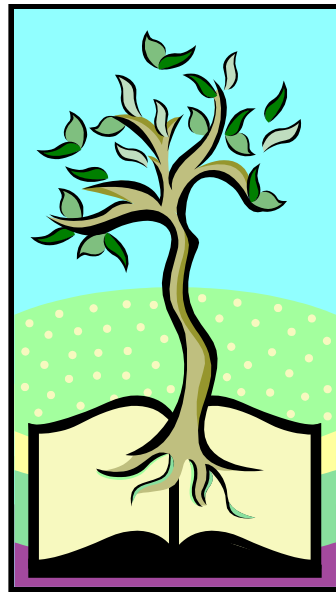


**West Lutheran
High School**

*Registration Guide
&
Course Descriptions*



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Using your gifts

It is the prayer of the teachers, staff and board member of West that your time at West is a real blessing. This registration guide is to help you make plans to get the most out of your next school year.

West has been blessed to be able to offer a good variety of courses and learning opportunities. This gives you an opportunity to shape your learning to fit your gifts and interests. As you work on your course choices, please keep the following in mind:

- Do not make your selections based on your friends' choices or which teacher might be teaching a certain class.
- Discuss your career plans or future college needs with your family, teachers and advisor
- Once a satisfactory schedule has been worked out between you, your counselor and the registrar, consider it permanent. It is difficult to rearrange a schedule once it has been set.

College Prep

West offers courses aimed at preparing for both a future career and college. If you intend to go to college, make every effort to...

- Take 2 or 3 years of a single foreign language
- Take 3 lab science courses
- Take 4 years of math
- Take as much English as you can

Dual Credits

If you are interested in graduating high school with college credits through a dual credit program, we recommend that during your **junior year** you...

- Take a literature class and Honors English
- Take AP History
- Consider taking one or more CLEP tests (see your advisor for more information on the CLEP tests)

and during your **senior year** you...

- Take AP Literature
- Take PSEO Western Civilization and/or PSEO Calculus

To be eligible for a PSEO course you must be in the top half of your class and have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Do understand that taking all of the above would be pretty challenging. While it is nice to have a few college credits on your transcripts before graduation, not all colleges or programs will recognize those credits. Make your first priority to graduate having taken courses that best fit your abilities.

Prerequisites

Some courses have requirements that need to be met before those courses may be taken. This is a way of matching the class's difficulty with your abilities shown in earlier courses. Be sure to look closely at the prerequisites for the following classes: all AP courses, all Honors courses, Band, all PSEO courses, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, and foreign languages.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requires completing 19.5 credits plus a Religion credit for each semester enrolled. Among those 19.5 credits, you will need a minimum of credits for each of the core subjects as shown below:

- English 4 cr.
- Science 3 cr.
- Social Studies 3.5 cr.
- Mathematics 3 cr.

Determining Grade Point Average

All 9th and 10th grade courses and 11th and 12th grade general courses will contribute to the grade point average (GPA) of a student's transcript based on letter grade and credits using a 4.0 system. 11th and 12th grade Honors classes will be awarded an additional 0.33 points to scores of C- and greater as shown in the chart below.

Letter grade	Percentage	Grade Points
A	100-96%	4.33
A-	95-91%	4.00
B+	90-88%	3.67
B	87-85%	3.33
B-	84-82%	3.00

C+	81-79%	2.67
C	78-76%	2.33
C-	75-73%	2.00
D+	72-70%	1.33
D	69-67%	1.00
D-	66-65%	0.67
F	64%--	0.00

Courses eligible for college credits including Advanced Placement and Post Secondary Option courses will be awarded an additional 0.67 points to scores of C- and greater as shown in the chart below.

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A	100-96%	4.67
A-	95-91%	4.33
B+	90-88%	4.00
B	87-85%	3.67
B-	84-82%	3.33
C+	81-79%	3.00

C	78-76%	2.67
C-	75-73%	2.33
D+	72-70%	1.33
D	69-67%	1.00
D-	66-65%	0.67
F	64%--	0.00

A student's GPA becomes an official part of their transcript after each semester is completed. Transcripts that are generated by West will show the cumulative GPA scores based on weighted scores.

