

Ottawa Township High School

2017-2018 COURSE CATALOG

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Ottawa Township High School Course Offerings – 2017-2018

English:

(Read 180)
English I
Honors English I*
English II Speech
English II Composition
Honors English II*
Basic English III
English III
Honors English III*
English IV
AP English Literature & Composition*
(Journalism)
Advanced Speech *(S)
Creative Writing (S)
Advanced Composition *(S)
ELL

Mathematics:

(Math 180)
Pre-Algebra
Algebra I
Honors Algebra I*
Geometry
Honors Geometry*
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry*
Pre-Calculus
Honors Pre-Calculus*
AP Calculus*
(Math Essentials)

Science:

Life Science

Biology
Honors Biology*
Human Anatomy and Physiology
Advanced Biology*
Ecology (S)

Physical Science

(Geoscience)
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry*
Advanced Chemistry*+
Physics
Accelerated Physics*
Topics in Physics (S)
Astronomy (S)
Meteorology (S)
Geology (S)

Social Science:

World History
Honors World History*
American Government
Advanced Placement American Gov't.*
U.S. History
Advanced Placement U.S. History*
Psychology (S)
Personality & Behavior (S)
Sociology (S)
Minorities (S)
State & Local History (S)
Current Problems (S)

Consumer Education:

Personal Finance (S)
Applied Consumer Economics (S)
Economics (S)
Introduction to Business

Health, Driver Ed., Physical Ed.,

Sports Medicine:

Freshman PE (S)
PE (S)
(Basic Health) (S)
Health (S)
PE – Body Sculpting (S)
PE – Strength & Conditioning (S)
PE – Leadership (S)
Adaptive PE
Driver Education (S)
Sports Medicine

Agriculture:

Introduction to Agriculture
Agribusiness Operations (S)
Agribusiness Management (S)
Animal Science (S)
Environmental Science (S)
Natural Resources Management (S)
Ornamental Horticulture (S)
Landscape Design & Maintenance (S)

Art:

Art I - Foundations of Art
Art II - Art and Composition
Art III - Advanced Concepts in Art
Art IV - Advanced Placement 2D Studio Art
Crafts
Three Dimensional Design
Graphic Design (S)
Digital Photography (S)

Business:

Introduction to Business
Accounting I
Accounting II
Computer Concepts (S)
Microsoft Office I (S)
Microsoft Office II (S)
Web Design I (S)
Web Design II (S)
Introduction to Multimedia (S)
Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies (S)
Marketing/Sales (S)
Business Law (S)
Business Principles & Entrepreneurship (S)

Cooperative Education:

Cooperative Education I

Family & Consumer Science:

Foods I (S)
Foods II (S)
Vocational Culinary Arts
Sewing Technology
Fashion Merchandising (S)
Interior Design (S)
Adult Living (S)
Child Development (S)
Vocational Child Care (2 hours)

Foreign Language:

German I
German II
German III
German IV
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV

Health Occupations Education:

Orientation to Health Occupations
Nurse Assistant I
Nurse Assistant II (2 hours)

Independent Study:

Independent Study (S)

Industrial Technology Education:

Introduction to Technology
Power Technology (S)
CAD I (S)
CAD II (S)
CAD III - Mechanical Drawing
CAD III - Architectural Drawing
Woods I (S)
Woods II (S)
Vocational Auto Mechanics I (2 hours)
Vocational Auto Mechanics II (2 hours)

Industrial Technology at the Area

Career Center:

Building Trades I (2 hours)
Building Trades II (2 hours)
Residential Wiring I (2 hours)
Residential Wiring II (2 hours)

Music:

Band
Choir
Music Theory

Study Hall:

Study Hall

KEY:

(S) – Semester Course
* – Weighted Course
+ – Dual Credit Course
() – Course does not meet 4-year college entrance requirements

Graduation Requirements

Academic Area	Required Credits
English	8 Semesters-8 Credits
Mathematics	6 Semesters (6 Credits) 2 credits from Algebra I and 2 credits from a course that includes geometry content
Science	4 Semesters (4 Credits) 2 credits from Biology and 2 credits from the Physical Sciences: Geoscience, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Geology, Meteorology
Social Studies	4 semesters (4 credits) 2 credits from U.S. History. Every student must take World History and American Government (which includes the constitution test).
Consumer Education	1 Semester (1 credit) Classes that meet the Consumer Education requirement are Applied Consumer Economics, Economics, Personal Finance, Introduction to Business, or Cooperative Education
Fine Arts / Foreign Language / Vocational Education	2 Semesters (2 credits)
Health	1 Semester (1 credit)
PE	7 Semesters (3.5 credits - .5 credit per PE class)
Constitution Test	Must Pass to Graduate
Total Credits Required to Graduate	40

In order to graduate from OTHS, a student must have 8 semesters of attendance. Seniors who will have earned 40 credits and met all credit requirements by the end of the 7th semester may petition for early graduation.

Student Course Load

- ❖ Minimum Course Load per semester = 5 academic classes, 1 study hall, and physical education
- ❖ Recommended Course Load per semester = 6 academic classes and physical education
- ❖ Overload Course Load per semester = 7 academic classes with approval of the Principal

Every student must successfully complete a physical education class each semester, except as follows:

10th grade

- ❖ Students enrolled in health may replace one semester of P. E.

11th and 12th grade

A student may receive a waiver out of PE from the Assistant Principal for one of the following reasons:

- ❖ On-going participation in Marching Band
- ❖ Per individualized education plan (IEP) – utilization of PE time to receive special education support services
- ❖ To enroll in academic classes for students to meet post-secondary entrance requirements.
- ❖ To enroll in courses required for student to graduate with his/her class.
- ❖ Eligibility for on-going participation in an interscholastic athletic program.

Scheduling Information

Counselors and homeroom teachers are available for consultation in constructing a schedule to meet the needs of each individual student. Students should realize that a two-way commitment is being made when they register for courses. The school makes a commitment to provide a variety of classes and the student makes the commitment to accept the classes in which he/she has enrolled. For this reason, schedule changes will not be made routinely.

Necessary schedule changes will be made for the following reasons:

- ❖ If an error was made by OTHS staff in processing a request.
- ❖ If a course conflict is present on a schedule.
- ❖ If an improper course placement has been made.
- ❖ If there is a request from Administration.
- ❖ If a compelling educational reason is cited. (A request will be granted only if space is available in the class).

Students requesting to drop a class will be required to bring a parent note and will be placed in a study hall only. If a study hall is not available, no change will be granted. Any courses dropped after the 5th day of each semester will receive a grade of “F” for that semester.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Policy

ACADEMIC GRADES

Point Value

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
A -----Outstanding Achievement -----	4.0-----	5.0
B-----High Quality-----	3.0-----	4.0
C-----Average -----	2.0-----	3.0
D -----Below Average-----	1.0-----	1.0
F-----Failing - No Credit-----	0.0-----	0.0
P-----Medical Excuse or Pre-Excused -----	0.0-----	0.0
I-----Incomplete Work -----	0.0-----	0.0
R-----Course Repeated -----	0.0-----	0.0
N -----Sports Waiver -----	0.0-----	0.0

I An incomplete (I) will be assigned to a student who finds it impossible because of reasons beyond his or her control, such as illness, to complete the required work by the end of the semester. An incomplete will be changed to an ‘F’ if not made up within two weeks after the end of the semester. Since the grade of “I” carries no credit, courses carrying that grade may not be counted toward academic requirements for co-curricular participation. Nine week “incompletes” will be handled at the teacher’s discretion.

(H)* This symbol following the course title means a weighted course.

R Repeated Course - A course grade of (R) on the transcript will indicate the student has repeated the course at a later time. The (R) will represent 0.0 credits attempted and 0.0 credits earned.

