs as algebraic models. The student will also learn how calculators can help in this process. The student will have a chance to develop skills in reasoning, communicating orally and in writing, and studying and learning both independently and as a group member. Throughout, the student will investigate connections to geometry, statistics, probability, and discrete math. Buying a TI-84 calculator will aid in their success.

Geometry

1 credit

Grade: 10 or 11

Prerequisite(s): Algebra I. Students may take Geometry and Algebra II concurrently with permission.

Course Description: Geometry is the second course in the four-year "traditional" mathematics program at AHS. Geometry is a rigorous course that revolves around formal and informal discussions of Euclidean geometry. In this course, students will discuss and explore the properties and attributes of shapes and lines with a heavy emphasis on developing good reasoning skills. Developing geometric proofs make up a large and challenging part of this process. Wisconsin state universities, along with most other colleges, strongly recommend three credits in mathematics for admission. This can be met with Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II following Ashland's traditional math sequence. Of course, more math courses are desirable, so students wishing to accelerate can opt to take Geometry and Algebra II concurrently, making more advanced courses possible as a junior/senior. To do so, a student must have earned at least a B- or better in Algebra I and obtained the signature of his/her Algebra I teacher.

Algebra II

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Algebra I and Geometry with a C or better. Students may take Geometry and Algebra II concurrently with permission.

Course Description: Algebra II is the third course in the four-year "traditional" mathematics program at AHS. The content of Algebra II is organized around families of functions, including linear, quadratic, exponential, logarithmic, radical, and rational functions. As students study each family of functions, students will learn to represent them in multiple ways – as verbal descriptions, equations, tables, and graphs. Students will also learn to model real-world situations using functions in order to solve problems arising from those situations. In addition to its algebra content, Algebra II includes lessons on probability and data analysis as well as numerous examples and exercises involving geometry and trigonometry.

Pre-Calculus

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Algebra II & Geometry

Course Description: This course combines the study of advanced algebra, trigonometry, and analytic geometry with the graphing calculator to extend students' understanding of mathematics and its applications. This class prepares students for calculus.

Consumer/Career Math

1 credit

Grade: 11, 12

Prerequisite(s): Algebra 1 & Geometry

Course Description: Consumer/Career Mathematics is a year-long course emphasizing the application of basic math to things such as balancing checkbooks, purchases on time and taxes. The course is designed for non-college bound students, but is open to all seniors who have completed Geometry.

Applied Technical Math

1 credit

Grade 11 or 12

Course #32804325 / 3 credits / Northwood Tech

This course has a Transcribed Credit agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of "C" or better (on the Northwood Tech grading scale) earn technical college credit at no cost to the student. Transcribed Credit may transfer to other Wisconsin Technical and four-year colleges.

Course Description: This technical diploma course begins with a short review of basic arithmetic skills and continues with the application of these skills. Problem solving involving fractional and decimal dimensions is emphasized. The course includes introductory algebra with emphasis on utilization of formulas including work with signed numbers. First degree equation solution is also emphasized.

Advanced Placement Statistics

1 credit: College Credit Available

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Algebra II

Course Description: Students in AP Stats will be introduced to permutations, combinations, probability, logic, mutually exclusive events, and conditional probability. Students will work with statistical measures, variance and standard deviation, normal distributions, confidence intervals and correlation. Students will be exposed to practical applications of all of the above. The purpose of the AP course in statistics 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:** observing patterns and departures from patterns
- **Planning a Study:** Deciding what and how to measure
- **Anticipating Patterns:** Producing models using probability theory and simulation
- **Statistical Inference:** Confirming models

Students will be given the option to take the AP exam and become eligible for college credit. AP courses are taught at a college level

Advanced Placement Calculus

1 credit

Grade: 12

Prerequisite(s): Pre-Calculus, with a grade of C or higher.

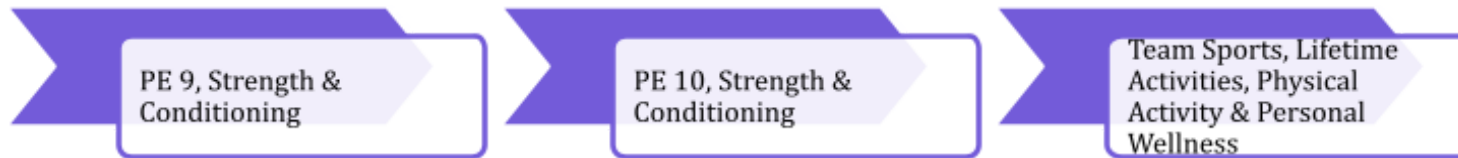
Course Description: Topics covered in AP Calculus include: Limits, derivatives, anti-derivatives, definite integrals, indefinite integrals. The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, applications of derivatives and integrals, applications of antidifferentiation such as motion along a line and solving separable differential equations, numerical approximation of definite integrals (Riemann sums, Trapezoid rule and Simpson's rule). Students will work with functions in a variety of ways; graphical, numerical, analytical and verbal. Students will be given the option to take the AP exam and become eligible for college credit. AP courses are taught at a college level. Recommended to buy a TI-89 calculator (titanium model, if possible)



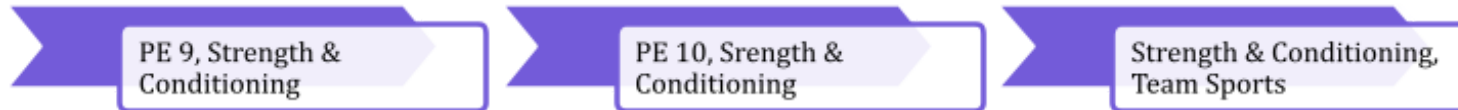
Physical Education & Health

Physical Education

One and a half (1.5) credits of Physical Education are required to graduate high school.

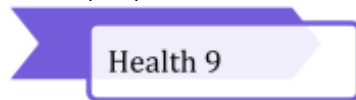


Pathway for the student who is highly motivated, involved in athletics, and / or looking to participate in sports at the collegiate level:



Health Education

A half (0.5) credit of Health Education is required to graduate high school.



Preparing to enter the Health Professional Field Pathway:



Physical Education Courses

Physical Education 9

0.5 credit

Grade: 9

Course Description: This course emphasizes the importance and benefits of lifelong activities through team sports and individual activities. Sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, safety, and respect for self and others will be emphasized. Students are required to dress in appropriate physical attire.

Physical Education 10

0.5 credit

Grade: 10

Prerequisite(s): Physical Education 9 or Strength & Conditioning 9

Course Description: Skills learned in game play during the Physical Education 9 course will be developed further through continued practice and drills. Teaching game strategy techniques will be stressed. Some new sports activities will be introduced. Students are required to dress in appropriate physical education attire. Evaluation is based on participation, skills performance, and written tests.

Strength & Conditioning

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Participation in co-curricular athletics is desired but not required

Course Description: This class is designed for students who are self-motivated, excel at Physical Education and are involved in interscholastic athletics. While targeting students who are gifted in athletics, Strength & Conditioning 9 is designed to develop strength, speed, flexibility, agility, muscle memory, spatial awareness, biomechanics, cardiovascular fitness, and reaction. Extensive and intense work will be designed to increase performance and prevent injuries. Additionally, healthy lifestyle choices will be emphasized including wellness and conditioning. Positive self-image, drug and alcohol awareness, imagery and visualization will be presented within the framework of developing total wellbeing. Athletes who participate in extracurricular sports are highly encouraged to take this class both semesters.

Lifetime Activities

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Physical Education 9 or 10 and Strength & Conditioning

Course Description: Students will be offered the opportunity to explore different types of lifetime activities. Activities included within the class are Leisure Games, Golf, and Tennis. Emphasis will be placed on safety, scoring and rules of the activities, games etiquette, and history of activities. Students are required to dress in appropriate physical education attire. Evaluation is based on participation, skills performance, written tests, and formal papers.

Team Sports 1

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Physical Education 9 or 10 and Strength & Conditioning

Course Description: Students will be instructed in the rules, scoring procedures and strategies of the various team sports. Activities covered will be Ultimate Frisbee, Badminton, Volleyball, Football, Floor Hockey, Team Handball, Basketball, Softball and Pickleball. Students are required to dress in appropriate physical education attire. Evaluation is based on participation, sportsmanship, written tests, and teamwork evaluations.

Team Sports 2

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Team Sports 1

Course Description: A continuation of Team Sports. Students will be required to dress in appropriate physical education attire. Students will participate in team sports such as softball, flag football, ultimate frisbee, floor hockey, team handball, volleyball, pickleball, and badminton. Since students will already be familiar with game rules from Team Sports 1, they will be expected to act in a leadership role in regards to sportsmanship, strategy, and teamwork.

Physical Activity & Personal Wellness

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: This class is designed to help students prepare for a healthy lifestyle after high school, and anyone looking to learn how to maintain a healthy lifestyle both mentally and physically in a non-competitive setting. Students will be introduced to many ways to stay fit as well as recording current fitness levels through fitness testing. They will be responsible for goal setting as well as reflecting on many fitness articles. Stress reduction techniques, such as yoga & meditation, will also be included. Students must be ready for activity every day and will need to dress accordingly for outdoor activities.

Health Education & First Aid Courses

Health and First Aid courses are not Physical Education courses and do not cover the Physical Education requirement to graduate.

Health

0.5 credit

Grade: 9

Course Description: Students in Health will have the opportunity to cover such topics as: drug education, nutrition, fitness, personal health, human growth and development, and character education. Any new and innovative ideas that are always happening in the health field will be taught to students as appropriate.

Advanced Health & Basic Lifesaving Skills

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Health

Course Description: This course will involve an in-depth exploration into 1) Health Care, 2) Nutrition, 3) Diseases, 4) Drug Crisis, 5) Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and 6) Alternative Medicine. This course will also cover Basic Life Saving Skills. People need to know what to do in an emergency before medical help arrives. It is important to be able to recognize emergencies and respond to them. This section of the course will prepare you to make appropriate decisions regarding first aid care and to act on those decisions. Areas to be covered will include: 1) life threatening emergencies, 2) injuries, 3) medical emergencies, 4) rescue techniques, and 5) self-rescue/survival. and to act on those decisions. This course will also emphasize the importance of a safe, healthy lifestyle. Areas to be covered will include: 1) life threatening emergencies, 2) injuries, 3) medical emergencies, 4) rescue techniques, and 5) healthy lifestyles. This course offers Basic Life Support CPR certification. It does not fulfill the P.E./Health requirement.

Officiating and Sports Management

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Genuine interest in officiating sports.

Course Description: This course will involve learning the art of officiating sports and managing competition. Students will become certified with the WIAA as an official for various sports we offer.