Courses Available

Religion

Old Testament
Old Testament II, Life of
Christ
Christian Doctrine
Christian Faith Life

Social Studies

Geography – Western
Hemisphere
Geography – Eastern
Hemisphere
Western Civilization
American History
AP American History
Political Science
PSEO Sr. West. Civilization
Human Relations
(tentative)

Business / Technology

Accounting
Microsoft Office
Applications I
Computer Graphic Design

Physical Education

Physical Education 9, 10
Human Performance
Peak Performance

Foreign Language

Latin I, II, III
Spanish I, II, III
Advanced Languages

Science

General Science
Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Science
Physiology/ Anatomy

Fine Arts

Fundamentals of Music
Concert Band
Concert Choir
Fundamentals of Art
Drawing and Painting

English

Introduction to English
Introduction to Literature
The Techniques of
Journalism
Journalistic Writing
Poetry and Drama
Honors English
American Literature
Speech Communication
Written Composition
20th Century Literature
AP Literature
Research & Composition

Mathematics

Pre-algebra
Algebra I
Honors Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II
Trigonometry
PSEO Calculus
Applied Mathematics
Advanced Mathematics

Business/Technology

Accounting

Grade Level: 11-12 Offered alternate years (starting with odd numbers)

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: A first year introductory accounting course covering financial statements, posting to ledgers, trial balances, income and balance sheets, tax reporting and payroll records. It covers accounting practices for sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations. Students are prepared for job entry or college level work.

Business & Economics

Grade Level: 11-12 Offered alternate years (starting with even numbers)

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s):

Description: An introduction to the fundamentals of business, marketing and economics

Computer Graphic Design

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s):

Description: Artistic creativity is applied to computer software to produce print and web graphics and photo imaging.

Microsoft Office Applications I

Grade Level: 10-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s):

Description: This course teaches advanced use of MS Office programs including Word, Power Point, Excel, and Access. Students who have completed this course are eligible for certification by Microsoft for each of their applications. (there is a slight charge for taking the certification test)

Further levels of Microsoft Office Applications are available. See Mr. Howard Schroeder for details.

English

Eleventh and twelfth grade students may choose from the electives offered to meet their graduation requirement.

Introduction to English

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Students review and build upon their knowledge of grammar, writing, and literature. In addition, students learn to write research papers and make oral presentations.

Introduction to Literature

Grade Level: 10

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: This course provides the student with an overview of world literature through short stories, poetry, nonfiction, drama, and novels and continues the writing process through essays, research, book reports, and journals.

Journalism

Course I - The Techniques of Journalism

Course II - Journalistic Writing

Courses given on an alternating, yearly basis

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.6 Credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: The students will develop an understanding of the technical process involved in creating a newspaper through study and production of the school newspaper.

Two distinct courses are rotated so those students interested in a communications career or furthering their writing skills have opportunity to develop in editor, layout, and production leadership roles.

British Literature

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: .5 credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: A historical survey approach to selected works by British authors. Students will learn to analyze poetry and literature through writing and oral presentations.

Poetry & Drama

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: The first portion of this course is spent developing a deeper appreciation and understanding of poetry in form, function, and sound. The students are also led through the process of writing their own poetry. The course then progresses on to reading and understanding the dramatic process and concludes with a brief performance experience

Honors English

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Honors English will cover advanced composition, literature, and review grammar at a level aimed at preparing a student for the CLEP test. Juniors interested in taking Senior AP Literature course should consider this course for preparation.

Speech Communication

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Students will develop and practice skills in the communication process, including interpersonal communication, listening, and public speaking skills.

Written Composition

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Using a blend of scholarly and creative writing, students will write poetry, stories and plays as well as essays.

20th Century Literature

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: This course is designed to develop the student's ability to read, analyze, and write about serious literature. An emphasis is given to the influence of the time period on the novel's content.

American Literature

Grade Level: 11-12 (offered odd years)

Course Credit: .5 credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: A historical survey approach to selected short stories and novels by major American authors from America's origin to the 20th Century. Literature will be analyzed through class discussion, essays, and oral presentations.