Class Rank

All courses successfully completed will be used to determine class rank except P.E. and any course described in B below. Any courses given a grade of P (medical excuse), or N (sports waiver) will not be used to determine class rank. (Classes taken as an overload are counted as a credit earned but no grade points are given.)

- A. All students’ class ranks will be determined by grade points.
- B. Courses taken outside the regular campus daytime curriculum, such as summer school, college courses, and night school may be counted as credit, upon administrative approval, but will not be used to determine class rank.

Weighted Courses

Weighted coursework consists of an enriched curriculum that fosters creativity and imagination, emphasizes peer collaboration and higher level thinking skills, and provides an opportunity for independent learning. Students will experience more in-depth study of the subject matter. When appropriate, the pace of instruction will be accelerated and the study of materials will be more challenging. Honors coursework is a preparatory for Advanced Placement and Advanced courses.

OTHS Weighted Course Offerings:

Honors English I	Honors Algebra I
Honors English II	Honors Geometry
Honors English III	Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
Advanced Speech	Honors Pre-Calculus
Advanced Composition	AP Calculus
AP English Literature and Composition	Honors World History
Honors Biology	AP Government
Honors Chemistry	AP U.S. History
Advanced Biology	AP Art-2D Studio
Accelerated Physics	
Advanced Chemistry	

Placement in Freshman Honors coursework will be determined by consideration of teacher recommendations, PSAT 8/9, Explore Reading and Math Test scores, and additional assessments as needed.

Successful completion, a grade of C or better, of the previous course in the weighted course sequence is the prerequisite for placement in subsequent weighted coursework.

Students must earn a grade of “A”, “B”, or “C” during each nine-week grading period and for the semester cumulative grade to maintain placement and to earn a weighted grade.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement Courses are college level courses taken as a part of a high school program. AP courses offer students the opportunity to take courses with more challenging college-level content. Students who participate in AP courses are better prepared to take the AP exams, administered each May by the College Board at OTHS. These exams are scored on a scale of 1–5. Students scoring between a 3 and 5 may qualify for college credit at most colleges and universities. To find more information visit the College Board Advanced Placement website at www.collegeboard.com. Courses currently available at OTHS are AP Art 2-D Studio, AP Calculus, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Government, and AP U.S. History.

Dual Credit

Ottawa Township High School offers the option of being dually enrolled with IVCC in 3 classes. This means an OTHS student taking Advanced Chemistry, Advanced Composition, or Speech (as a junior or senior) can earn OTHS credit and by registering with IVCC, can earn college credit at the same time. PSAE exam exemptions may not be used for any dual credit course.

Potential E2C/Dual Credit Enrollment students must meet all IVCC admission guidelines, which may include IVCC placement exams prior to enrolling in dual credit Chemistry or English.

- ❖ Placement into English 1001 (OTHS’s Advanced Composition) requires a score of 90-120 on the IVCC English placement test and a score of 68-120 on the IVCC reading test or a score of 22 or better on the English sub-section of the ACT test and a score of 23 or better on the reading sub-section of the ACT test.
- ❖ Placement into CHM 1004 (OTHS’s Advanced Chemistry class) requires a score of 100 or better on the elementary Algebra Test or concurrent enrollment in our Pre-Calculus class.
- ❖ Speech requires no placement test to register

These classes are offered to our students at a reduced cost. Dual Credit tuition is a 75% reduced rate of the regular tuition, plus textbook and other fees associated with the class.

Will E2C course(s) transfer to other colleges and universities?

IVCC E2C courses are transferable to other colleges and universities, but subject to the course acceptance policies of the transfer college. For additional information about how these IVCC courses transfer, refer to IVCC’s transfer

link: “How Courses Transfer “ <http://www.ivcc.edu/transferservices.aspx?id+8590> and scroll down to the 7th option - High School Students Taking IVCC Courses (E2)

An informational night is held in the spring to explain E2C classes in detail. All interested students/parents should plan to attend. These classes are appropriate for a select group of individuals, as **students registering for dual credit are beginning their college transcript.**

Early Graduation Policy

- 1. Students desiring early graduation from Ottawa Township High School must meet the following requirements:**
 - a. Complete a minimum of seven semesters of high school coursework.
 - b. Have written approval of their parent(s)/guardian.
 - c. Complete all required courses or the equivalent and enough electives to equal or surpass the minimum number of credits (40) required for graduation by the anticipated date of early graduation, with the possible exception of physical education credits.
- 2. Students desiring early graduation are to observe the following procedures:**
 - a. Apply for early graduation no later than November 1st of their 7th semester.
 - b. Return approval sheet signed by a parent(s)/guardian.
 - c. Consult with a counselor to verify that graduation requirements can be met by the anticipated date for early graduation.
 - d. Consult with the principal about graduation procedures, class rank procedures, honors, and other considerations.
- 3. The following are items that students and parents/guardians should consider before deciding about early graduation:**
 - a. Students meeting all other requirements for graduation may have one semester of the physical education requirements waived and one semester of attendance waived.
 - b. Students who graduate one semester early will exit with the grade point average designation earned, but will not qualify for Valedictorian status designated during the graduation ceremony. Class rank based on actual 7th semester GPA would be used to determine eligibility for scholarships that are dependent on class rank.
 - c. Candidates for early graduation will **not** be permitted active participation in school or class activities after leaving Ottawa Township High School. This includes participation in athletic teams, clubs, and/or similar school activities. OTHS **will** allow early graduates to participate in prom and the graduation ceremony.

Special Needs Services

There are many types of disabilities that make it difficult, or even impossible, for a student to learn in a regular school setting. Some of these disabilities are readily identifiable; vision and hearing problems, physical disabilities, and speech problems. Other disabilities, which cause severe difficulties for the student, may be more subtle. These disabilities require trained professionals to determine the source of the problem and to recommend the proper program to maximize the educational development of the student. Examples of these disabilities include cognitive delays, emotional disorders, and learning disabilities. Students with any of the above disabilities are referred to as “Exceptional Children” because they have exceptional (special) educational needs. All children from age 3 through the age of 21 up to the day before their 22nd birthday who have exceptional needs must be provided with a program to meet those needs by the school district. Regardless of the nature or severity of the child’s disability, the child has a right to receive a free appropriate public education. In most cases, the exceptional student’s needs will be recognized and the proper special education program prescribed. However, the parents of the student may request the school district to evaluate the student to determine special education eligibility. According to state regulation, the School District has 60 school days from the date the parent or guardian has given signed consent to complete the evaluation. If a student is determined to be eligible for special education, then a program designed to meet the student’s needs must be provided. If the parents are dissatisfied with the evaluation or the program provided for the student, the parents may request information from the Superintendent concerning procedures for resolution.

Alternative Education Program

The Alternative Education Program is a self-contained learning experience for students who learn best in a highly structured classroom situation. It is designed to meet the educational needs of students who have experienced school problems due to learning, behavioral, emotional, and/or attention concerns. The overriding goal is to continue to educate students within the regular high school building and to return students to general education classes as soon as possible. The program focuses on both academic success and personal growth. *Student placement in the alternative education program is based on the recommendation of a referral team.*

Extra-Curricular Eligibility

In accordance with Illinois state law, students involved in certain activities at Ottawa Township High School must maintain a specified academic standard.

To participate in specific activities, students must meet the academic eligibility standards as established by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

- Per IHSA standards, the student must be passing twenty-five (25) credit hours (5 class periods per day per week) on a weekly basis to be eligible.
- Per IHSA standards, the student must be passing twenty-five (25) credit hours (5 class periods) the previous semester.