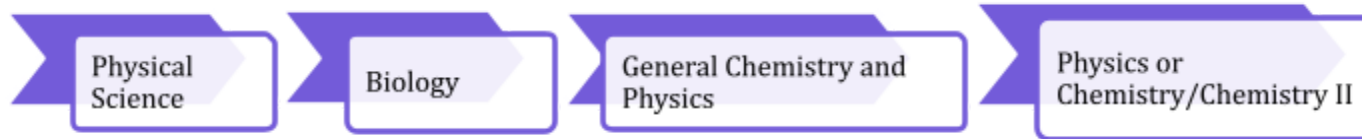
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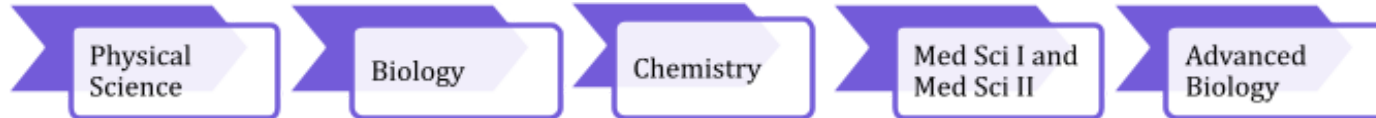
Three (3) credits of Science are required to graduate high school. Students at Ashland High School can expect a rich laboratory experience in all of our offerings.

* = *Course required for graduation*

Pathway for the student preparing for a 4-year college degree in STEM:



Pathway for the student preparing for a career in Healthcare



Pathway for the student preparing for Veterinarian:



Physical Science

1 credit

Grade: 9

Course Description: Physical Science is a basic introduction to physics and general chemistry. The concepts covered are as follows; matter and the general chemistry of matter, motion, forces and energy, heat energy, electricity and magnetism, as well as, sound and light. Learning methods include labs and projects with an emphasis on application of the concepts being taught.

Biology

1 credit

Grade: 10

Prerequisite(s): Physical Science. A student may take Biology in Grade 9 if they successfully completed summer Physical Science course or Physical Science during Grade 8.

Course Description: Biology is the study of life. In this course the student will investigate life and its requirements from the cellular level to the biosphere. Flow of energy, homeostasis, levels of organization and evolution will be stressed in all systems. Students will participate in various classroom activities and labs to provide hands-on opportunities for the exploration and understanding of concepts taught. Biology fulfills the state requirement of a minimum of one (1) credit of life science.

Advanced Biology

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Biology & 1 credit of Chemistry.

Course Description: Advanced Biology is intended for students looking to further their understanding of Biology Botany, Natural Resources, Wildlife and Wetland Ecology, Zoology, Conservation Biology, Microbiology, etc. and preparing for college level biology courses. Through this course, students will develop advanced inquiry and reasoning skills, along with problem solving and ability to think critically. This course is designed around the four big ideas in Biology. The big ideas encompass the core scientific principles, theories and processes governing living organisms and biological systems.

Earth Science

1 credit:

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Physical Science. This course may be taken concurrently with Biology if Physical Science grade was above a C.

Course Description: This high school science course in Earth and Space Sciences further develops student understanding of topics covered in middle school science, by providing them access with a comprehensive understanding of our planet, the solar system, and the interactions that shape our natural environment. During fall semester, students will start by exploring space, the solar system, and learning about stars and the universe. From there, students will end the semester with units covering Earth's atmosphere and weather. Spring semester will focus on the Earth itself, with students learning about rocks and minerals, Earth's interior and surface processes, and wrapping up with Earth's geologic history.

General Chemistry

1 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Physical Science

Course Description: General Chemistry is an elective course in science which studies matter and the changes it undergoes. The course provides learning opportunities in both the classroom and a lab setting and will provide great opportunities to grow as an academic learner. At the completion of this course, you will enhance your ability to think critically, analyze information, take notes, and improve studying habits: all essential characteristics required for students in all subject areas.

Chemistry II

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): General Chemistry

Course Description: Chemistry II is an elective course in science that is an extension beyond General Chemistry. The course overview will feature the main branches of chemistry: Solutions and Acids and Bases and Chemistry II. The course provides learning opportunities in both the classroom and a lab setting and will provide great opportunities to grow as an academic learner and provides the perfect gateway to Chemistry at the college level.

Physics

1 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Physical Science, recommended successful completion of Algebra I or currently enrolled in Algebra I

Course Description: In physics, students will investigate the relationship between matter and energy. Content areas include kinematics, dynamics, sound, light, optics, electricity, magnetism, and atomic and nuclear physics. The class includes a variety of learning methods including comprehensive laboratory work using computer-based technology, self-directed projects, and large and small group problem solving. Topics covered will require good math skills. Students intending to pursue college majors in the mathematical, physical and biological sciences or engineering will be served by this course.

Medical Science Exploration I

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Physical Science, Biology

Course Description: Medical Science Exploration I is designed to allow students to explore careers associated with medicine to develop an understanding of the variety of fields, required levels of education and preparation needed to be successful. In school class work will include medical terminology, and an overview of human anatomy and physiology. Students will also make a connection between knowledge of anatomy and physiology and real-world situations, including healthy lifestyle decisions and homeostatic imbalances. After the completion of class work, students may have an opportunity to rotate through a variety of laboratory positions at MMC. It is not required, but is strongly suggested that students planning on attending a 2 or 4-year college in pursuit of a medical career take general chemistry.

Medical Science Exploration II

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Physical Science, Biology, and Medical Science Exploration I

Course Description: This course is designed to provide students with a working understanding of the core skill standards that serve as the foundation for occupations and services across the healthcare industry as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD). In addition to continuing study in medical terminology and human anatomy and physiology, a number of students will have an opportunity to work with professionals in the medical field through a shadowing program at Tamarack Health Ashland Medical Center (AMC). The hospital practicum requires participants to receive Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training through Tamarack Health Ashland Medical Center, FLU vaccination and up to date vaccination history. It is not required, but is strongly suggested that students planning on attending a 2 or 4-year college in pursuit of a medical career take general chemistry.

Social Studies

Social Studies

Three (3) credits of Social Studies are required to graduate high school. US History A and B are **required during grades 9 and 10**, and a combination of electives to fulfill the one remaining credit.

Pathway for the student preparing for a 2 or 4-year college degree:

Most elective courses are excellent preparation for humanities and some specific majors. Students should be sure to talk with social studies department staff and guidance counselors for suggested options. Advanced Placement courses (AP) *may* earn college credit. Elective courses should be selected based on interest and relevance to the intended course of study. Many college-bound students take more than the minimum 3 credits.



Pathway for the student preparing to enter the workforce, military, apprenticeship or certification after high school:



United States History A

1 credit

Grade: 9

Course Description: U.S. History is a required course and is a survey of the history of the United States from First Nations to the US Civil War/Reconstruction. A large focus is the Foundation of the US government. In addition to the textbook, many supplemental resources are used to give students a broad appreciation of America's past and present. An emphasis is placed on critical thinking; writing; reading; and cooperative research and presentation skills.

United States History B

1 credit

Grade: 10

Prerequisites: United States History A

Course Description: U.S. History is a required course and is a survey of the history of the United States. In addition to the textbook, many supplemental resources are used to give students a broad appreciation of America's past and present. An emphasis is placed on reading, writing, listening, critical thinking, and research skills.

Economics

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: In Economics, students will examine basic concepts of scarcity, supply and demand, investments, credit, production, money and banking, business cycles, and comparative systems.

Psychology

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: Psychology is designed to introduce the study of human behavior. The main question addressed is, "Why do people do the things they do?" Topics explored in depth include memory, sensation and perception, thought, personality, emotions, brain physiology and functioning, and abnormal psychology and mental illness. This course stresses independent thinking and analysis with the desired outcome being application to, and understanding of, real life situations. This course is a useful background for a number of fields of study for college and two-year program students, including health care, business, marketing, and social sciences.

Sociology

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: The focus of Sociology is to help students gain an understanding and awareness of the social and cultural processes, which influence people's daily lives. Topics include: culture, groups, social structures and institutions (family, school, government, etc.), social problems (crime, poverty, racism etc.), and social change. This course will emphasize active participation and group work as course concepts are viewed through the lens of everyday life.

Legal Studies

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: Legal Studies is designed to promote an understanding of the legal system in our society and how it affects our daily lives. Topics covered include: Supreme Court landmark cases and the Bill of Rights; the role of law enforcement, lawyers and judges, the courts, and corrections and participation in a Mock Trial. Advanced debating, writing, and critical thinking skills will be emphasized.

Geography

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: Geography provides a basis for understanding the world we live in; its physical environment, its various peoples, the way they live, and the way they interact with their environment. The course follows a topical approach using the five themes of geography: place, region, movement, location, and environment. Topics will be presented with an emphasis on interpreting and applying information and critical thinking while deepening students' knowledge and understanding of the geographic themes.

Advanced Placement U.S. History

1 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): GPA of 3.0 or higher in Social Studies and English. Approval from instructor and agreement to complete pre-course work.

Successful completion of written assignment (admittance into AP English will suffice). Sophomores may substitute AP U.S. History for U.S. History provided they meet the above criteria and successfully complete the course work.

Course Description: The objective of AP U.S. History is to increase the student's understanding of United States history from "discovery" to the present. The course content will focus on developing the historical thinking skills categorized by the College Board as: Analyzing Sources and Evidence, Making Historical Connections, Chronological Reasoning, and Creating and Supporting a Historical Argument.

[AP courses are taught at a college level. Students will be given the option to take the AP exam and become eligible for college credit.](#)

Advanced Placement World History

1 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): GPA of 3.0 or higher in Social Studies and English. Approval from instructor and agreement to complete pre-course work.

Successful completion of written assignment (admittance into AP English will suffice). Sophomores may NOT substitute AP World History for Global Studies and are still required to fulfill their U.S. History course requirement).

Course Description: AP Modern World History covers world history from 1450 to the present. For each time period, knowledge of major developments that illustrate or link six thematic areas and the major civilizations of Africa, The Americas, Europe, and Asia is expected of the students. There is a significant amount of writing involved in the class, because the majority of the test involves written analysis of events. The course content will focus on developing the historical thinking skills categorized by the College Board as: Analyzing Sources and Evidence, Making Historical Connections, Chronological Reasoning, and Creating and Supporting a Historical Argument.

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Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics Independent Study Only (See Guidance Counselor)

1 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): U.S. History and approval of the instructor. Students may also be required to complete a brief essay and skills analysis.

Course Description: This college level elective course will give students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the U.S. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific examples.

[AP courses are taught at a college level. Students will be given the option to take the AP exam and become eligible for college credit](#)

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

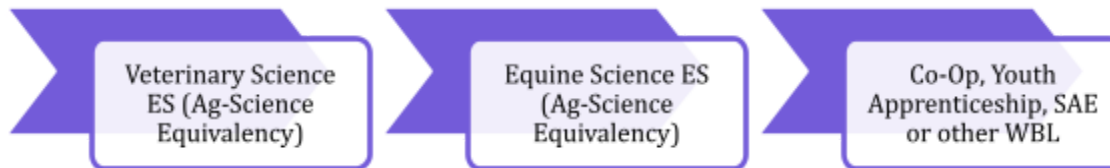
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Minimum of 2 courses needed to complete a pathway.