Advanced Placement Literature and Composition

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): B+ in prior English classes and instructor approval

Description: Advanced Placement Literature and Composition is comparable to an introductory college course. This course is designed to develop the student's ability to read, analyze, and write about serious literature. A spring examination administered through the College Board will make credits available from most colleges based on the examination score.

Research and Composition – Senior Writing Capstone Course

Grade Level: 12 (required for graduation)

Course Credit: 0.2 Credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: This course will be taught as an independent study course. Seniors will choose a topic of study and develop an in-depth, research based paper highlighting the writing skills they have acquired so far. Students will be assigned a faculty advisor to assist in completion of the paper during the first semester.

Fine Arts

Fundamentals of Music

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: 0.6 Credits

Prerequisite(s): None

Description: Students are introduced to the art of singing and exposed to the many different ways they can express themselves through this art form. Sight-singing, ear training, and music theory are also taught. Students in this class are members of the Freshman Choir and perform at all school concerts. Attendance is a grade requirement.

Concert Band

Grade Level: 9-12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): ability to play a band instrument or consent of instructor

Description: Proper playing techniques and appreciation of music are taught in this performance oriented class. Members of this class are also part of the WLHS pep band. Attendance at all concert performances is a grade requirement.

Concert Choir

Grade Level: 10-12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Fundamentals of Music or teacher consent

Description: As students prepare literature for the purpose of performance in a concert setting, they study the elements of music, the art of musical expression, and proper choral techniques. Attendance at all performances is a grade requirement.

Fundamentals of Art

Grade Level: 11-12 (offered even years)

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: An appreciation of the historic elements of art are taught through the study of the art of past cultures and explored through student art composition.

Drawing and Painting

Grade Level: 10-12 (offered odd years)

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Styles and techniques of various media are introduced through example and discussion and explored through projects.

Foreign Language

While there is no graduation requirement for foreign languages, it is recommended that students take at least two years of a language if there is an interest in attending those universities and colleges which demand at least 2 credits in a language other than English. Success in a foreign language demands a consistently strong effort involving attention, ability to memorize, regular completion of homework and a good attendance record

If a student is failing a foreign language class after one semester, he/she will be asked to drop the course. If a student's performance in a foreign language is below average (D level) after one semester, the student will have one term to bring up his performance to at least a C level under contract. If the student is unable to improve his performance to the C level after a term, he/she will be asked to drop the course for the time being. Students and their parents should jointly consult the instructor if continued enrollment in this course is advisable.

Latin I

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): None, see above information for continued enrollment.

Description: This course seeks to provide the basics of Latin vocabulary, grammar and syntax, which takes the student through approximately thirty-two chapters of the text. This course also seeks to strengthen the student's knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary. Special emphasis is given to the many English words that are derived from the Latin language.

Latin II

Grade Level: 10

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Latin I; see above information for continued enrollment.

Description: This course will begin by quickly reviewing the basics learned in Latin I. Then it will build upon those basics with more grammar and syntax. Finally, if time permits, there will be translating from Caesar's *Gallic Wars* and the Latin Bible.

Latin III

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Latin II; see above information for continued enrollment.

Description: This course will emphasize translation.

Advanced Languages (honors level)

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Latin III; instructor's consent

Description: A combination of Latin IV and Koine Greek, this course is aimed pre-ministerial and other interested students. Course materials include the Greek Bible and books 1, 2 and 6 of the Aeneid.

Spanish I

Grade Level: 9, 10, 11

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Incoming 9th graders will be asked to take a grammar test show the proficiency for mastering a foreign language.

Description: Emphasizes vocabulary, basic grammar, oral and written work, in preparation for reading everyday Spanish and carrying on basic conversations in the target language.

Spanish II

Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): C- or better in second semester of Spanish I; see above information for continued enrollment.

Description: Emphasizes advanced grammar needed to read, understand and use the Spanish language in oral and printed forms. Develops appreciation of Spanish culture and prepares students for college entrance by fulfilling language requirement.

Spanish III

Grade Level: 10, 11, 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Spanish II; see above information for continued enrollment.

Description: Emphasizes improving oral and written communication skills through conversation, Spanish literature and AV materials.