NCAA Clearinghouse Resource for Athletes

NCAA Clearinghouse

The NCAA has passed rules now governing both Division I and Division II member institutions that determine eligibility for freshman athletes. A sliding scale between grade point average and SAT/ACT is used by the clearinghouse to determine whether the student qualifies. **These requirements must be achieved to be eligible to practice and compete on all intercollegiate athletic teams during the first year of collegiate attendance with or without scholarship assistance.** Visit the NCAA web site for core course requirements. Use **143340** as the school code for OTHS.

Student-athletes and parents should meet with their guidance counselor during the freshman year to map out a four-year plan that meets the NCAA academic requirements. **Keep in mind that Ottawa Township High School must submit core courses on a yearly basis. Students interested in college athletics should follow the college core classes.**

Testing and Core Course Credits

- ACT or SAT can be taken: National and State exams are accepted
- The sum of the sub scores: English, math, reading and science are calculated
- Requires four years in each core area (English, mathematics, science, social science)
- NCAA will NOT accept ACT/SAT scores on the transcript
- Use code 9999 when completing ACT registration applications

Comparing grades with test scores

- ACT or SAT sum of scores are compared to the core courses GPA
- No weight is added to any GPA
- A sliding scale issued: Division I core course minimum GPA of 2.3. Division II core course minimum GPA of 2.2.

How can I tell if I will be eligible?

- Talk to your counselor and coach!
- Download approved course handout that lists acceptable OTHS courses (see next page)
- Registering through the NCAA Clearinghouse will give absolute answer

How and when do I register?

- Register at the beginning of your sophomore year
- Prospective athletes can register online at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NCAA will generate a report indicating deficiencies
- NCAA will not accept ACT scores on your transcript. You must have scores sent directly from ACT either by using code 9999 when registering for a National Test date or by contacting ACT

What Can Parents Do?

- Help your athlete remain eligible to play during the school year
- Be informed on the NCAA Clearing house: www.ncaa.org/playcollegesports
- Help with selecting the college and coach
- Work with your counselor throughout this process

NCAA Clearinghouse List of Approved Core Courses

(The list of approved courses may change, please check with your counselor)

<p><u>English</u> English I Honors English I English II Composition English II Speech Honors English II Basic English III * English III Honors English III English IV Advanced Speech AP English Literature & Composition Advanced Composition Creative Writing</p> <p><u>Mathematics</u> Algebra I Honors Algebra I Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra II</p>	<p>Honors Algebra II/Trig Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus AP Calculus</p> <p><u>Science</u> Biology Honors Biology Chemistry Honors Chemistry Advanced Biology Advanced Chemistry Astronomy Ecology Environmental Science Geology Human Anatomy and Physiology Meteorology Physical Science Topics in Physics</p>	<p>Physics Accelerated Physics</p> <p><u>Social Science</u> World History Honors World History American Government AP American Government AP U.S. History U.S. History Current Problems Economics Minorities Personality and Behavior Psychology Sociology State & Local History</p> <p><u>Foreign Language</u> German I, II, III, & IV Spanish I, II, III, & IV</p>
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* Only students who have received proper NCAA approval for their diagnosed learning disability may receive credit for “Basic” courses.

English

All students are required to be enrolled in an English course. 8 semesters of English are required for graduation. State Universities recommend at least 4 years of English.

English A - 0214 **9** **4 Credits** **Year Blocked Course**

Prerequisite: Recommendation of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: English A uses Read 180 which is an intensive English Language Arts course designed to assist struggling readers in moving toward grade level in reading skills. Course activities focus on expanding vocabulary skills, improving comprehension skills, and strengthening listening, viewing, speaking, and writing skills. Students will learn reading strategies to use with a broad range of fiction and non-fiction texts and respond orally and in written form. Students will further develop academic writing skills by improving language mechanics and grammar usage. This course focuses skills and strategies to meet the Illinois Common Core Standards in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

READ 180 - 0260, 0261 **9** **4 Credits** **Year Blocked Course**

Prerequisite: Recommendation of the Assistant Principal

Course Description: The objective of Read 180 is to assist students in improving essential skills in reading and writing. Read 180 focuses on building background knowledge, developing decoding and word recognition skills, building vocabulary and comprehension skills, improving fluency, increasing spelling and proofreading skills, developing writing, and improving verbal skills through discussion. The Read 180 instructional model utilizes a 90 minute period, and students will be enrolled for this class during two consecutive class periods. The instructional model includes whole-group and small-group instruction, computer work with individualized skills practice, and independent reading. Eligibility for this course is determined by student scores on the EXPLORE reading test and the Scholastic Reading Inventory. Students who take Read 180 in their freshman year will be enrolled in English I in their sophomore year. The 4 credits awarded for successful completion of this course do meet English graduation requirements. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

English I - 0211 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: All English I students will study a core curriculum which continues and expands in the second and third years. This core curriculum is based on the Common Core State Standards and College Readiness Standards. Readings in literature will be supplemented with vocabulary lessons, grammar lessons, writing assignments, speaking assignments and library assignments. Major readings will include works by Shakespeare, and a variety of novels, short stories, nonfiction, and poetry.

Honors English I - 0227 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Meets or exceeds placement guidelines determined by the district.

Lab Fee: Cost of paperback books for summer reading

Course Description: Honors English I is a weighted course that does require students to complete summer readings prior to the start of the school year. The course is designed to accelerate the English program in preparation for taking the Advanced Placement English exams in their senior year. This course is substantially more rigorous than English I. While students review the basic essay structure, including grammar; they work extensively on in-depth literary analysis, including study of short stories, novels, and poetry. Students will purchase paperback copies of major work works in which to practice annotation. Students will submit major projects, essays, and a 'notebook' they will continue throughout their four years of AP preparatory English curriculum. Students must maintain a "C" average in this course to be eligible for Honors English II.

Honors English II - 0228 **10** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Honors English I and/or teacher recommendation.

Lab Fees: Cost of paperback books for summer reading

Course Description: Honors English II is a weighted course that does require students to complete summer readings prior to the start of the school year. The course is designed to accelerate the English program in preparation for taking the Advanced Placement English exams in their senior year. This course is substantially more rigorous than English II. Readings in World and American Literature will be supplemented with vocabulary lessons, grammar lessons, writing assignments, speaking assignments, and library assignments. A research paper will be assigned and completed during this course. Students will continue their 'notebook' from English I. Students must maintain a "C" average in this course to be eligible for Honors English III.

English II Composition - 0220 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: All English II students will continue studying the core curriculum sequence begun in English I. Writing will be the main focus of this semester of English study. The overall writing process will be studied through a focus on expository and persuasive writing including a research paper. English II Composition will also consist of: vocabulary lessons, grammar lessons, library assignments, note taking lessons, journaling, speaking assignments and supplementary reading assignments.

English II Speech - 0221 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: All English II students will continue studying the core curriculum sequence begun in English I. The communication process will be the main focus of this semester of English study. A minimum of 8 classroom speeches will be required. English II Speech will also consist of vocabulary lessons, grammar lessons, library assignments, note taking lessons, supplementary as well as textbook readings, critical thinking assignments, visual aid use, and listening and writing skills.

English B - 0216 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.
Course Description: This course is structured to improve each student’s listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills and the processes (language and literature) in a thematic organization. Students experience texts of different genres and forms related to each theme and complete mandatory common tasks. Common tasks focus primarily on critical reading, writing, and research but also address other language skills. Instruction in reading and writing strategies, grammar, and vocabulary is integrated into every unit. Major readings include but are not limited to; Romeo and Juliet, The Odyssey, and a variety of novels, short stories, non-fiction, and poetry. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

English C - 0212 **10-11-12** **2 credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Needs.
Course Description: This course is structured to improve each student’s listening, reading, speaking, grammar, and writing skills. The overall writing process will be studied through a focus on descriptive, narrative, expository, and persuasive writing including a research paper. The communication process will also be a focus with a minimum of six classroom speeches required. A major reading will be Julius Caesar, as well as a variety of novels, short stories, non-fiction, and poetry. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Honors English III - 0244 **11** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisites: Successful completion of Honors English II and/or teacher recommendation and completion of required Summer readings.
Lab Fee: Cost of paperback books for summer reading
Course Description: Honors English III is a weighted course that does require students to complete summer readings prior to the start of the school year. The course is designed to accelerate the English program in preparation for taking the Advanced Placement English exams in the senior year. Students analyze themes and writing techniques used in selected works of American literature ranging from Native American works to the more contemporary as they further develop sensitivity to language and ideas and increase their ability to mirror these writers’ rhetorical choices in their own writing. Students will analyze the historical, cultural, social, political, religious, psychological, and philosophical influences on writers and their works.