Plant Science Career Pathway:



Animal Science Career Pathway:



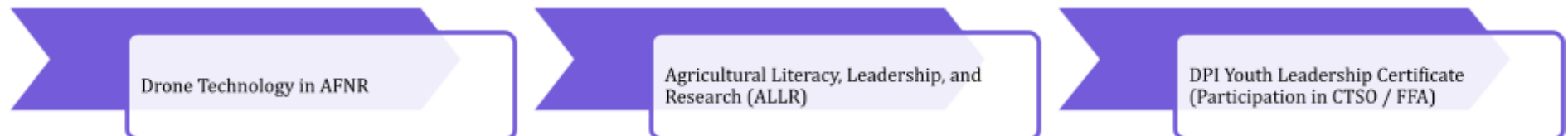
Environment & Natural Resources Career Pathway:



Agribusiness Career Pathway:



Agricultural Literacy, Leadership, and Research (ALLR):



Plant Sciences

Horticulture Basics (Dual Credit) 2025-26

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Approval from Ms. Naas

(Course #10-001-122/1 1 Credit / CVTC)

(Course #10-001-121/2 2 Credits / CVTC)

Course Description: Provides fundamental knowledge of plants including trees, fruits, vegetables, shrubs and grass. Students will learn about plant science which includes cells, plant classification, structures and propagation. A variety of careers will be explored including those in the landscape, plant and turf industry

Crops & Wildlife Habitat

0.5 credit

Grade 11 or 12 (*Approval from Ms. Naas*)

Course Description: This course will help the student learn many items involved with agricultural crop production and conservation plantings for wildlife. These skills include but are not limited to management practices, pest control, harvesting options and practices, economics, planting practices, seed and variety selection, etc.

Animal Science

Wildlife Management 2025-26

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Wildlife Management provides students with more in-depth exploration of wildlife management and the variety of careers associated with the industry. Students will explore topics such as wildlife habitat planning and management, wildlife conservation and history, and investigate Wisconsin wildlife species through laboratory experiences, field trips, guest speakers and student projects.

Foundations of Livestock & Equine Mgt (ES) 2026-27

Ag-Science Equivalency

1 credit

Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12

Course Description: Provides an overview of the equine & livestock industries. Use hands-on learning activities to understand the economics of the horse & livestock industries, recognize and describe equine breeds & livestock breeds, identify anatomy and physiology, recognize and describe animal conformation and movement, horse & livestock judging, reproduction systems and breeding, nutrition, health management strategies, feeds and grazing strategies, safe facilities, training techniques and financial aspects of the industries.

Veterinary Science (ES) 2025-26

Ag-Science Equivalency

1 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Biology

Course Description: Using a combination of traditional and hands-on learning techniques, students will have the opportunity to care for and study animals from the perspective of veterinary staff. Students will delve into anatomy and physiology, nutrition, sanitation, veterinary techniques, animal behavior and restraint, diseases, parasites and more. Field trips and guest speakers are common. Students may have the opportunity to shadow and/or volunteer at local veterinary clinics to apply the animal husbandry skills they will learn. This course is for science equivalency credit and both lab and traditional coursework are expected.

Environment & Natural Resources

Environment & Natural Resources (ES)

Ag-Science Equivalency

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: This class is for the high school student interested in his/her natural environment. It has been designed as an applied science to help the student become familiar with the proper management of our soil, water, wastes, forests, minerals, and fossil fuels. Students will explore and discuss current issues/events that pertain to natural resource use and management at the local, regional, state, national and global levels.

Forestry (ES) 2026-2027

Ag-Science Equivalency

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: Forestry will provide students with an opportunity to investigate the forest industry, including forest ecology, tree identification, land and forest management, invasive species management, wildlife management, wood characteristics and uses, harvesting and manufacturing of forest products and forest volume assessments resulting in a forest harvest plan for a shared forest plot

Drone Technology

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

Course Description: Learn to operate, maintain, and innovate with drones! This hands-on course covers flight skills, safety, and real-world applications in fields like agriculture, engineering, and environmental science.

Managing Soil for Food & Wildlife (Dual Credit)

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Approval from Ms. Naas

(Course #31080371 / 3 credits / Northwood Tech)

This course has a Transcribed Credit agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of “C” or better (on the Northwood Tech grading scale) earn technical college credit at no cost to the student. Transcribed Credit may transfer to other Wisconsin Technical and four-year colleges.

Course Description: Explore how soil health fuels food, habitats, and wildlife! Develop plans, interpret soil data, and become a land steward ensuring sustainable productivity and biodiversity.

Agribusiness

Docker Greenhouse & Floral

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: This course provides students with the knowledge and skills required to propagate, grow, and maintain a variety of plants for the different seasons. Also learn techniques to manage your own greenhouse for personal or small business purposes including inventory, wholesale and retail costs, income and small-scale production. Students will Investigate the floriculture industry and learn design techniques. Students will participate as working members of *Docker Greenhouse & Floral* student enterprise.

Aquaculture (ES)

Ag-Science Equivalency

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Investigate the cultivation and propagation of aquatic plants and animals. Students will manage an 800-gallon aquaculture system with an aquaponics component and maintain smaller tanks of ornamental fish. This is a hands-on course that relies on student work to raise fish for human consumption.

Farm Records & Analysis (Dual Credit)

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Approval from Ms. Naas

(Course #31080375 / 3 credits / Northwood Tech)

This course has a Transcribed Credit agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of “C” or better (on the Northwood Tech grading scale) earn technical college credit at no cost to the student. Transcribed Credit may transfer to other Wisconsin Technical and four-year colleges.

Course Description: This course emphasizes the practical use of a farm record system in managing the farm through farm and financial analysis. Includes the establishment of farm business goals, selection and use of farm credit, farm business arrangements, farm estate planning, and farm income taxes. Instruction is provided on the use of computers and/or computer records and financial analysis of the farm business and finance strategy to meet the learner's needs. Production and financial decisions will be made based on the learner's farm business analysis. All competencies will be assessed using the learner's farm or with simulations established by the instructor. Course information can be adapted to any pathway or business.

Certified Work-Based Learning Opportunities

Certified Youth Apprenticeship (YA)

1-2 credits: Year-long participation required. Maximum 2 credits toward graduation.

Grade: 11 and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Students must previously have been enrolled in an approved Agriculture pathway for this certification.

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

Up to 4 credits: Year -long participation required. Maximum 4 elective credits toward graduation in conjunction with pathway courses.

Grade: 9 - 12, FFA Membership Required

Prerequisite: Student must previously have been enrolled in an approved Agriculture pathway for this work-based learning opportunity & FFA membership

Non-Certified Work-Based Learning Opportunities

Internships

Hands-on experience building skills, exploring careers, and gaining real-world industry knowledge.

Job Shadows

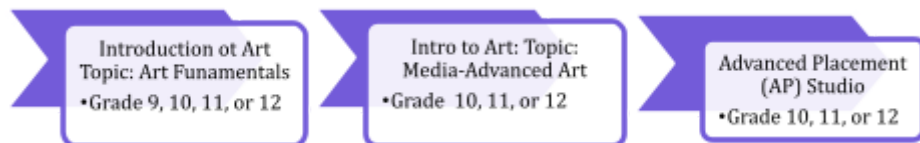
Explore career paths by observing professionals in real-world work environments.

Art & Design

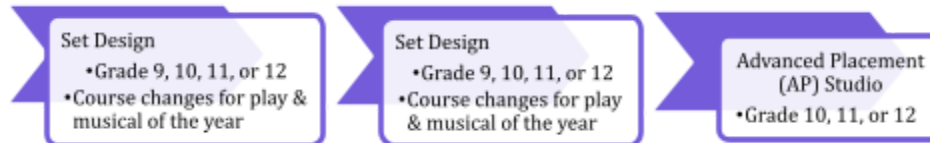
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Traditional Studio or College Track Pathways

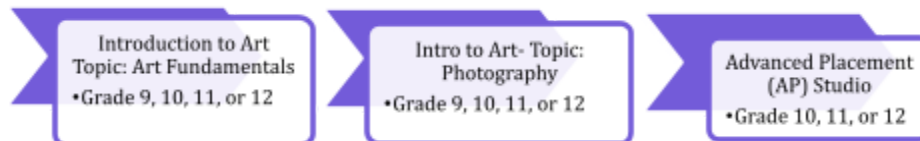
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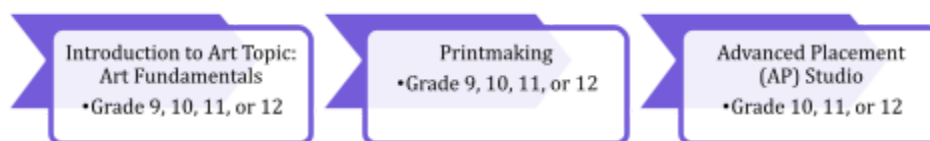
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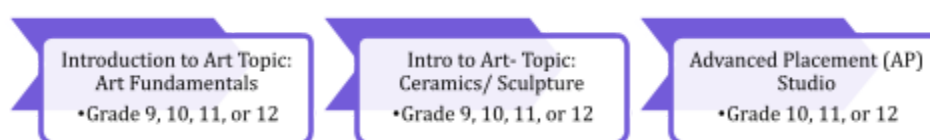
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Ceramicist or Sculptor:



Nontraditional Studio Track Pathways

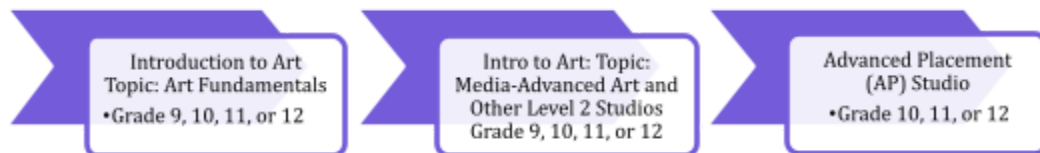
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3D Artist:



Art Education Track Pathway



Level 1 Art & Design Courses, No prerequisites

Introduction to Art – Art 101: Topic: Design Fundamentals (Replaces Art Appreciation)

0.5 credit: AHS Credit or [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

[Eligible for 3 UW-Superior Credits](#)

Course Description: (For non-Art majors) Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression.