Spanish IV (honors level)

Grade Level: 11, 12

Course Credit: (Course not available at this time)

Mathematics

Students are considered qualified for college if they have taken and received satisfactory grades in the following math courses: Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. Failure to achieve satisfactory grades in these courses will likely require retaking these courses or refresher courses in these subject areas at a college level. Many colleges recommend taking four credits of math.

Most new students will be given a math placement test. The results of this test along with previous math achievement help determine the level of course enrollment.

Prealgebra

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): See the above note on initial placement.

Description: Prealgebra is a review of the basic mathematic skills of solving equations, geometry, measurements, and probability and statistics. The students will be taught the basic skills needed to move on to Algebra I.

Algebra I

Grade Level: 9-10

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): See the above note on initial placement.

Description: Topics that would be covered include the language of mathematics, sets, equation solving with one or more variables, inequalities, functions, graphing, factoring polynomials, word problems, rational and irrational numbers, and quadratic equations.

Honors Algebra I

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Consent of Instructor based on placement test

Description: Designed for students with strong skills in basic math as well as good abstract reasoning. This fundamental algebra course solves linear and quadratic equations, systems of equations, graphs linear and quadratic equations, and simplifies irrational expressions. Emphasis is given to application of concepts and critical thinking.

Geometry

Grade Level: 10-11

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Algebra I

Description: The regular geometry class will go through all the skills of Honors Geometry with much less emphasis on proofs. The class is designed to give the students the skills needed to have an understanding of the major geometry skills as well as prepare them for Algebra II.

Honors Geometry

Grade Level: 10

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Honors Algebra I ("C" or above) or consent of instructor

Description: A comprehensive study of Euclidean geometry in two and three dimensions. Emphasis is given to formal proofs, how geometric formulas are derived and their application.

Algebra II

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Algebra I ("C" or above) and Geometry

Description: A thorough review and expansion of Algebra I in the areas of linear and quadratic equation, inequalities, functions and irrational numbers. Students are introduced to logarithms, matrices, sequences, series and probability.

Honors Algebra II

Grade Level: 11

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Honors Algebra I and Honors Geometry or consent of instructor

Description: An expansion of concepts taught in Honors Algebra I will be covered along with matrices, logarithms, sequences, series, probability and foundations of trigonometry. Emphasis is given to application and critical thinking.

Trigonometry (honors level)

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): Honors Algebra II ("C or above)

Description: A study of trigonometric functions and their inverses, circular functions, triangle trigonometry, polar coordinates, vectors and complex number equations, as well as quadratic, exponential and logarithmic functions.

PSEO Calculus

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: 0.5 High School Credits, 4 College credits

Prerequisite(s): Trigonometry, 3.25 GPA

Description: An introduction to calculus beginning with limits. The basic concepts of differentiation and integration are covered along with application in each area. College credits are awarded through Concordia, St. Paul.

Advanced Mathematics

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Algebra II

Description: Designed for college-bound students who have completed Algebra II, this course serves as a transition into college level math. Topics covered include basic trigonometry, logarithms, exponentials, statistics and probability.

Applied Mathematics

Grade Level: 10-12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Advisor's recommendation

Description: This course seeks to integrate the skills of the equations learned in algebra to the financial and business world. Personal finances and elementary business forms and methods are covered. Applications will also be made to economics. This course may be adapted to the student's level of learning.

Physical Education

All 9th graders are automatically enrolled in

Physical Education 9th Grade

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: 0.4 Credits

Prerequisite(s): None

Description: Physical education 9 is a class designed to promote healthy lifestyles through physical activity. The focus of this class is based around both traditional team games as well current modified games. Strong participation, individual skills, and team work are the focal point of this physical education class.

Among the activities covered in this class will be fitness testing, skills tests, and an introduction to team building through various team games. This material will be presented in by the instructor in the form of a handout. Handouts will contain parts of history, terminology, rules, and safety issues. Tested material will come directly from the handout.

Physical Education/Health 10

Grade Level: 10

Course Credit 1.0 credits

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Physical Education 10 is a class that explores more in to the team building concepts as well as individual physical skills. This class takes the individual skills learned from the previous year and builds upon those by incorporating them into the various games and sports played in the class. The health emphasis will be on leading a healthy Christian lifestyle, nutrition, and the dangers of addictive substances and seeing our bodies as blessings used to God's glory. Some activities may be taught separately to the boys and girls while a few will be coed.