Basic English III - 0208 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Recommendation of English II teachers, counselor, Title I Director, English Department Chair and/or the Reading Specialist.
Course Description: A Basic English III student should be a student who has significant reading problems, language and vocabulary difficulties, and be approximately two years below grade level on standardized tests in the language and communications areas. Basic English III is an adaptation of the core curriculum followed by English III students. The pace of assignments is slower and abridged versions of some readings are used. Basic English is not open to the student of average ability or above who received low grades because of lack of effort or interest. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

English III - 0226 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Course Description: All English III students will complete studying the core curriculum sequence begun in English I and continued in English II. Readings in American Literature will be supplemented with vocabulary lessons, grammar lessons, writing assignments, speaking assignments, and library assignments. Major readings may include The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Grapes of Wrath, Death of a Salesman, and a variety of short stories, nonfiction, essays, and poetry.

Creative Writing - 0229 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of English II with a grade of “C” or better and have a teacher recommendation.
Course Description: A one semester writing class conducted as writers' workshop where students share their writings with the class and critique one another. Emphasis is on imaginative autobiographical writing and short story writing with seventy-five lines of poetry required each grading period. Reading and analysis of modern poetry is an integral part of the course.

Advanced Speech - 0254 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of English II
Course Description: Advanced Speech is a Weighted Course. This course provides the opportunity for an in-depth study of communication. Major emphasis will be placed on interpersonal communication, informative and persuasive speaking, group discussion, library research, critical thinking, visual aid use, and listening and writing skills. Students will be required to give a minimum of 10 classroom speeches. This course is offered both semesters. Optional dual college credit is available from IVCC (for juniors and seniors).

Journalism - 0232 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of English II Composition with a grade of “B” or better
Course Description: **This course does not meet English graduation requirements.** News writing, feature writing, editorial writing, and news style are studied, practiced, and published in this course. Editing, design, headline writing, graphics, and mechanics are studied and practiced. Students will be required to interview, research, and write articles for publication in “*The Pirate Press*”. Editing techniques will be utilized in all articles. Students, who are outgoing, self-motivated, received a grade of at least a “B” in sophomore composition, and who like to write will excel in this course. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

English IV A – 0237 **12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: English IV A is a survey course of fiction, poetry, and informational readings from a variety of time periods. The purpose of this course is to prepare students to evaluate different points of view critically and constructively while becoming more reflective and further developing their collaborative, research and independent study skills. Students will be expected to write formal email and professional correspondence, research post high school plans, develop and write analytical and college application essays, and participate in Socratic Style Discussion in class and online.

English IV B – 0238 **12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: English IV B is a survey course of drama, folk literature, and informational readings from a variety of time periods. The purpose of this course is to prepare students to evaluate different points of view critically and constructively while becoming more reflective and further developing their collaborative, research and independent study skills. Students will be expected to improve interviewing and speaking skills, research and present ideas in multimedia format, write an analytical essay, and participate in Socratic Style Discussion in class and online.

Advanced Composition - 0239 **12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of English III and meet/exceed the cut score on the IVCC English/Reading placement exam or ACT sub-scores of 21 in English and 23 in Reading.
Course Description: Advanced composition is an accelerated writing course for seniors preparing for college. It is a Weighted Course. Students will learn to read analytically, think critically, and write concisely and maturely. Activities include engaging in a variety of grammar and usage lessons, writing in the various modes, expanding vocabulary skills, reviewing the MLS style of writing and documentation, and reading various works of literature for the purpose of introducing the techniques of literary criticism.

AP English Literature & Composition - 0243 **12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Honors English III with a grade of “C” or better and/or teacher recommendation. Successful completion of summer reading assignment and the Honors notebook.
Lab Fee: Cost of paperback books for summer reading
Course Description: Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition is a Weighted Course. Students taking the course will study multiple works of literature representing various genres, periods, cultures and themes that are typically encountered in college-level literature and composition courses. AP students are expected to have mastered secondary composition. Proficiency in grammar is a must in AP as grammar will not be part of the primary plans for instruction—such instruction will only occur in the context of writing instruction. It is a given that the pace of instruction and study of materials will be more challenging in this course. The course will use a college text that is thematic in its approach to teaching rhetorical elements in literature. A number of major works in fiction, nonfiction, drama and poetry will be

studied in this course. Each of the major works has been chosen for its classic nature, for the author's recognized style and for the work's frequent appearance on the AP exams. Students are expected to handle the sophisticated material in this course with maturity and grace. The reading is challenging and demands time. Upon completion of the course, students are expected to take the AP English Literature & Composition test. With a score of a 3, 4, or 5 out of 5 possible points on the aforementioned test, a student may test out of 1-2 semesters of first year college English courses.

ELL Resource - 0795 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Recommendation of administration.

Course Description: Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI-English). **This course does not meet English graduation requirements.** The course is planned with emphasis on basic academic skills as a supplement to regular course offerings for those students with a native language other than English. The course will meet up to one hour per day based on the needs of the student. This course may be repeated until the student can be fully transitioned to OTHS's standard English program of study.

Mathematics

All students need 6 semester of mathematics to graduate. Two semesters must be Algebra I. Two semesters must be a course that has geometry content. State Universities recommend at least 3 years of Mathematics.

Math 180 - 0307 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Meets placement guidelines determined by the district.

Course Description: **This course does not meet mathematics graduation requirements.** Math 180 is an intensive mathematics intervention program designed to meet the needs of students whose math achievement is below the proficient level. The program directly addresses individual needs through adaptive and instructional software, and direct instruction in small-group and whole-class settings. Math 180 is a single-hour course that will be taken in conjunction with pre-algebra. Students will earn one elective credit for each semester of the course that is successfully completed. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Pre-Algebra - 0353 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Meets placement guidelines determined by the district.

Course Description: This course is designed for those students who need reinforcement in their computational and problem-solving skills. The student will review basic fundamentals, learn problem-solving strategies, math facts, and mental math. Students will be placed into Pre-Algebra based upon 8th grade EXPLORE and Placement assessments. Pre-Algebra does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Algebra I - 0370 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Meets placement guidelines determined by the district.

Course Description: This is a comprehensive course in algebra designed for the average mathematics student. The class will emphasize symbol manipulation and linear equations, this will include algebraic expressions, equations, inequalities, linear functions, graphs, laws of exponents, polynomials, factoring, quadratics, and rational expressions.

Honors Algebra I - 0381 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisites: Meets or exceeds placement guidelines determined by the district.

Course Description: This is a Weighted Course in algebra and is designed for the college-bound, advanced mathematics student. Students will study the topics listed under Algebra I plus an introduction to probability. Honors Algebra consists of an enriched curriculum that fosters creativity and imagination, emphasizes peer collaboration, and emphasizes higher level thinking skills. Students will experience more in-depth study of the subject matter. When appropriate, the pace of instruction will be accelerated and the study of materials will be more challenging.

Honors Geometry - 0317 **9-10** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Meets/exceeds placement guidelines determined by the district (9th grade) or successful completion of Honors Algebra I (10th grade).