This semester we will cover the following Media: Collage, chalk pastel, oil pastel, colored pencil, watercolor, Batik, acrylic paint, ceramics, drawing, image transfer. Note this course could transfer for an Art Major for the 200 level at UW-Superior

Set Design (Level 1 / Introductory Course)

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Course Description: Students will construct 3D props for the spring drama production. Students will use a variety of sculptural materials, including but not limited to paper, paper mache, plaster, wood, metals, textiles, and so on. Students will utilize their 2D skills to develop backdrops for scene changes and also add finishing touches to props and other items constructed for the scenes. Students will work primarily with pencil, acrylic paint, watercolor, paint marker and colored pencil for the 2D portion of this class.

Medieval Worlds (Level 1 / Introductory Course)

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Embark on a journey through time to unravel the rich tapestry of medieval civilizations and their enduring influence on our modern world. Far from being a mere footnote in history, the medieval centuries (ca. 350-1350) witnessed the vibrant emergence of Islamic, Byzantine, and West European culture, each leaving an indelible mark on the course of human progress. In this course, we delve deep into the heart of Western European medieval civilization, exploring its multifaceted dimensions- social, economic, political, and cultural through the lens of art with contemporary twists. We'll decipher the intricate layers of medieval society, understanding its evolution and impact on shaping our present-day landscape. From the towering spires of Gothic cathedrals to the intricate beauty of illuminated manuscripts, students will be guided through the diverse realms of medieval artistic expression. By examining architecture, sculpture, manuscripts and luxury arts, we'll uncover the stories woven into each artifact, revealing insights into the beliefs, values, and aspirations of medieval people.

Furniture Re-Purpose / Re-Fab (Level 1 / Introductory Course)

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Students will use 2D painting skills to alter the finishes on existing furniture. Students will work with chalk paint and acrylic paints primarily. Students utilize their 3D skills to fix or alter existing pieces of furniture. Students will complete 1-3 pieces of furniture for themselves depending on the size and complexity. Students will also complete at least one piece of furniture for one of the local thrift stores to sell. Stores could include the Shelter Shop or other local restore that is selling furniture for a nonprofit.

Beginning Photography (Level 1 / Introductory Course) 2026-2027

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Intro to Photography allows students to learn the elements of photographic composition by exploring and practicing each element by taking original photographs. Students will learn how to shoot artistic photos instead of just focusing on the content of the photos. The course is another pathway into Photography, which focuses on students developing their own style and shooting individualized photographic compositions.

Book Making & Mindfulness (Level 1 / Introductory Course)

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: This course is designed to acquaint students with the materials, concepts, techniques, and processes necessary to the practice of hand bookbinding and artist's books. By the end of this course, students will have the ability to generate ideas and explore the formal means of developing content, narrative structure, and sequencing within the context of book design. Students will learn a variety of bookbinding structures and be able to analyze and apply specific book actions and properties to successfully integrate conceptual and physical aspects to create a cohesive book that merges content and form. Students will become familiar with the visual, physical, and social aspects of book and print culture and have an awareness of the historical importance of the book in the dissemination of information.

World Art (Level 1 / Introductory Course) 2026-2027

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: In World Art students explore art from around the globe in a variety of forms and in their historical, cultural, and sociopolitical contexts. This course will emphasize the cultural meaning of the forms and the influence of art on society. Cultures/Countries may include: Japan, Africa, Peru, Ecuador, Ireland, France, Indonesia, and Native American: Ojibwe, Navajo, Hopi, and San Ildefonso.

Mask Making (Level 1 / Introductory Course) 2026-2027

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Mask Making focuses on the construction of masks to wear and/or display. Students will use a variety of materials including but not limited to clay, paper mache, plaster, plaster gauze, paper, and cardboard.

Level 2 Art & Design Courses, All courses have a prerequisite of a level 1 course

More Medieval Worlds (Level 2 / Advanced)

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Course Description: Join us on a captivating exploration of medieval art & civilization, where the echoes of the past reverberate with newfound resonance in the 21st century. Through a blend of historical analysis and creative interpretation, students will gain appreciation for the complexities of medieval civilization and its enduring legacy. By infusing ancient art forms with contemporary perspectives, we'll bridge the gap between past and present, illuminating the ongoing relevance of medieval cultures in our modern global society. Key themes include the devolution of the Roman Empire, the profound influence of Christianity on Western Europe, the genesis of the Byzantine world, the transformative rise of Islam, and the often-overlooked contributions of medieval women to history and culture.

Creating & Marketing Your For Sale Art & Commerce (Level 2 / Advanced Art)

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Course Description: Create art to sell after determining the market, supply & demand. Students will design a working website, business cards, and start a small business plan for their artwork. They will work with local artists and businesses whenever possible.

Printmaking (2D Course) 2026-2027

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Course Description: In printmaking students will explore a variety of relief, intaglio, monoprint, Collagraphy, Serigraphy (silkscreen) processes. Students will learn to operate the etching press, serigraphy press and pull prints by hand.

(This class cannot be dropped at semester)

Level 2 Art & Design Courses available for college credit. All courses have a prerequisite of a level 1 course.

Advanced Placement (AP) Studio – (Level 2, 3, & 4)

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Would allow for college credit with successful completion and submission of a portfolio

Course Description: The AP Studio Art Program consists of three different courses: 2-D Design, 3-D Design, and Drawing. You will work toward a submission of a portfolio exam for ONE of the two courses. Whichever one you choose, your goal will be to create a portfolio of college-level work and, at the end of the school year, submit it for evaluation instead of taking a written exam. A qualifying portfolio score can earn a college credit and/or advanced placement. In the winter through spring, you will upload digital images of your work online along with your commentary/documentation that describes your journey while you created your amazing work. In building the portfolio, you will experience a variety of concepts, techniques, art mediums, and approaches designed to help you demonstrate your abilities as well as your versatility with specific techniques, problem solving, and ideas. You will develop a body of work for the Sustained Investigation section of the portfolio that investigates an inquiry of personal interest to you.

Introduction to Art – Art 101: Topic: Media---Advanced Art – AP Studio Prep (Replaces Creative Comprehensive)

0.5 credit AHS Credit or [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Eligible for 3 UW-Superior Credits

Course Description: (For non-Art majors) Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. This course provides students with the knowledge and opportunity to explore an art form and to create individual works of art. This course may also provide a discussion and exploration of career opportunities in the art world. Initial course covers the language, materials, and processes of a particular art form and the design elements and principles supporting a work of art. As students advance and become more adept, the instruction regarding the creative process becomes more refined, and students are encouraged to develop their own artistic styles. Although this course focuses on creation, students will also study major artists, art movements, and styles.

Introduction to Art – Art 101: Topic: Media---Fibers & Collage

0.5 credit AHS Credit or [College Credit Available](#)

Grade, 10, 11, or 12

[Eligible for 3 UW-Superior Credits, with a C or better](#)

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Course Description: (For non-Art majors) Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression.

This semester we will cover the following Media: Loom Weaving - Interlocking fibers via loom mechanisms; includes experience with fabric structures, fiber characteristics and the effective use of color. Topic: Off-Loom Fibers - Primary structures through a variety of manipulation techniques; may include primitive forms of weaving, felting, basketry and dyeing. Introduction to the discipline of collage. Emphasis on creating unified visual statements with a variety of forms.

Introduction to Art-Art 101: Topic: Photography (Level 2 / Advanced Art)

0.5 credit or [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

[Eligible for 3 UW-Superior Credits, with a C or better](#)

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Course Description: (For non-Art majors) Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. *This semester we will cover the following Media: Photography*

Photography exposes students to the materials, processes, and artistic techniques of taking artistic photographs. Students learn about the basic operation of the camera, composition, lighting techniques, and depth of field, filters, camera angles, and film development. As students advance, the instruction regarding the creative process becomes more refined, and students are encouraged to develop their own artistic style. This course will also cover major photographers, art movements, and styles.

Introduction to Art -Art 101: Topic: Painting & Drawing (Level 2 / Advanced Art)

0.5 credit or [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

[Eligible for 3 UW-Superior Credits, with a C or better](#)

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Course Description: (For non-Art majors) Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. *This semester we will cover the following Media: Painting & Drawing*

Drawing/Painting focuses on drawing and painting. In keeping with this attention on two-dimensional work, students typically work with several media (such as pen-and-ink, pencil, chalk, watercolor, tempera, oils, acrylics, and so on), but some courses may focus on only one medium.

Introduction to Art-Art 101: Topic: Sculpture / Ceramics (Level 2 / Advanced Art)

0.5 credit or [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

[Eligible for 3 UW-Superior Credits, with a C or better](#)

Prerequisite(s): Level 1 course

Course Description: (For non-Art majors) Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. Introduction to the field of Visual Art through a studio experience. Includes demonstrations, lectures and critiques planned to develop an appreciation of art as well as understanding media as a vehicle of expression. *This semester we will cover the following Media: Painting & Drawing*

Sculpture courses focus on creating three-dimensional works. Students typically work with several media (such as clay, ceramics, wood, metals, textiles, and so on), but some courses may focus on only one medium.

Business, IT & Marketing

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Finance and Career Studies

0.5 credit: [This course meets the requirements for graduation](#)

Grade: 11 or 12

Course Description: This course will teach students the essentials of responsibly and effectively managing their money, and developing employability skills. Students will develop a practical knowledge of personal finance and career power skills. Topics include: Behavioral finance, taxes, saving, checking, spending, credit scores, credit cards, loans, managing credit, investing, college and career

Business Technology Applications

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: This course is designed to assist students in developing technological proficiencies demanded by business. The course should utilize various forms of input technologies to cover units of instruction that may include word processing applications, spreadsheet development, database management, presentations, electronic communications, internet services, graphics, desktop publishing, basic web design, interactive media, ethical issues, and careers in business using technology applications. Students may be given opportunities for completing industry certification requirements.

Business Essentials

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: This is a core course designed to give students an overview of the Business, Marketing and Finance Career Cluster occupations. Students will develop an understanding of how academic skills in mathematics, economics, and written and oral communications are integral components of success in these occupations. Students will examine current events to determine their impact on business and industry and legal and ethical behavior, acquire knowledge of safe and secure environmental controls to enhance productivity, determine how resources should be managed to achieve company goals, and identify employability and personal skills needed to obtain a career and be successful in the workplace. As students learn about the different types of business ownership, they will interpret industry laws and regulations to ensure compliance, identify principles of business management, and analyze business practices to determine ethics and social responsibilities. Students that want to run their own business, work in a family business or work in big business would benefit from this course

Marketing A / B or A & B

0.5 or 1 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Throughout this course you will learn the fundamentals of business and marketing. This class focuses on current topics in business and marketing including the 4 P's: Product, Price, Place & Promotion. It is a project-based business course. The class also includes topics on retail sales, business presentations, management, entrepreneurship, ethics, career exploration, and business and marketing plans.

Introduction to Health Science

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: Do you have what it takes to be a healthcare provider? This course offers an exploration of the medical and health-related professions. There are endless opportunities and benefits to working in the largest and fastest growing industry, Health Care. Learn about the healthcare system, infection control, vital signs, CPR, medical law and much more. This class will prepare you for a future in health care. Challenge yourself to see if you have what it takes.