Human Performance

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): Physical education 9&10

Description: Human Performance is a class designed to continue the promotion of healthy lifestyles through physical activity. In this class the focus is not on team activities as much but rather personal, self-training with activities that can be carried on throughout the course of a person's life. Among the activities that will be covered in this class will be proper weight training, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning, fitness testing, fitness planning, and a term paper as the final. These areas will be tested on in the appropriate manner, and along with effort, will compose the student's grade.

Peak Performance

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: 0.5 Credits

Prerequisite(s): Physical education 9&10

Description: Exercise Science is a semester-long advanced physical education class that not only stresses life-long fitness but also focuses on essential dietary and nutritional needs. The students will advance their knowledge from Human Performance and apply that in an advanced weight room & classroom setting. This course is a regimented 4 to 5 day a week program that will strive to push the human body to find the various desired physical results while learning various measurement & evaluation techniques in the process (BMI, weight calipers, Heart monitors).

Once every two weeks there will be a nutritional day that will be devoted to the study of exercise science. Topics will range from the following: the breakdown of vitamins and minerals, dietary supplements, grocery budgeting, meal planning, Long term goals, short term goals, fitness planning, body mass index, types of activities (aerobic, anaerobic, isometric, isotonic, isokinetic), FITT formula, and finally the continuous monitoring of fitness progress that will be tracked for the entire semester. Our ultimate goal in the course is to equip these young Christian adults with gained knowledge as well as the "know-how" to carry on a healthy lifestyle many years after high school.

Religion

Students are enrolled in a religion course during each of their semesters at West. The courses listed below have been developed by the Religion department to build the student's knowledge of the Word of God. They also provide a forum for our students to ask the deep questions that come from the hearts of Christians who are building their faith.

Old Testament

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none. Normally taken on the freshman level

Description: Old Testament history from Creation to the reign of King David (Genesis through II Samuel) will be covered. Emphasis is on the history of God's people in the Old Testament times with highlights on the Messianic promises. Practical presentations on topics such as Christian self-esteem, peer pressure, and dealing with conflict are given throughout the course.

Later Old Testament History and the Life of Christ

Grade Level: 10

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: The Old Testament from Solomon to Malachi (I Kings to Malachi), the life of Christ and the book of Acts. The Old Testament study focuses on the Messianic promises and their fulfillment in Christ. The New Testament study is devoted to the life of Christ

Christian Doctrine and the Book of Acts

Grade Level: 11

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: A study of the doctrines of justification and sanctification and the teachings of law and gospel as found in the Books of Romans and Galatians. It also offers a brief survey of history of the Christian Church beginning with the book of Acts. Finally, it touches on the beliefs of the major denominations and cults, their role in the history of the church, and how they differ from Bible-based Lutheranism.

Christian Faith Life

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Junior/Senior Status

Description: Studies will include pertinent issues which face the Christians living in the world today; a study of the book of Revelation; a review of God's plan for marriage and commitment; cults and comparative religions and the general New Testament epistles.

Science

Enrollment in General Science is required for ninth grade and Biology is required for tenth grade. Registering college bound seniors should investigate which the offered electives best fit their program.

General Science

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: An introductory science course including laboratory activities. The course presents a wide range of physical science topics with emphasis on chemistry and physics. Throughout the course, science concepts are explained using familiar examples. In addition, students are exposed to the excitement of science through discovery of its importance beyond the classroom and laboratory.

Biology

Grade Level: 10

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Biology at WLHS is the study of life from a Christian prospective. Classes emphasize that life is a gift from God and that our role as God's people is to preserve and nurture it. Understanding life forms and life processes help us do this. Topics in this lab-oriented course include the Nature of Life, Creation v. Evolution, Cells, Genetics, Taxonomy, Microbiology, Plants, Invertebrates, the Human Body and Ecology.

Chemistry and Honors Chemistry

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite for Chemistry: Algebra I or consent of instructor.

Prerequisite for Honors Chemistry: Algebra II (which may be taken concurrently with this chemistry course), a B+ or better average in previous science courses or consent of instructor.