Course Description: This is a Weighted Course in geometry; enhanced by emphasizing and integrating logical reasoning and spatial visualization skills. Students develop higher thinking skills by the use of mathematical analysis, evaluation, research, and deductive and inductive reasoning. Students learn technical skills, become familiar with symmetry and transformation, and study angles, lines, and circle relationships in depth. Independent thinking is encouraged, projects are developed, problem-solving skills are stressed, and the students learn to apply geometric knowledge and skills to a variety of purposes. Honors coursework consists of an enriched curriculum that fosters

creativity and imagination, emphasizes peer collaboration and higher level thinking skills, and provides an opportunity for independent learning. Students will experience more in-depth study of the subject matter. When appropriate, the pace of instruction will be accelerated and the study of materials will be more challenging.

Math 1 - 0302 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This math course is an entry level high school math course designed to reinforce the student's prior knowledge and skills in math. Along with reviewing material that the student has previously learned such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, the student will be introduced to many new math concepts in preparation for Math 2. Students will explore data and graphs, fractions, geometry, proportions, percentages, and probability. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Math 2 - 0306 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course is the next class in the basic math sequence. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for Math 3. Although this course is designed to build on the concepts obtained in Math 1, the student will learn new concepts as well. The students will be introduced to the display and analysis of data, patterns and rules, measurement, and a more advanced understanding of geometry. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Math 3 - 0300 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course is designed to present basic math skills used in everyday situations, such as paying taxes, buying food, banking and investing, and managing a household. This course will reinforce many of the skills previously learned in Math 1 and Math 2, while bringing a real world experience to mathematics. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Geometry - 0316 **10-11** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of Algebra I

Course Description: This is a comprehensive course in geometry emphasizing logical reasoning and spatial visualization skills designed for the average mathematics student. Students develop higher level thinking skills by the use of mathematical analysis, evaluation, and deductive and inductive reasoning. Students learn technical skills and study angles, lines, triangles, polygons, circles, area and volume.

Honors Algebra II and Trigonometry - 0328 **10-11** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of Honors Geometry

Course Description: This Weighted Course is a continuation of Honors Algebra I. It is a study of the complex number system, and work is done with graphing quadratics and studying series of numbers and triangles. The student must have a solid grasp of Algebra I. This course is fast paced and students will be expected to do accelerated work.

Vocational Math - 0304 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course will provide an opportunity for students to receive an intensive math program that focuses entirely on math skills needed for normal everyday living. Vocational math will provide students with a deeper knowledge of math skills needed as a consumer by providing real-life, problem based scenarios. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Math Essentials - 0354 **11** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: This course will review fundamental algebra and geometry concepts and will be taught primarily through computer modules. Additionally, test taking strategies will be introduced to prepare students for standardized tests. Open to any junior who was enrolled in the regular math sequence who is not ready for Algebra II. All juniors not enrolling in any math class will be required to take this course. Also, any junior who has failed one or more math classes will be required to take this course. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Algebra II - 0324 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Geometry

Course Description: This course is a continuation of Algebra I and is designed for the average mathematics student. It is a study of lines, the complex number system, quadratics, series of numbers, and right triangle trigonometry. The student must have a solid grasp of Algebra I and Geometry.

Pre-Calculus - 0336 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra II

Course Description: This course includes the topics of functions, function families, inverses, transformations, exponents and logarithms, analytic geometry, and sequences and series with an emphasis on trigonometry.

Honors Pre-Calculus - 0350 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Honors Algebra II

Course Description: This Weighted Course is designed to prepare the advanced mathematics student to begin the study of Calculus. It includes the topics of linear and quadratic functions, graphs, analytic geometry, sequences and series, and vectors, with a strong emphasis on trigonometry. This course is fast paced and students will be expected to do accelerated work.

Advanced Placement Calculus - 0355 **12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Pre-Calculus

Course Description: This Weighted Course is a college level course. Calculus is a branch of higher mathematics that deals with variable, or changing quantities. Calculus is based on the concept of infinitesimals (exceedingly small quantities) and on the concept of limits (quantities that can be approached more and more closely but never reached). The two related branches of Calculus (differential and integral) will be studied. The syllabus followed will enable the student to prepare to take the Advanced Placement Calculus AB exam given in May of each year.

Science

All students must attain 4 credits in science. 2 credits need to be from Biology and 2 credits need to be from the physical sciences. State Universities recommend at least 3 years of Science.

Geoscience - 0415 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: Geoscience is a laboratory science course alternative to Biology for freshman that would fulfill the physical science requirement. Emphasis is placed on problem solving through student-centered activities, note-taking skills and enhancing critical thinking skills for multi-disciplinary learners. Topics covered include basic science skills, physics, chemistry, and earth systems. This course will prepare students for Biology sophomore year. This course is not available for repeat. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Biology - 0408 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: Special emphasis will be placed upon the areas of molecular and cellular biology, classification, reproduction, and principles of heredity and biodiversity. Successful completion of this course will prepare the student to continue on to higher-level science courses.

Honors Biology - 0409 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Meets or exceeds placement guidelines determined by the district. Students are expected to complete Summer Reading and a Summer Reading Guide in preparation for Honors Biology.

Course Description: Honors Biology is a weighted course designed for students interested in pursuing advanced sciences or careers in the science or engineering fields. Students will learn and understand biological processes that occur on the molecular, cellular, systemic, and environmental levels. Honors Biology stresses the same processes as in Biology but carries the study to a greater depth and sets higher standards of achievement. Honors Biology differs from Biology in that the pace of instruction will be accelerated and the study of materials will be more challenging compared to the standard Biology course.

Earth Science - 0401 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course is designed to present basic principles in the field of physical science. It affords an opportunity to students to survey in a broad sense many of the principles which affect their lives. Topics include scientific method, graphing, the metric system, scientific tools, structures of matter, volcanoes, earthquakes, planets, weather and climate, rock layers, motion and forces, sound and light waves, and energy. Successful completion of this course will fulfill the physical science requirement. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Life Science - 0400 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course emphasizes the study of living things through laboratory based experiments and investigation techniques. Topics include the cell structure as it relates to plants and animals, scientific tools as they relate to biology, characteristics of living and non-living things, ecology, and environmental issues. Students will also learn methods of collecting and interpreting facts and data, along with important biological concepts and ideas. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Chemistry - 0462 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Biology and one year of Math

Course Description: This course is designed for those who intend to enter the supporting fields of medicine or engineering; (such as pre-dental hygiene, pre-nursing, medical technicians, etc.), or those who desire an understanding of every day chemistry. Emphasis will be placed on demonstration and laboratory experiments of principles.

Honors Chemistry - 0466 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Honors Biology or grade of A/ B in Algebra, Honors Alg., Honors Geometry

Course Description: Honors chemistry is a Weighted Course and is designed for those who plan to do work in college chemistry in an exacting field; science and engineering, pharmacy, pre-med, 4 year nursing degree, etc. Emphasis will be placed on laboratory experiments, reasoning, and problem solving. In-depth understanding of concepts will be expected. This is a recommended prerequisite for Advanced Chemistry.

Astronomy - 0457 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course is an introduction to astronomy. Topics investigated will include understanding the use of telescopes and the electromagnetic spectrum, composition of stars, stellar evolution, types of galaxies, black holes, the big bang theory of the origin of the universe, structure of the sun and its effect on Earth's environment, the solar system and its contents, planetary evolution, the moon and its relationship to Earth, rocketry and the history of space exploration. Opportunities will be provided for hands-on activities and in-depth investigations of various topics.

Ecology - 0459 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Biology

Course Description: This course is a study of the ecological relationship between humans and their environment. The conservation, preservation, and sustainable use of natural resources will be emphasized. Topics investigated include environmental studies, biomes, populations, air, water, soil pollution, and the effects of global climate change.