Family & Consumer Science

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All Pathways lead to 2- year college and / or 4- year college degrees. Some pathways lead to certifications through NTC programs or DPI certificates.

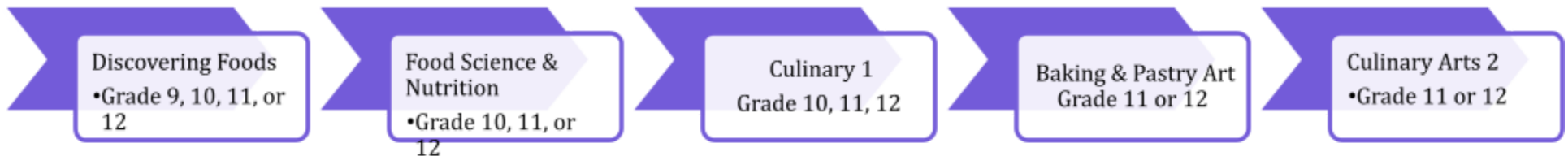
Teaching, Child Care, or Related Child-Centered Occupations Pathway:



Visual Arts Career (Fashion, Retail Merchandising, Interior Design, etc.) Pathway:



Restaurant / Hospitality Career (Food Service, Hospitality Service, Tourism, etc.) Pathway:



Discovering Foods

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

\$10.00 Class Fee

Course Description: Students will learn safety, teamwork, basic food preparation techniques, food selection, storage and safe handling practices, function of ingredients and nutritional needs throughout the life cycle. Learning activities include food labs (quick breads, fruits and vegetables, casseroles and more), inquiry activities, projects, assignments and tests. This course would be helpful for students interested in developing life skills or for students interested in careers such as human development, health sciences and hospitality where knowledge of nutrition and/or food preparation is beneficial.

Culinary 1

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

\$10.00 Class Fee

Prerequisite(s): Discovering Foods with a B or 3 or better (not concurrent)

Course Description: Culinary Arts 1 is a hands-on exploration of the food service industry. This course will cover basic food production concepts such as safety and sanitation, quantity food production, and sharpen kitchen skills. Multiple opportunities in the kitchen laboratory will enhance student learning through application. Industry recognized credentials - Servsafe Food Handler will be included in the course.

Culinary 2

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

\$10.00 Class Fee

Prerequisite(s): Culinary 1 with a B or 3 or better (not concurrent)

Course Description: The purpose of this class is to help students refine food preparation and management skills for entry level food service positions. This course provides food service competencies in the areas of food safety, sanitation and food preparation techniques. Students will plan, prepare and serve food in the classroom restaurant, the "OreDock Café," as part of a simulated occupational experience. Students will also explore international Cuisines. There will be lab experiences, simulations, projects, assignments and tests.

Baking & Pastry Arts

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

\$10.00 Class Fee

Prerequisite(s): Discovering Foods with a B or 3 or better (not concurrent)

Course Description: Baking & Pastry Arts prepares you for successful careers as baking and pastry professionals through building a strong foundation of principles and skills, and then using specific applications and recipes. Once these techniques are understood and practiced, you will be able to prepare a wide array of baked goods, pastries, and confections. Students will also explore gluten-free baking recipe planning and preparation, as well as altering and preparing recipes to address other allergies and/or dietary restrictions.

Child Development

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Health

Course Description: This is an ideal course for students who want to pursue a career that will involve working with children or for students who are planning to have children someday. Students will learn about the importance of family structure, effective parenting strategies and child development beginning with conception and moving through birth, infancy, toddlerhood, pre-school and school-age. Students will gain valuable insights and understanding of the sequence of physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of children. This course is a prerequisite for the ACCT course.

Assist Childcare Teacher Certification (ACCT)

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Child Dev I with a B or better. Students must be the age of 17 by the completion of the course.

[Course #10307148 / 3 credits / Northwood Tech](#)

[This course has an Advanced Standing agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of "B" or better \(on the high school's grading scale\) and enroll in a program at Northwood Tech where the class is required may have Advanced Standing credits applied at no cost.](#)

Course Description: Assistant Childcare Teacher (ACCT) is a course designed to expose students to the joy of working with young children. The focus of this course will be to develop and apply teaching practices appropriate for the developing infant, toddler, and preschool-aged children. Upon successful completion, students will earn a DPI certificate that will allow them to work in a child care facility prior to the age of 18. Students must be 17 by the completion of the course.

Design I

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

[\\$10.00 Class Fee](#)

Course Description: The focus of this course is the elements and principles of design. Areas of study are the history of housing styles, floor plans, furniture design, interior surface materials and green construction. Additional emphasis on fashion, clothing, and how basic design principles impact our everyday clothing choices will also be included in this course for a great combination. This course along with Design II meets the requirements for Co-op.

Design II

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

[\\$10.00 Class Fee](#)

Prerequisite(s): Design I

Course Description: Design II continues with the concepts covered in the Design I course. This advanced design course will expand the fashion focused curriculum to include apparel production, design, textile arts, fashion service, merchandising communication and education as well as the additions of architecture and landscaping to enhance the interior design concepts covered in previous courses. Students interested in the fashion careers industry and/or housing design would benefit from taking this class.

Textile Arts / Fashion Merchandising

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

\$10.00 Class Fee

Prerequisite(s): Design I

Course Description: Textile Arts is a project-based course. Students will create items from sewing, knitting, etc. Creating items for personal use as well as for community purchase will be prominent aspects of this course. They will need to be able to purchase supplies for personal items. Sale item supplies will be provided. The exploration of fashion merchandising and sales will be included in the course.

Independent Living

0.5 credit

Grade 11,12

Course Description : Independent Living is a course designed to equip students with the essential knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in the transition from adolescence to adulthood. The focus of the course will be on practical skills that empower individuals to lead independent and successful lives. (Meets district graduation requirement for financial literacy.)

Music

Music

Show Choir

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Must audition

Course Description: Show Choir is an auditioned group of student singers, grades 9-12, that focuses on vocal skills and technique, specifically in the styles of classic and contemporary popular music, musical theater, vocal jazz, and a cappella. The group performs in school concerts and also represents Ashland High School in festivals and other events that require some overnight travel. The class focuses on vocal production and performance techniques, breath support, choreography, stamina, music reading, performance skills. There will also be a required show choir camp in the month of August to prepare the show for the year. Students will also be required to participate in lessons during the school day. Show choir members will also have the option to prepare and perform solos and small group ensemble pieces at the District Solo / Ensemble Festival.

Wind Ensemble

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Teacher Recommendation - Auditioned Group

Course Description: Curriculum for the Concert Band will be similar to that of Band, to include more advanced and difficult pieces. Wind Ensemble members will be expected to attend all mandatory performances, including summer dates.

Concert Choir

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Course Description: Concert Choir provides the means for students to be part of a high-quality vocal performance ensemble and is open to any high school student interested in singing. This mixed choral group performs a variety of styles of music for concerts, festivals, and other events. Students will learn proper breathing technique, phonation, expression and music theory and music history. Students will also be required to participate in individual and small group lessons during the school day.

Concert Band

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Participation in instrument instruction in grades 6-8 (generally)

Course Description: Those students electing the course will participate in, and contribute to, the Marching Band, Pep Band, and Concert Band formats of wind/percussion ensembles. Students will also be given individual and small group instrumental instruction to help them meet performance requirements of the various formats as well as their own particular performance goals, music contests, honor bands and small ensembles. Students are expected to attend all mandatory performances, including summer dates. Students will become a part of an individual lesson schedule that will allow for Weekly (Bi-weekly) lessons.

Jazz Ensemble

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Member of Band, Choir, or Orchestra at AHS. Must audition to be a part of the Jazz Ensemble.

Course Description: Jazz Band is an elective class with the prerequisites being this; any student who is also participating in Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, Choir, or Concert Choir. Students in this class will study all styles of jazz music including swing, big band, be-bop, funk, and rock. Along with playing these styles there will be time spent listening to different jazz artists playing these styles. Students will also learn to improvise and have ample opportunity to do so. Students will be expected to memorize major, mixolydian, Dorian, and blues scales along with a transcription or writing arrangements. There will be several concerts throughout the school year and a possible trip to a jazz festival. Students will become a part of an individual lesson schedule that will allow for Bi-Weekly lessons (4 per quarter).

Orchestra

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Participation in instrument instruction in grades 6-8 (generally)

Course Description: This course is open to any student who can demonstrate sufficient competency on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, string bass or piano). Emphasis is placed on each musician's continued mastery of playing skills and increased knowledge of music history and theory. In addition to daily rehearsals, each student will be given individual lessons to help increase technical ability and further individual skills. Students are also asked to complete at least one written, taped or computer assisted project in music history or theory each semester. Students are expected to attend all mandatory performances.

Music Theory A & B

0.5 or 1 credit: Students may take A (or B) for 0.5 credit. You may take a second semester for an additional 0.5 credit. To complete a 3rd or 4th semester talk with your counselor/instructor.

Grade: 9, 10, 11, and / or 12

Prerequisite(s): Participation in musical instruction from grades 6-12

Course Description: Learning the science of music. Studying sound waves & intervals of music, chord structure, composition, culture, and how music is formed for different ensembles. This is an advanced music course for the music lover. It is highly recommended to have a strong understanding of notes/rhythms and the layout of a piano.

Technology & Engineering Education

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Preparing for Architecture & Construction Pathway:



Preparing for Entrepreneurial / Manufacturing Pathway:



Preparing Electricity / Electronics Pathway:

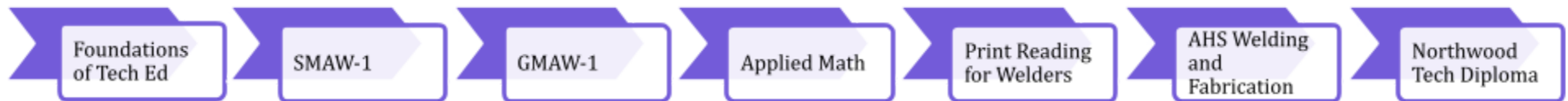


Preparing for Engineering Pathway:



Preparing for Welding and Metal Fabrication Pathway:

Northwood Tech Welding Academy *Includes SMAW-1, GMAW-2, Print Reading for Welders & Tech Math*



Preparing for Machine Tool Pathway:



Foundations of Tech Education

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

\$20.00 Class Fee

Course Description: Students will engage in a fast paced, activity rich, semester long course that provides fundamental knowledge and concepts that will be built upon in later CTE courses at Ashland High School. Students will take an active role in this course and their learning through design, measurement, planning, sketching, computer aided drafting, prototyping, and testing. These skills will be developed and honed through a variety of topic areas including, but not limited to; transportation, manufacturing, construction, and engineering.

