

POTENTIAL NEW ELECTIVES

2010 -2011 School Year

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Agriculture communications/sales **Quarter** **.25** **Grade 11-12**

This course is designed for the student who wishes to enhance their communication skills and become a more marketable person in the working world. The class will consist of sales and service skills, and various communication skills. The student will be expected to complete and present several Ag communication project developed throughout the semester.

Large Animal Science **Semester** **.50** **Grade 11-12**

Students will learn about the livestock industry. We will focus on the production of Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats. Students will learn what it takes to make livestock production successful.

Crop Science **Semester** **.50** **Grade 11-12**

Students will learn about crop production. We will evaluate what it takes to produce a bountiful crop. We will focus on crops grown in and around MN. Students will learn how to evaluate soil for production and how to calculate fertilizer requirements for growing a specific crop.

ARTS DEPARTMENT

Advanced Art I **Semester** **.50** **Grade 11-12**

This course is the “old” Art III course. Students need to have successfully taken Art I and II. Students will explore the knowledge gained through practice & hard work. Students will overlap drawing & design skills to being learning techniques in the painting medium.

Advanced Art II **Semester** **.50** **Grade 11-12**

This course is the “old” Art IV course. Students need to have successfully taken Art I, II, and III. Students will explore the knowledge gained through practice & hard work. Students will overlap drawing & design skills to being learning techniques in the painting medium.

Introduction to Theatre**Quarter .25 Grade 10,11,12**

This class will introduce the student to multiple areas of theatre including (but not limited to): plays and play writing, acting, directing, producing, and theatre history. The class is a combination of book-work and acting/performance. No experience or acting talent necessary! There will be written tests as well as performance reviews.

LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT**Advanced Speech****Quarter .25 Grade 11-12****Edgar Allen Poe****Quarter .25 Grade 11-12**

This is an examination into the life and works of Edgar Allen Poe. Readings will span the scope of Poe's career, examining how his life influenced much of his work. The class will examine how Poe's writings have influenced modern authors.

Poetry**Semester .50 Grade 11-12**

This class is an introduction into the style and form of various types of poetry. Students will read and write a wide range of poetry. Poetic techniques will be analyzed in practiced through the reading and writing of poetry.

Research & Writing**Semester .50 Grade 11-12**

Opportunity to work independently and formulate a research question, investigate secondary literature, locate and study primary sources, and write an essay which makes a clear argument based on your analysis of the evidence as well as combines narrative and analysis.

Ethical & Moral Issues**Quarter .25 Grade 11-12**

Discover, reflect on, react to, evaluate, and defend personal views on key issues facing society today. Contrasting approaches to decision/opinion- making are considered, and students have an opportunity to see the world in a new way.

Fiction**Quarter .25 Grade 11-12**

Students perceptively read short stories written by American authors and focus on specific written and oral responses.

Power of Language**Quarter .25 Grade 11-12**

Students will be given the opportunity to think critically and creatively about issues of language and their effects on people and

Compositional Singing Quarter 0.25

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

CPR and First Aid **Quarter** **.25** **Grade 11-12**

This course will provide training and certification to each student in CPR/First Aid/AED use.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Astronomy **Quarter** **.25** **Grade 11-12**

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

American History through Literature **Semester** **.50** **Grade 11-12**

Students will read classic texts in American literature and examine, analyze, and evaluate major themes in the literary, intellectual, cultural, and social history of the United States. Breaking free of the typical treatment of history and literature as separate disciplines, this class recognizes that the study of literature and history are necessarily intertwined.

AP Human Geography **Semester** **.50** **Grade 11-12**

Designed to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, human use, and human alteration of the Earth's surface. Students will learn about and employ the methods of geographers. These include observation, mapmaking, data gathering and reporting, and technical writing. Students will also learn how to employ spatial concepts, geographic vocabulary, and landscape interpretation to a variety of locations and situations around the globe as well as in local areas. Overall, students will develop a geographic perspective in their manner of thinking with which to view the landscape of the world and better understand current events.

Eastern Geography **Quarter** **.25** **Grade 11-12**

Students will focus on the Eastern Hemisphere, specifically the Middle East, Europe and Asia. Covered topics will include country locations, physical landscapes, economic, and cultural dynamics of the cultures. Other discussed topics will include trade, military, foreign policy, agriculture.

Current Issues in Historical Perspective

This course will focus on the study of current issues/events. While some time each day will be devoted to the examination of new and upcoming news events the majority of the course will center around the study and evaluation of 4-5 significant and ongoing

conflicts/events such as the current wars in Iraq/Afghanistan, US – Iranian relations, the conflict in Darfur, etc... We will attempt to understand the current state of the conflicts and the historical roots of them as well as staying abreast of developments.

AP Government

Semester .50

Grade 11-12

This course will focus on analyzing the government and politics of the United States. We will discuss general concepts of U.S. politics and government as well as analyzing specific case studies. Students should bring with them a familiarity of the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that make up U.S. government and politics.