Geology - 0455 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course deals with both physical and historical geology. Physically, the planet acts like a plate tectonic driven engine. Historically, rocks and fossils mark the 4.6 billion year age of the planet. Laboratory work includes rock, mineral, and fossil identification. Topics investigated include earthquakes, volcanoes, deep time, weathering, erosion, mapping, and environmental topics like acid rain and global climate change.

Meteorology - 0458 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course is an introduction to meteorology. Topics investigated will include the structure and composition of the atmosphere, elements of weather (temperature, humidity, air pressure) and their measurement, cloud classification, forms of precipitation, air masses, fronts, storm formation and severe weather (thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards), weather stations, forecasting and environmental issues such as acid rain and climate change. Opportunities will be provided for hands-on activities and in-depth investigations of various topics.

Advanced Biology - 0430 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Honors Biology or Chemistry

Course Description: Topics covered in this Weighted Course include biochemistry, cell biology, metabolism, genetics, population genetics, anatomy and physiology and bio diversity. Lab activities investigating major concepts will reinforce class discussion.

Advanced Chemistry - 0434 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Honors Chemistry or consent of instructor.

Lab Fee: \$10.00

Course Description: This Weighted Course will consist of a review of selected topics from first year chemistry and continue with new material including electrochemistry, pH, and thermodynamics. Laboratory experiments are crucial to this course and students will be required to purchase safety goggles and a laboratory notebook; all other equipment and materials will be provided. This course is essential to students interested in the engineering, medical, and pharmaceutical fields. This course is offered as a dual credit course. You will receive credit from Ottawa Township High School towards graduation and may sign up for CHEM 1004 credit from IVCC at a fraction of the cost of the on

campus course. You may also choose to take the advanced placement chemistry exam to receive college credit without signing up for the IVCC credit, but you cannot do both. Please see the instructor or counselor before the end of the school year for information about the dual option. Students with financial difficulties who cannot afford the required supplies should check with their counselor, principal or teacher. No student will be refused placement due to financial difficulties.

Topics in Physics - 0439 **11-12** **1 Credit** **One Semester**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of two years of science.

Course Description: This course will consist of the discussion and research of selected topics in physics. Topics of study will consist of Modern Physics such as Einstein's special theory of relativity, string theory, and black holes in addition to current research events. There will be several books utilized during the semester and students should expect reading and writing assignments on a regular basis.

Physics - 0440 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of two years of math

Course Description: An introductory physics course studying the fundamental laws of nature. Topics covered include: Newton's laws, simple machines, momentum, energy, gravity, projectile, and satellite motion, sound, light, waves, electricity, magnetism, and nuclear radiation. A variety of instructional methods are used including: laboratory experiments, the textbook *Conceptual Physics*, field trips, videos, and lecture. Although mathematics is involved, a "hands on" approach is used and the emphasis is on the concepts of physics rather than mathematical interpretation.

Accelerated Physics - 0442 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Enrollment in pre-calculus, accelerated pre-calculus, or AP calculus

Course Description: Accelerated Physics is a Weighted Course. It is a college preparatory physics course that studies the fundamental laws of nature. This course utilizes upper level mathematics to interpret the laws of physics; therefore the pre-requisite is necessary to insure that the student excels at their studies. This course covers the majority of the topics on the College Board Advanced Placement Exam, and the student may take the Advanced Placement Exam for college credit if they desire. Topics covered include: kinematics, force, circular motion, gravity, collisions, waves, sound, light, electricity, optics, quantum mechanics, elementary particles, nuclear radiation, and astrophysics. A variety of instructional methods are used including: laboratory experiments, lecture, the textbook, and applicable videos. Students should expect homework on a regular basis due to the nature of the material.

Human Anatomy and Physiology - 0431 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of biology and chemistry. It is strongly recommended that students enrolling in this course maintained a 'C' average in all previous science classes.

Course Description: This course involves study of the structure and function of the human body. Topics covered include: cytology, histology, a study of all major human body systems (integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary, and reproductive). Students will be expected to learn and use correct terminology and set aside time to study material outside of class on a daily basis. Laboratory exercises include: microscopy, dissections of cat and other mammalian organs, and cadaver viewing

SOCIAL SCIENCE

All students must earn a minimum of 4 credits in the social sciences for graduation. All students will be enrolled in World History, American Government, and U.S. History. Students must take and pass U.S. History and the Constitution Test offered in American Government in order to graduate. State Universities recommend at least 3 years of Social Science.

World History - 0510 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: This course is required of all freshmen except those taking Honors World History. Students will study a variety of current issue topics that affect our everyday world and the society we live in. Students will examine in-depth topics such as world religions, culture, genocide, population, political systems, economic systems, and the United Nations. Geography will be an emphasis throughout the course. Topics will include other major issues or events that may emerge as the school year progresses.

Honors World History - 0509 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Meets or exceeds placement guidelines determined by the district.

Course Description: This Weighted Course is required of all freshmen except those taking World History. Students will study a variety of current issue topics that affect our everyday world and the society we live in. Students will examine in-depth topics such as world religions, culture, genocide, population, political systems, economic systems, and the United Nations. Geography will be an emphasis throughout the course. Topics will include other major issues or events that may emerge as the school year progresses.

Social Science - 0502 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course is provided for eligible students of which placement in the standard education World History is deemed inappropriate by consensus of standard and special services teachers, related services personnel, and parents. A fundamental knowledge of World History is a necessary component of the student's basic education. Emphasis is not placed upon the memorization of dates and names, but rather on an understanding of the ideas, vocabulary, cause-effect relationships, economics, political and social systems, and geography from the development of early civilization to the Twentieth Century. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

American Government - 0534 **10** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: American Government is a required course for students in the 10th grade. This course is a comprehensive study of the American system of government at the federal, state, and local levels. Students will learn the origins of the basic principles of American government and how to apply these principles towards becoming active, responsible citizens. *This course includes the United States Constitution Test. A passing grade on the U.S. Constitution Test is a requirement for graduation.*

Note: *Out-of-state transfer students must pass the flag and Illinois Constitution portions of the test if they have previously passed the United States Constitution Test.*

Advanced Placement American Government - 0533 **10** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Honors World History with a grade of 'C' or better and/or teacher recommendation.

Course Description: Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics is a Weighted Course. This course is an intensive, one semester, college course that gives students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. Students who successfully complete this course will know important facts, concepts, and theories pertaining to U.S. government and politics. They will understand typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their consequences (including the components of political behavior, the principles used to explain or justify various government structures and procedures, and the political effects of these structures and procedures.) Students will be able to analyze and interpret basic data relevant to U.S. government and politics. Students will also be able to critically analyze relevant theories and concepts, apply them appropriately and develop their connections across the curriculum.

This course includes the United States Constitution Test which is a requirement for graduation.

Current Problems - 0519 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This Social Science course will focus on local, state, national and international events currently happening in the world. The Internet, periodicals, newscasts, and newspapers will comprise the majority of materials utilized within the course. Methods of research, discussion, and the use of technology will be points of emphasis. Students will learn how to think critically and develop the skills of gathering, analyzing, organizing, assessing, and debating. This course will be valuable to thinkers, writers, and Internet users. Readings include George Orwell's 1984, Ron Paul's The Revolution, and Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals.

Minorities - 0571 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This history course will study the struggles of minority groups in their fight for equal civil rights in American society. There will be a focus on the African-American civil rights movement and the other civil rights movements it inspired in the 1960's and 1970's such as the Native American, Mexican, and women's movements. The concepts of racism, prejudice, and discrimination will be discussed in historical as well as in present-day situations.