Building Construction

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): DIY with a C or better

\$20.00 Class Fee

Course Description: This semester-long course takes a systems approach to light building construction with emphasis on employability skills and habits, building materials, math and measurement, and safe and effective tool techniques and practices. Class and individual projects will take place inside and outside on and off school grounds. OSHA 10 hour certificate will be obtained.

Advanced Construction

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Building Construction

\$20.00 Class Fee

Course Description: Semester course is tailored to students interested in pursuing careers in the construction trades. Students will work with instructors, industry, and community to plan, manage, and complete a construction project, while gaining industry knowledge as well as leadership and management skills. Students will have the opportunity to train and become certified with industry recognized credentials. Class and individual projects will take place inside and outside, on and off of school grounds.

Material Processing - Woodworking I

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

\$20.00 Class Fee

Prerequisite(s): DIY with a C or better, Foundations of Tech Education

Course Description: Semester-long course designed for students interested in developing a skill in woodworking. Students will learn to use hand and machine tools safely, and explore the mechanical and physical properties of wood & its performance. Design, measured drawings, set-up and operation of a wide range of machines & equipment, and finishing techniques will be covered. Students will design, construct and finish furniture and cabinetry projects covering an array of joinery and construction techniques.

Material Processing - Woodworking II

0.5 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

\$20 Class Fee

Prerequisite(s): Material Processing – Woodworking I

Course Description: Semester-long course designed for students interested in advancing their skill in woodworking beyond materials processing I. Students will continue to develop design and measured drawings skills, along with joinery techniques using both hand tools and power equipment. Students will continue to explore the mechanical and physical properties of wood & its performance with advanced projects involving steam bending, laminating, and CNC equipment. Students will design and build both individual projects and participate in group projects.

Oredocker Manufacturing

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Engineering Basics & Material Processing - Woodworking

\$20.00 Class Fee

Course Description: This course is a semester elective designed for all 11-12 grade students interested in exploring manufacturing technologies with practical applications in a student-led custom production business. During this course, students analyze manufacturing materials and processes, apply the principles of design and problem solving, explore personal interests and abilities related to manufacturing and engineering careers, and run an authentic business.

This Technology and Engineering Education capstone course provides students with the opportunity to apply advanced manufacturing, design, and business skills through participation in a student-run enterprise. Working as part of a production team, students take on authentic roles in design, fabrication, quality assurance, marketing, and project management while fulfilling real customer orders. Emphasizing work-based learning, the course integrates technical competencies with employability skills such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Students are expected to demonstrate professional responsibility, safety awareness, and continuous improvement in all aspects of production.

This experience prepares students for postsecondary education and careers in manufacturing, engineering, and related technical fields. Enrollment requires teacher approval and a strong commitment to collaborative, project-based learning.

Northwood Tech Welding Academy, Engineering & Manufacturing

Shield Metal Arc 1 (SMAW-1)

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

[\\$20.00 Course Fee](#)

Prerequisite(s): Foundations of Technology Education or DIY or Instructor Approval

Northwood Tech Course #31442373-3 Credits/Northwood Tech.

This course has a Transcribed Credit agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of "C" or better (on the Northwood Tech grading scale) earn technical college credit at no cost to the student. Transcribed Credit may transfer to other Wisconsin Technical and four-year colleges.

Course Description: This course is a semester elective designed for all 10-12 grade students to explore the metal manufacturing industry and career pathways associated with it. This course introduces the student to the basics of SMAW welding. It includes the study of the type of metals and equipment utilized when welding. The instruction emphasizes accepted applications in butting and joining metals utilizing standard welding techniques.

Gas Metal Arc 1 (GMAW-1)

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11 or 12

[\\$20.00 Course Fee](#)

Prerequisite(s): SMAW-1

Northwood Tech Course #31442370 -3 credits / Northwood Tech

This course has a Transcribed Credit agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of "C" or better (on the Northwood Tech grading scale) earn technical college credit at no cost to the student. Transcribed Credit may transfer to other Wisconsin Technical and four-year colleges

Course Description: This course is a semester elective designed for all 10-12 grade students that will further develop and hone fundamental skills. This course introduces the student to the basics of GMAW welding operations. It includes the study of the type of metals and equipment utilized in welding. The instruction emphasizes accepted applications in butting and joining metals utilizing standard industry techniques.

Engineering Basics

0.5 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Algebra with a C or better

Course Description: In this course, students use 3D solid modeling design software to help them design solutions to solve proposed problems. Students will learn how to document their work and communicate solutions to peers and members of the professional community. The major focus of the IED course is to expose students to the design process, research and analysis, teamwork, communication methods, global and human impacts, engineering standards and technical documentation.

CAD Basics

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Geometry (may be concurrently enrolled) & Engineering Basics

[Northwood Tech Course #32420338-1 credit / Northwood Tech](#)

This course has a Transcribed Credit agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of “C” or better (on the Northwood Tech grading scale) earn technical college credit at no cost to the student. Transcribed Credit may transfer to other Wisconsin Technical and four-year colleges.

Course Description: This survey course of engineering exposes students to some of the major concepts they’ll encounter in a postsecondary engineering course of study. Students have an opportunity to investigate engineering and high-tech careers and to develop skills and understanding of course concepts. Students employ engineering and scientific concepts in the solution of engineering design problems. They develop problem-solving skills and apply their knowledge of research and design to create solutions to various challenges. Students also learn how to document their work and communicate their solutions to peers and members of the professional community.

AHS Welding & Fabrication

0.5 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Metals I

Course Description: Students will use their accumulated knowledge in a business-like setting to find saleable projects and then design the project using CAD, working with welding prints, creating materials lists, order materials, figure out costs, and build the project. a simulation or to students to model the experiences that civil engineers and architects face. Students work in teams, exploring hands-on activities and projects to learn the characteristics of civil engineering and architecture. In addition, students use 3D design communicating their solutions to their peers and members of the professional community of civil engineering.

Print Reading- Welding Trades

0.5 credit: [College Credit Available](#)

Grade 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): SMAW-1 & GMAW-1

[Northwood Tech Course #31442321-](#)

This course has a Transcribed Credit agreement with Northwood Tech. Students receiving a grade of “C” or better (on the Northwood Tech grading scale) earn technical college credit at no cost to the student. Transcribed Credit may transfer to other Wisconsin Technical and four-year colleges.

Course Description: Orthographic projection, sketching, dimensioning, section and auxiliary views, structural shape identification, weld symbols, welding symbol nomenclature, welded joint geometry, metric conversion, and interpretation of fabrications from prints.

Machine Tool

2 credits: Year-long Block Course

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Approval by Guidance Department Head and School Principal

Course Description: Machine Tool operators shape metal to precise dimensions by the use of machine tools. Skilled operators perform complex and varied machining operations. Students who wish to take Machine Tool must have a high level of skill with potential for further advancement in this area of work. Students who have not put forth a high-level of academic excellence in other classes as well will not be considered unless it is determined that the course will be of great benefit to the student.

Technology & Engineering Work-Based Learning

1-2 credits: Year-long Co-Op or Youth Apprenticeship (YA)

Ashland High School offers Cooperative Work Experience that results in skill certification through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Career and Technical Education Program. Students have the opportunity to work in a career pathway, earn money at that job and learn valuable 21st Century Skills that will benefit them in any career that they choose. Currently

we have 4 Career Pathways available for Co-Op learning – Agriculture,

Food & Natural Resources, Human Services, Health Science Technology, Business Management and Administration (Ag, HERO & Marketing areas at AHS).

To be eligible for enrollment in the Co-Op Program, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be of senior standing in credits for Co-Op
2. Junior or Senior Status for Youth Apprenticeship (YA)
3. Have completed at least one credit of coursework in the pathway you choose to work in
4. Show a career interest in the pathway of choice
5. Must have a “C” average or better (no failed courses)
6. Have approval of the appropriate CTE teacher (Ag, Marketing, FACS) or for Youth Apprenticeship (YA) talk to the Tech Teacher.

Please contact student services or any instructor in the Career and Technical Education Department at Ashland High School for additional information.



World Languages

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Ojibwe I

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: In Ojibwe I, the emphasis is on communication in real-life situations. Students are graded based on what they can understand, say, read, and write at a beginning level. Ojibwe culture is explored through music, art, magazines, film and food.

Ojibwe II

1 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Ojibwe I

Course Description: In Ojibwe II, the emphasis continues to be on both written and oral work with regular testing. Every effort is made to encourage students to participate voluntarily in general conversation. There is more emphasis on reading. Students will experience Ojibwe culture through music, videos, art and food.

Ojibwe III

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Ojibwe II, Ojibwe III and Ojibwe IV are often combined into one class.

Course Description: In Ojibwe III, the class will be conducted as much as possible by speaking Ojibwe. Continued review of grammar is necessary in order to retain and perfect those concepts previously introduced. Students are constantly encouraged to involve themselves in the target language in speaking, reading, writing and listening. Knowledge of the literature, history and peoples of the Ojibwe speaking world is expanded, especially through reading, films, and food.

Ojibwe IV

1 credit

Grade: 12

Prerequisite(s): Ojibwe III, Ojibwe III and Ojibwe IV are often combined into one class.

Course Description: In this class students will strive to communicate in Ojibwe with each other in order to further their ability to express opinions and abstract ideas. Through literature, art, music, film and cultural traditions, including food, students will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Ojibwe speaking world. Materials for study will be drawn from a variety of sources including newspaper articles, short stories, audio and printed magazines, feature films and documentaries in Ojibwe. Learners will improve their speaking and writing skills by means of conversations, dramatizations, essays and journal entries, while increasing their interpretive ability with listening comprehension and reading activities. Grammar use will be reviewed and expanded in order to refine communicative ability.

Spanish I

1 credit

Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Course Description: In Spanish I, the emphasis is on communication in real-life situations. Students are graded based on what they can understand, say, read, and write at a beginning level. Hispanic culture is explored through music, art, magazines, film and food. Spanish I is open to all students who are in their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year of high school. All students taking Spanish I learn the fundamentals of the Spanish language. Spanish will be taught through conversation, reading, storytelling, and grammar lessons. Music and movement are also used to help teach the language and about the cultures of various Spanish-speaking countries. Students will be graded on class participation, and daily work, assessments. This class helps college-bound students in meeting entrance requirements, and students not planning to attend college will have the opportunity to learn a marketable skill.

Spanish II

1 credit

Grade: 10, 11, or 12

Prerequisite(s): Spanish I

Course Description: In Spanish II, learners continue to develop communication skills by listening, reading, speaking and writing in a student-centered environment. Formative and summative performance assessments measure progress. Learners are expected to speak Spanish in class, using English only for clarification. The goal is to use Spanish, expand knowledge of the language and acquire information about the Spanish-speakers, while making comparisons and connections within our community and the world. Learners will experience Hispanic culture through music, videos, films, art and food.