Description: Chemistry is the study of creation from the point of view of its smallest particles. The nature of matter including its structure, characteristics, properties and reactions is discovered studied through laboratory activities, readings and classroom discussion.

Honors Chemistry is designed primarily for students who are oriented toward math and science-based careers. It involves a more rigorous theoretical and mathematical approach to chemistry topics and an accelerated pace.

Environmental Science

Grade Level: 11, 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Biology and consent of instructor (chemistry is recommended)

Description: A college prep course, environmental science is an application of the principals of biology and chemistry to the systems of the environment with a concentration on Minnesota's lake environments. A strong emphasis will be placed on field and lab activities. Participants should be prepared for required trips into the field which often take place outside of the school day.

Physics (honors level)

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Honors Algebra II or consent of instructor

Description: Physics is the study of the relationship between matter and energy in God's visible world. This lab-oriented course focuses on the mathematical description of the laws God set in place to govern his creation. Vernier equipment is used to discover, analyze and apply these laws. Most of the year will be spent studying mechanical topics including motion, forces, momentum, energy and its conservation, and thermodynamics. Other topics include the study of waves, the nature of light, and an introduction to electricity and magnetism. In most years, the course culminates with a field trip to Valley Fair to apply Physics principles and to collect and analyze real world data.

Anatomy / Physiology

Grade Level: 11, 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): Biology and consent of instructor

Description: Anatomy and Physiology at WLHS is a comprehensive study of the parts and functions of the human body. This course offers students an appreciation for God's design in structuring the body and His wisdom in the processes for sustaining it. Topics include human orientation, basic chemistry of the body, cell and tissue classification, and the eleven organ systems. Medical case studies are presented to reinforce the concepts and apply them to real life situations.

Social Studies

Geography

Grade Level: 9

Course Credit: 1 Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: Along the educational journey the students take in the class, the material presented will take them through the various physical, economical, political, and cultural aspects of these various places. In addition, map work and detailed presentations will also arise throughout the course of semester. In addition, map work and detailed presentations will also arise throughout the course of the year.

Western Civilization

Grade Level: 10

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description:

Western Civilization is an examination of Western Civilization from Prehistory to the French Revolution. This course begins with a general survey of ancient civilizations. We later study those people and nations that have had the greatest impact on Western civilization, with special attention given to the growth and spread of Christianity.

American History

Grade Level: 11

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description: A seminar type class that **emphasizes** class participation and analytical thought.

It is a survey class in that it begins with the settlement of the colonies and proceeds through The Regan administration. This class uses video, projects, discussion, essays, primary readings, and political cartoons as learning tools.

Political Science

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): none

Description:

Political Science is a two semester course in the basic principles of democracy and their application to the United States' government. The basic operations of the US government will be explored, primarily on the national level. Contemporary topics affecting the government will be debated by the students and current events monitored. Most importantly, the role of the Christian in God's two kingdoms will be explored.

Advanced Placement American History

Grade Level: 11

Course Credit: One Credit

Prerequisite(s): B+ in social studies classes, B+ in English class, and/or instructor approval

Description: Advanced Placement United States History is comparable to an introductory college course in U.S. Civilization. A college-level text, The American Pageant, is the main resource and is supplemented by primary and secondary source readings. The course content begins with the Discovery and Settlement of the New World, proceeds through the Colonial period, the Revolutionary Period, the New Nation, the Civil War, the Gilded Age, the Progressive Age, World Wars I and II, the Cold War (including the Korean and Vietnam conflicts), and concludes with the administrations of Reagan.

PSEO Western Civilization I

Grade Level: 12

Course Credit: 0.5 high school credits, 4 college credits

Prerequisite(s): B+ in social studies classes, B+ in English class, and a 3.25 GPA

Description: Taught cooperatively with Concordia University, this course will cover early civilization until the Renaissance. Classes will be taken on campus but credits will be awarded via Concordia.

Human Relations

Grade Level: 11-12

Course Credit: one-half high school credit,

Prerequisite(s): B in social studies classes, B in English class

Description: One semester psychology course aimed at a basic understanding of human behavior. Areas of study will include the field of psychology, the brain, development, personality and mental disorders.

Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
I Corinthians 10:31

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