Psychology - 0539 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: A basic introductory course in Psychology dealing with analysis and description of individual human behavior with special reference to: A general look at Psychology, psychological methods, human development, biological influences on behavior, measuring intellectual ability, principles of learning, learning, remembering and forgetting, the process of thinking, coping with stress, sleep and dreams, parapsychology, and abnormal behavior. Emphasis will be on psychological principles as they relate to daily life.

Personality and Behavior - 0543 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course provides the opportunity for an in-depth study of new trends and theories in Psychology that will enable an individual to understand his own behavior and others more clearly. Major emphasis will

be placed on how behavior is motivated, how individuals learn intelligent behavior, personality, and applications of Psychology to various social issues.

Sociology - 0547 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: An introductory course in sociology focusing on the study of people, social life, and society. Students will gain an understanding of human behavior by studying groups and their role in society. Areas of focus will include the development of sociology, early and current sociological theories, culture, socialization, social structure, research, group dynamics, deviance, lifecycles, racism, and gender inequalities and their influence on current times. Group work is a key aspect of this class.

State and Local History - 0575 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: This course provides an opportunity to study our state and local community. The course focuses upon Illinois' history, from its prehistory to the present day with special attention to Ottawa and LaSalle County. Topics students will study include Native Americans, French exploration, the Blackhawk War and white settlement, I&M Canal, Lincoln-Douglas debates, origins and growth of Ottawa and Marseilles, OTHS, the Cherry Mine Disaster, Starved Rock Murders, Radium Dial and the city of Chicago. Emphasis is placed on local geography, economic, social and political issues as well as local historical figures.

United States History - 0532 **11** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Course Description: This course is required of all juniors except those taking A.P. U.S. History. The development of U.S. political, social, and cultural institutions as well as geography is emphasized in this course. The course covers the time period of the Civil War to the present. Successful completion of U.S. History or AP U.S. History is required for graduation.

Advanced Placement United States History - 0536 **11** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisites: Honors World History and AP Government with a grade of 'C' or better and/or teacher recommendation. Successful completion of summer reading assignments.
Course Description: The Advanced Placement program in United States History is a Weighted Course and is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and enduring understandings necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. Students will learn to assess historical materials-their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability, and their importance-and to weight the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. This class is extensive in its coverage of the topics of United States history. Students can expect between 10-15 pages of college level reading per night in addition to writing assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests. Students who do not maintain a "C" average per 9 weeks will be dropped from the class and placed in a regular United States history course. With a score of a 3, 4, or 5 out of 5 possible points a student may test out of 1 to 2 semesters of first year college social science courses.

Physical Education

Physical Education is the science of human movement. All offerings are designed to promote good health, safety, awareness, value of recreation, and the importance of life-long fitness.

Freshman Physical Education - 0951, 0952 **9** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: Physical Education I will introduce students to a variety of individual and team sports. Units include dance, disk golf, softball, speedball, swimming, ultimate Frisbee and volleyball. Students will also engage in teambuilding activities. In conjunction with this course, progress monitoring of student health-related fitness levels will begin in this class and continue throughout a student's four years of high school. Aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscular strength and muscular endurance will be monitored. Ongoing assessments will include both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Physical Education – Adaptive - 0958 **9-10-11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**
Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services
Course Description: This course is designed to fit the capabilities of students with special needs. Students will participate in a variety of activities which include badminton, basketball, bags, bocce ball, bowling, dance, fishing, Nintendo Wii sport and Wii Fit, parachute activities, scooter hockey, and soccer. In conjunction with this course, progress monitoring of students health-related fitness levels will and include: Aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscular strength and muscular endurance. Common assessments will include both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Healthy Living - 0905 **9-10-11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services

Course Description: All students enrolled in Healthy Living will study the direct and factual approach to health education that is practical, personal and positive. Health topics include: safety, drug education, disease prevention, family living, nutrition, personal health, growth and development, building self-esteem and relationship skills. By acquiring knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to a healthful life, students will learn to take responsibilities for their own health.

Basic Health - 0901 **9-10-11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services or Counselor

Course Description: This course is provided for eligible students of which placement in the standard education health class is deemed inappropriate by consensus of standard and special services teachers, related services personnel, parents and counselors. A fundamental knowledge of Health is a necessary component of the student's basic education. Basic Health is an adaptation to the Health curriculum, emphasis based upon the understanding of ideas, vocabulary fields of personal, environment and community health. Adaptations are also made to assignments and tests. Basic Health is not open to the student of average or above ability who received low grades because of lack of effort or interest.

Health - 0903, 0904 **10** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course provides the sophomore student with current information in the fields of personal, environment and community health. Students will gain valuable information in the following areas:

1. Mental Health – including personality, self-esteem, stress management, mental disorders and suicide prevention
2. Social Health – including family structure and values, building relationships, bullying and violence prevention
3. Human Development – including reproduction, heredity, pregnancy, birth, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, aging, death and organ/tissue transplant and donation.
4. Nutrition and Fitness
5. Substance Abuse – including prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse
6. Disease Prevention
7. Environmental and Community Health
8. Safety and First Aid

Students will engage in a daily ongoing evaluation of their overall health wellness. Students will consider making better choices in relationship to risk behaviors, ultimately allowing them to live longer, healthier, more productive lives.

Drivers Education – 0915, 0917 **10-11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Age, Credit, and Attendance Requirement (see below)

Lab Fees:

- A \$20.00 permit fee payable to the Secretary of State. This may not be waived under any circumstances.
- A \$175.00 fee payable to Ottawa Township High School and due at the conclusion of the second week of class. This fee is subject to increase.

Course Description: Drivers Education is an elective course which requires students to participate in classroom instruction, use of a driving simulator, and lab (behind the wheel) portions of the class. The classroom portion will meet for nine weeks, which includes a 10 day use of the simulators. Students who accumulate three or more absences during this nine week grading period will be dropped from the class. The lab portion of the class will take place during the second nine weeks following successful completion of the first nine weeks grading period. Students will drive 12-14 days, depending on vehicle availability. On non-driving days, students report to an assigned study hall. This course is also offered in the summer for all students who were unable to take the course during the school year.

Before being admitted to Drivers Education the students must meet the following requirements:

1. Turn 16 the semester they enroll in driver's education.
2. Receive at least 8 credits during the first two previous semesters in courses that carry a GPA. (Example: P.E. does not count toward the 8 credits.)
3. Please see the 2012-2013 OTHS Parent/Student Handbook for attendance requirements.

Additional Information:

1. Summer School: Must turn 16 before January 15 of the next school year.
2. Students may NOT request both summer driving/driving during the school year – choose one or the other.
3. All failures in Drivers Education can be made up in the summer.

4. Students who do not pass the first nine weeks (classroom/simulator portion of the course) will not be allowed to drive in the lab portion on the class (behind the wheel)
5. This course is not required for graduation.

Physical Education – 0955, 0956 **10-11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course will introduce students to a variety of activities which may include: archery, badminton, bags, basketball, bocce ball, bowling, Frisbee golf, flag football, floor hockey, pickle ball, soccer, and tennis. Students will also engage in team building activities. In conjunction with this course, progress monitoring of students health-related fitness levels will continue and include: Aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscular strength and muscular endurance. Common assessments will include both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Physical Education - Body Sculpting – 0949, 0950 **10-11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course is designed for any student wishing to increase their fitness levels through a variety of exercises and activities such as but not limited to: dance, interval workouts, Pilates, step aerobics, tabata, and yoga. Students will take an active role in creating a personal fitness designed specific for individual use. In conjunction with this course, progress monitoring of students health-related fitness levels will continue and include: Aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscular strength and muscular endurance. Common assessments will include both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Physical Education -Strength and Conditioning – 0959, 0960 **11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Must receive a C or better in previous semester of P.E.