Spanish III

1 credit

Grade: 11 or 12

Prerequisite(s): Spanish II

Course Description: In Spanish III, learners will be able to express themselves and communicate with each other in Spanish. By building on prior knowledge about the language and culture, learners will be able to become better users of the language and perform with greater fluency in culturally appropriate ways, understanding more and feeling more secure about their skills. Learners will enjoy authentic images and written texts in a variety of media.

Spanish IV

1 credit

Grade: 12

Prerequisite(s): Spanish III

Course Description: In Spanish IV, learners will deepen their understanding of how the language works. They will be able to express themselves and with increased proficiency. Through films, literature and other forms of authentic media, learners will improve their reading and writing skills. Learners will achieve the ability to talk with native speakers and each other with confidence. After four years of Spanish, AHS graduates will be able to test out of college Spanish classes and get university credits at some institutions.

Additional Academic & Career Planning / College & Career Supports

Independent Study

Independent study is available under certain conditions. Student participation is determined through mutual consent of the student, teacher, and counselor with approval of the administration. Student selection of an independent study course should stem from a previous course, area of study or other student experience. Contact the ACC center for specific information.

Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) Courses

The Ashland Online Educational Option is available for students in grades 4K - 12. Providing students with an online learning option helps the district meet the needs of all students. Online learning may be utilized by all students across the learning spectrum. (Special education students may take online classes if included in their IEP.) Talk to a school counselor for more information.

Work-Based Learning (WBL)

Work Experience programs at AHS are considered capstone courses where students are learning employment skills in their chosen pathway. Students must take courses in their pathway and agree to requirements outlined by the work-based learning program they are joining. Students may not work during times that they are required to be in school, unless they are in a work-based learning and/or career exploration program operated by the school. Ashland High School's approved programs are:

- **Wisconsin DPI Cooperative Education Occupational Skill Standards Certificate Program**
 - The Co-Op Program is a dynamic & rigorous educational initiative designed to provide high school students with hands-on, real-world learning experiences in various career pathways. This program offers students the opportunity to integrate classroom learning with practical work experience, fostering personal and professional growth while preparing them for future careers. The Wisconsin DPI Cooperative Education Skill Standards Certificate Program is offered to seniors in Marketing, Animal Science, Plant Science, and Family and Consumer Science (HERO/Medical Science).
- **Youth Apprenticeship (YA)**
 - The Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program is a dynamic educational initiative designed to provide high school students with hands-on, real-world learning experiences in various career pathways. This program offers students the opportunity to integrate classroom learning with practical work experience, fostering personal and professional growth while preparing them for future careers.

Registered Apprenticeship

- Several programs in Youth Apprenticeship (YA) or Cooperative Education can serve as introductions to existing Registered Apprenticeship programs. When possible, DWD has created crosswalks between the two programs to help employers understand similarities and differences.

WBL Program Components

Work-Based Learning: The core of the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program is work-based learning. Students engage in on-the-job training with experienced professionals and mentors within their chosen industry. Apprentices are required to complete 450 hours of work-based learning for a one-year program and 900 hours for a two-year program mapped to one of [75 different apprenticeships](#) with On the Job Learning Guides falling under [16 different career pathways](#).

Mentorship: Each student is paired with a mentor or supervisor who guides and evaluates their progress throughout the apprenticeship. Mentors provide valuable insights, feedback, and support to help students succeed in their chosen field.

Related Classroom Instruction: Students receive related classroom instruction equivalent to two semester courses or one full-year course while enrolled in Youth Apprenticeship (YA). This instruction covers essential theoretical knowledge, industry-specific concepts, and relevant skills.

Program Goals for YA & Certified CoOp:

- Develop practical skills and knowledge related to the chosen career pathway.
- Gain a deep understanding of industry-specific practices and standards.
- Acquire valuable workplace skills, including communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- Build a professional network and establish industry connections.
- Prepare for post-secondary education, including opportunities for dual credit.
- Enhance employability and career readiness.

YA Program Duration:

- **Level One** - A youth apprenticeship consisting of one year of employment (at least 450 hours) and related instruction (at least two semester-long courses) which can be completed during the junior or senior year of high school.
- **Level Two** - A youth apprenticeship consisting of two years of employment (at least 900 hours) and related instruction (at least four semester-long courses) which takes place during the apprentice's junior and senior years of high school.

Certified CoOp Duration:

- **Seniors** - A certified CoOp consisting of one year of employment (at least 450 hours) and related instruction (at least two semester-long courses) which can be completed during the junior or senior year of high school and must not include required classes.

Credit Hours:

The Youth Apprenticeship Program typically spans one or two academic years while the Certified CoOp program spans one academic year, depending on the pathway and local program requirements. Students may earn both high school credits and, in some cases, college credits through dual enrollment opportunities. More info is available here for, [Technical college](#) credit, [UW College](#) credit and may count towards [adult registered apprenticeship credit](#)

Course Pathway Titles

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR)

- This pathway provides hands-on experience in agriculture, food production, and natural resource management. Apprentices will learn about crop cultivation, animal care, environmental conservation, and sustainable farming practices.

Architecture and Construction

- In this pathway, apprentices will gain practical skills in architecture and construction. They will learn about architectural design, blueprint reading, construction techniques, and project management while working on real construction projects. Potential Employers would include:

Arts, Audio Visual Technology, and Communications

- This pathway focuses on the creative arts and communication industries. Apprentices will explore areas such as graphic design, audiovisual technology, journalism, and marketing to develop their artistic and communication skills.

Business Administration

- Apprentices in this pathway will gain knowledge and skills in business administration. They will learn about office management, financial analysis, marketing strategies, and customer service to prepare for careers in business.

Education

- The education pathway provides aspiring educators with the opportunity to work in educational settings. Apprentices will assist teachers, develop lesson plans, and gain insights into classroom management and curriculum development.

Finance

- This pathway is ideal for those interested in finance and economics. Apprentices will learn about financial analysis, investment strategies, banking operations, and financial planning to prepare for roles in the finance sector.

Health Science

- This pathway will explore the healthcare industry. They will gain exposure to medical procedures, patient care, health administration, and medical terminology to prepare for careers in health science.

Hospitality and Tourism

- This pathway offers hands-on experience in the hospitality and tourism sector. Apprentices will learn about hotel management, event planning, customer service, and tourism marketing.

Information Technology

- IT apprenticeships focus on technology and computer-related careers. Apprentices will gain skills in programming, network administration, cybersecurity, and IT support to prepare for roles in the tech industry.

Manufacturing

- This pathway is centered around manufacturing and production processes. Apprentices will learn about manufacturing techniques, quality control, machinery operation, and lean production methods.

Marketing

- Marketing apprenticeships delve into the world of merchandising, marketing and advertising. Apprentices will gain expertise in market research, digital marketing, branding, and campaign management.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

- STEM apprenticeships focus on the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Apprentices will engage in hands-on STEM projects and develop problem-solving and analytical skills.

Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

- This pathway introduces apprentices to the world of transportation and logistics. They will learn about supply chain management, logistics planning, inventory control, and transportation systems.

These pathways offer valuable opportunities for students to gain practical experience and explore potential career paths in various industries. For more information and to inquire about these programs, you can contact the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI), your school counselor, or your Career & Technical Education Teacher.

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Employers by Pathway

Please note that some businesses may fall into multiple categories, as they may offer opportunities in more than one field. This categorization should help students interested in specific youth apprenticeship (YA) pathways find relevant employers to gain experience and skills in their chosen field.

Youth Apprenticeship - Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR):

- HEC Hooves of Joy LLC
- Oreskovich Landscaping LLC
- School District of Drummond

Youth Apprenticeship - Architecture and Construction:

- Granger Builders, Inc
- Blakeman Plumbing & Heating
- KBK Systems, Inc.
- Jolma Electric
- Jolma Utilities
- M Jolma
- BMW Builders

Youth Apprenticeship - Business Administration:

- Jolma Electric
- Norvado
- Superior Sauna and Steam

Youth Apprenticeship - Education:

- South Shore School District

Youth Apprenticeship - Health Science:

- Ashland Health Services
- Copper Falls Assisted Living
- Court Manor
- Tamarack Health Ashland Medical Center
- Tamarack Health Hayward Medical Center
- Northern Lights Services, Inc.
- Water's Edge Senior Living

Youth Apprenticeship - Hospitality and Tourism:

- Ehler's Store
- Cornucopia Coffee and Sweet Shoppe
- Clam Lake Junction
- Sweet and Salty (IFS Ventures LLC)
- Legendary Waters Hotel
- Legendary Waters - Legends Sports Grill
- The Bayfield Inn
- The Rivers Eatery
- The Loon Saloon LLC
- Mission Springs Resort
- Halvorson - Fisherman's Hideout
- CORE Community Resources
- Cafe Coco Artisan Bakery and Good Eats
- Garmisch USA
- Old Rittenhouse Inn
- Wild Rice Retreat

Youth Apprenticeship - Information Technology:

- Norvado

Youth Apprenticeship - Manufacturing:

- KBK Systems, Inc
- Ashland Industries, Inc
- Bretting Manufacturing

Youth Apprenticeship - Marketing:

- Cable Triple G
- Walgreens - Hayward store #11857
- Walgreens - Ashland #10758
- Cable Area Chamber of Commerce
- Hansen's Washburn IGA

Youth Apprenticeship - Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics:

- Lulich Implement
- Cable Triple G
- Superior Sauna and Steam
- Bayfield ACE
- Whitewater Kayak
- Ray's Auto Repair and Tire Shop

- Northland Lawn & Sport Equipment
- Northland Foods / Hardware Hank
- L&M Fleet Supply

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program Process

Before Your Apprenticeship

See your counselor or local YA coordinator to sign up for the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Course

Find a job or use your existing position to link to [75 different career pathways](#).

- Don't have a job? Find one here at <https://www.wbloppportunities.com/>
- New positions are added daily.

During Your Apprenticeship

Work 450 hours throughout the summer and the current school year.

Take [related instruction](#) while enrolled in YA and working.

- Instruction varies from school to school but generalized suggestions are linked in each [pathway](#).
- There are many options:
 - Select a course offered in your high school OR
 - Enroll in [Start College Now](#) for specific technical or college courses not offered at your high school offered remotely or in person.
 - To begin to take classes in Fall, sign up before March with your counselor
 - To take classes in Spring, sign up before October with your counselor
 - Enroll in [Early College Now](#) The Early College Credit Program (ECCP) statute allows students enrolled at Wisconsin public, charter, and private high schools to take up to 18 credits of college courses at a UW, private, or Tribal college located in Wisconsin (for high school and college credit or college credit only).
 - Students MUST submit their ECCP applications (no exceptions) to their school by:
 - October 1 for spring courses
 - February 1 for summer courses
 - March 1 for fall courses

After Your Apprenticeship

Completed Youth Apprenticeships (YA) not only count for your high school credit, but may earn you credit in universities, technical and community colleges as well as hours or credit in Registered Adult Apprentices (RA). Reach out to the trade apprenticeship bureau or college representatives for more information to support your own academic and career journey as courses and programs are continuously updated.

- [Northwood Technical college](#) Dual, Transcribed or Advanced Standing credit
- [UW College System](#) Dual, Transcribed or Advanced Standing credit
- [Adult Registered Apprenticeship Credit](#) as YA Bridges to Registered Apprenticeship (YA to RA)
- Continue as a Registered Apprentice in the [Northwood Tech Registered Apprenticeship program](#) for questions please contact [Eric Lockwood](#), RA Coordinator eric.lockwood@northwoodtech.edu
- [Northland College Catalog](#) - Reach out for Early College Credit
- [Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University](#):
 - Founding Dean of Career & Technical Education/Interim Chief Academic Officer. Aundrea Worthing 715-634-4790 x123 aworthing@lco.edu
 - Bad River Outreach Site Coordinator: Cody Bigboy-Powless. 715-682-7111 x1532 cbigboy@lco.edu

Red Cliff Outreach Site Coordinator: Elizabeth King. 715-779-3700. eking@lco.edu

Start College Now & Early College Credit Program

Students may have an opportunity to enroll at an institution of higher education in Wisconsin and take courses that may lead to credit towards high school graduation. Application for enrollment for obtaining high school credit courses must be made by March 1 for the fall semester, and by October 1 for courses to be taken during the spring semester. Eligibility criteria need to be met to participate in this program. Current eligibility requirements include prerequisite high school courses and a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 in core classes (Math, Science, English and Social Studies).

Early Graduation

Please note your Early Graduation Request may not be honored if not turned in by March 1st of your Junior year . See your school counselor for details.

Testing

ACT:

The ACT is the preferred admissions test of 4-year colleges and universities throughout the Midwest. Two-year colleges can also use the ACT. The ACT plus writing is given to all juniors in February of each school year during the school day as a part of state testing. Because it is a part of state testing and happens during the school day there is no cost to students for the February test. The ACT is still offered on Saturday morning five times throughout the school year. There is a fee for taking the ACT on a Saturday test date. Subject areas include English, Reading, Math, Science Reasoning and Writing optional on Saturday test dates. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org for Saturday test dates. Registration for the statewide testing in February will be done by Ashland High School. Technical colleges do not require the ACT but may use it for admissions.

SAT:

The SAT test is similar to the ACT, published by a different company. For more information, go to www.collegeboard.com

PSAT:

The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) is an optional exam for 11th students in October. Some students may want to take the PSAT to practice taking a standardized college entrance exam. Juniors with very high PSAT scores may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. PSAT scores may be required for certain highly selective scholarships. There is a \$16 fee to take this test.

Forward Exam:

All sophomores take the Forward Exam in the spring. This test consists of two multiple-choice sections totaling approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes of testing.

ASVAB:

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is free and offered on a weekday morning in the Fall to interested 10-12th grade students. The test includes a vocational component which many students use in the career development process. The ASVAB is conducted by ASVAB personnel at the school. Students considering military options after high school may want to take the ASVAB.

Alternative Education, GED Option 2, Onboard and Harbor

Alternative Education

Alternative Education (Alt Ed) is a program designed to provide support to students who may:

- need alternative ways to earn credits toward their high school diploma
- need the opportunity to **accelerate** their credit earning
- need an alternative schedule to accommodate necessary employment
- need extra support due to other factors

To qualify for Alternative Education Programs, students must be considered at risk of not graduating with their original 9th grade class. There are many factors that qualify a student for Alternative Education, the most common being the need to make up credits.

With guidance from an Alt Ed teacher, each student in our program is responsible for designing their specific graduation plan, working that plan, and tracking their progress. When students come to their Alt Ed class(es) students receive support in academics, time management, organization, executive functioning, and navigating life outside of school. The Alt Ed staff work closely with all AHS Teachers, School Counselors, and Administrators to provide our students with many modes of support on their education journey.

GED Option 2

The [GED Option #2](#) (GEDO #2) Program allows Ashland High School to use a combination of the GED test battery and traditional credit requirements in core subject areas to measure proficiency in lieu of the traditional 24 high school credit requirement for students who have been identified as at risk of not graduating and are enrolled in an alternative education program. A student who passes the GED test(s) and completes the other requirements for graduation is entitled to the traditional high school diploma. Students must be: one year behind their peers in credits (6), 17 years old, and have a documented minimum 9th grade reading level. Students must voluntarily apply to participate in this program.

Onboard

Onboard is designed to support freshmen students in applying executive functioning strategies. It includes a variety of interactive lessons and activities including topics like time management, developing a S.M.A.R.T goal, the importance of organization, and developing study habits.

Harbor

The Harbor program is an alternative to out of school suspension. Students may be referred to the Harbor when their actions do not align with the school's expectations. Students' time in the program varies depending on the situation. The Harbor is helpful to students and their families by providing a structured learning environment for students to reflect on and accept responsibility for their behavior. The Harbor also provides students with structured study time so they do not fall further behind academically. Students will engage in group activities that further their knowledge and understanding of specific topics, tailored to their needs based on their referral to the program, including emotion regulation, coping skills, healthy boundaries, mindfulness, and conflict resolution, among others.

Activities, Clubs & Sports

Getting involved with extracurriculars enhances your entire high school experience. Get involved with activities, clubs and sports! Check online for more details.

AFS/EXCHANGE STUDENT CLUB
BAND/JAZZ BAND
BASEBALL
BOYS BASKETBALL
GIRLS BASKETBALL
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
BLOOD DRIVE
CHEER
CLASS OFFICERS
COLOR GUARD
CHOIR - CONCERT AND SHOW
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB/TEAM
BOYS & GIRLS ALPINE SKI AND SNOWBOARD
CULTURE CLUB
DECA (DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUB OF AMERICA)
DRAMA
DUMMING
E-SPORT
FOOTBALL
FORENSICS
FFA (FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA)
GOLF
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
GIRLS HOCKEY (CO-OP)
BOYS HOCKEY
HIGH QUIZ BOWL

ICEFISHING CLUB
LINK CREW
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)
NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB
OREDOCKER FOR LIFE
ORCHESTRA
PAY IT FORWARD
POWERLIFTING
ROBOTICS CLUB
RPG CLUB
BOYS SOCCER
GIRLS SOCCER
BOYS TENNIS
GIRLS TENNIS
GIRLS SOFTBALL
SOURCES OF STRENGTH
CLUB DE ESPANOL
STUDENT COUNCIL
TECH CLUB VISUAL ART CLASSIC
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
TRAP CLUB
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
W.A.T.E.R.S
WRESTLING

For more information check out the [AHS 101 guide](#)

Master Course Selections

English			Physical Education / Health			Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources		
Course	Grade Level	Credit	Course	Grade Level	Credit	Course	Grade Level	Credit
English 9	9	1	Physical Education 9	9	0.5	Horticulture Basics (DC)	10, 11, 12	0.5
English 10	10	1	Physical Education 10	10	0.5	Crops Management (DC)	11, 12	0.5
Accelerated ELA 9/10	9,10	1	Strength & Conditioning	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5	Equine & Livestock Management	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
21 st Century Comm	12	1	Lifetime Activities	11, 12	0.5	Foundations of Livestock & Equine Mgt.(ES)	10, 11, 12	1
American Literature	11, 12	1	Team Sports I	11, 12	0.5	Veterinary Science (ES)	10, 11, 12	1
College Prep	11, 12	1	Team Sports II	11, 12	0.5	Equine & Natural Resources (ES)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
AP Literature & Comp	11, 12	1	Phys Activity & Per Well	10, 11, 12	0.5	Forestry (ES)	11, 12	0.5
AP Language & Comp	11, 12	1	Health	9	0.5	Drone Technology	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
Connections: Explore Lit & Media	11, 12	0.5	Adv Health/ Basic Lifesaving Skills	11, 12	0.5	Soil Management (DC)	11, 12	0.5
Creative Writing	11, 12	0.5	Sports Management & Officiating	11, 12	0.5	Aquaculture (ES)	10, 11, 12	0.5
Dramatic Lit & Perform	11, 12	0.5				Farm Records & Analysis (DC)	11, 12	0.5
Wilderness Literature	11, 12	0.5						
Science Fiction	11, 12	0.5						
Women's Writers	11, 12	0.5						
Reading for Career & College 1	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5						
Reading for Career & College 2	9, 10,11, 12	0.5						
Writing 102-Intro to Academic Writing (DC)	11, 12	0.75 HS 3 College						
Mathematics			Science			Art & Design		
Course	Grade Level	Credit	Course	Grade Level	Credit	Course	Grade Level	Credit
Algebra 1	9	1	Physical Science	9	1	Introduction to Art – Art 101: Topic: Design Fundamentals (DC)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
Geometry	10, 11	1	Biology	10	1	Set Design (Level I)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
Algebra II	11, 12	1	Advanced Biology	11, 12	1	Medieval Worlds (Level I)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
Pre-Calculus	11, 12	1	Earth Science	10, 11, 12	1			
Consumer/ Career Math	11,12	1	General Chemistry	10, 11, 12	1	Furniture Re-Purpose (Level I)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
Applied Technical Math	11, 12	1	Chemistry II	11, 12	1	Beginning Photography (Level I)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
AP Statistics	11, 12	1	Physics	10, 11, 12	1	Book Making & Mindful (Level I)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
College Prep Math	11, 12	1	Medical Science 1	11, 12	0.5	World Art (Level I)	9, 10, 11,12	0.5
AP Calculus	12	1	Medical Science 2	11, 12	0.5	Mask Making (Level I)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
Tech Math (DC)	11, 12	1				More Medieval Worlds (Level 2)	9, 10, 11, 12	0.5
Pre-Algebra-Teacher Recom	9	0.5				Creating & Marketing Your Sale Art & Commerce (Level 2) (DC)	10, 11, 12	0.5
						Printmaking (2D Course)	10, 11, 12	0.5
						AP Studio (Level 2, 3, & 4) (DC)	10, 11, 12	0.5
						Introduction to Art – Art 101: Topic: Media Adv Art-AP Studio Prep (DC)	10, 11, 12	0.5
						Introduction to Art – Art 101: Topic: Media Fibers & Collage (DC)	10, 11, 12	0.5
						Introduction to Art – Art 101: Topic: Photography (Level 2) (DC)	10, 11, 12	0.5
						Introduction to Art -Art 101: Topic: Painting & Drawing Level 2) (DC)	10, 11, 12	0.5
						Introduction to Art -Art 101: Topic: Sculpture & Ceramics (Level 2) DC	10, 11, 12	0.5