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to allow for student athletes to improve their physical fitness level through the bigger faster stronger program. The focus of this program is on strength, endurance, agility skills training, and flexibility of the individual. BFS Level II certified staff at OTHS teach and supervise proper technique of the program’s core lifts. A major emphasis will be placed on proper spotting and safety procedures. In conjunction with this course, progress monitoring of students health-related fitness levels will continue and include: Aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscular strength and muscular endurance. Common assessments will include both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Physical Education – Leadership **11-12** **½ Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Prior application required. Students must earn a “B” or higher in Physical Education the previous semester and have Physical Education instructor consent. Applications can be obtained from your Physical Education instructor. Students must sign up for another Physical Education course, upon acceptance students will be removed from that course and assigned Physical Education – Leadership.

Course Description: This course is designed for junior and senior students who wish to lead students by example in the Intro to Physical Education and Adaptive PE classes. Students will receive PE credit for this class and are expected to dress and participate in the daily activities that the class offers. Along with daily participation, students must interact in a safe, positive manner while displaying good leadership skills while leading exercises and officiating games. Students who do not comply with the agreements of the classroom philosophy will be dropped from this class and placed in an alternative PE. Space is limited so prior PE grades and attendance will be taken into consideration before the selection of students is made. In conjunction with this course, progress monitoring of students health-related fitness levels will continue and include: Aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscular strength and muscular endurance. Common assessments will include both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Sports Medicine - 0908 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Health

Course Description: This course may be substituted for one PE credit (two semesters of PE.) In this course students will learn proper protocol when dealing with athletic related injuries. The class will discuss assessment and evaluation of injuries, as well as the treatment and rehabilitation of these injuries. The class encompasses both lecture and lab portions of the class. Athletic taping of arches, ankles, shins, elbows, wrists and fingers will be required as well as wrapping shoulders, knees, and hips. The use of the computer lab to study human anatomy will also be a required portion of the lab.

Foreign Language

German I - 0066 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Text: Komm Mit - Level I

Course Activities:

1. Oral, listening and written exercises from textbook
2. Written exercises in workbook
3. Oral presentation of lesson dialogs and daily conversational practice
4. Use of supplementary materials such as games, audio-visual material, puzzles, charts, worksheets, etc.
5. Quizzes and tests
6. Semester exams
7. Discussion of culture and customs of German speaking countries.

Spanish I - 0082 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Text: ¡Exprésate! Level I (Ch. 1-6)

Course Activities:

1. Introduction
2. Textbook and supplemental oral/written activities
3. Listening and speaking comprehension activities
4. Video and audio activities
5. Vocabulary and lesson quizzes
6. Chapter tests
7. Semester exams
8. Supplementary cultural activities

German II - 0070 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of German I – A grade of “C” or above is strongly suggested.

Text: Komm Mit - Level II

Course Activities:

1. Oral, listening and written exercises from textbook
2. Written exercises in workbook
3. Oral presentation of lesson dialogs and daily conversational practice
4. Use of supplementary materials such as games, audio-visual material, puzzles, charts, worksheets, etc.
5. Quizzes and tests
6. Semester exams
7. Discussion of culture and customs of German speaking countries

Spanish II - 0086 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish I – A grade of “C” or above is strongly suggested.

Text: ¡Exprésate! Level I (Ch. 7-10) and ¡Exprésate! Level II (Ch. 1-3)

Course Activities:

1. Textbook and supplemental oral/written activities
2. Listening and speaking comprehension activities
3. Video and audio activities
4. Vocabulary and lesson quizzes
5. Chapter tests
6. Supplementary culture activities.

German III - 0074 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of German II – A grade of “C” or above is strongly suggested.

Text: Komm-Mit - Level III (Ch. 1-6)

Course Description: Same as German I and German II including a selection of literary work with questions for discussion or written work also, authentic assessments in the form of projects and presentations in German.

Spanish III - 0090 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish II – A grade of “C” or above is strongly suggested.

Text: ¡Exprésate! Level II (Ch. 4-10)

Course Activities:

1. Individual, paired and small group activities where students practice listening, reading, writing and speaking the target language.
2. Lesson quizzes and chapter tests
3. Authentic assessments in the form of projects and presentations in Spanish
4. Videos dealing with Hispanic culture

German IV - 0078 **12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of German III – A grade of “C” or above is strongly suggested.
Text: *Komm Mit* - Level III (Ch. 7-12)
Course Description: Same as German III including a review of German grammar and a selection of literary work with questions for discussion or written work also, authentic assessments in the form of projects and presentations in German.

Spanish IV - 0094 **12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish III – A grade of “C” or above is strongly suggested.
Text: ¡Exprésate! Level III
Course Activities:

1. Individual, paired and small group activities where students practice listening, reading, writing and speaking the target language.
2. Vocabulary quizzes and chapter tests
3. Authentic assessments in the form of projects and presentations in Spanish
4. Videos dealing with Hispanic culture

Business

Computer Concepts - 0103 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: Computer Concepts is an introductory course and a prerequisite for all other computer courses. This one semester course teaches the touch method of alphabetic and numeric keyboarding while introducing basic computer skills. Students learn to format documents such as letter, memos, reports, and tables for personal, classroom, and business use. Students use Microsoft Word to format documents and are introduced to the basic elements of Microsoft Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint. Success in this course will allow students to be successful on the IVCC Keyboarding proficiency exam.

Microsoft Office I - 0105 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Computer Concepts
Course Description: The purpose of this intermediate computer course is to provide college and business bound with a working knowledge of Microsoft Office 2010. This computer course will cover the Word, Excel, and PowerPoint portions of the Microsoft Office suite. The Word portion of the class will cover preparing documents, sorting data, creating tables and charts, formatting paragraphs, inserting pictures, and creating promotional flyers. Using Excel the students will learn how to enter data, change worksheet appearance, move and copy data in a worksheet, and utilize the formula feature. The PowerPoint portion of the class will focus on designing, enhancing, and preparing presentations.

Introduction to Business - 0162 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Fulfills Consumer Education Graduation Requirement
Course Description: This introductory level class introduces students to the business world and helps them prepare to deal successfully with – and become a part of – the business community. This offering is designed to help students understand the role of business in a free enterprise economic system. It provides economic principles, concepts, and understandings for preparation of individuals as effective citizens, consumers and employees/employers, participating in the American economy. This class will develop students’ abilities to make personal financial decisions in the areas of budgeting, record-keeping, insurance, real estate, transportation and financial institutions and services. Students will learn about topics such as speedwriting, advertising, nutrition, grocery shopping, auto ownership, housing, clothing, banking services, credit, taxes, insurance, and consumer action.

Introduction to Multimedia - 0154 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Computer Concepts
Course Description: This course is an introduction to the study and creation of multimedia using Adobe CS4. Students will be introduced to photo editing, graphic design, sound editing, animation, and web design. The course is designed as a survey course in which students can explore various aspects of multimedia and determine which of those aspects they may wish to pursue further.

Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies - 0136 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: This course is open to all students who need help with taking notes, reading textbooks, managing time, and taking tests and test anxiety. Strategies presented include Cornell notes, SQ3R textbook study system, note cards, study tips for various types of tests, and tips for overcoming test stress and anxiety.

Web Design I - 0117 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Computer Concepts

Course Description: Web page design is one of the workforce skills in greatest demand. Students will learn to design web pages while learning the basics of hypertext markup language along with web page editing software from Microsoft and Adobe. The semester will be capped off with a business simulation in which students will go through the steps of designing a site for a business from start to finish.

Microsoft Office II - 0106 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Microsoft Office I

Course Description: This course is a continuation of Microsoft Office I and is designed to develop proficiency in using advanced features of the software program Excel as well as introductions to the programs Publisher and Access. The semester will conclude with a business simulation integrating the programs of the Office suite to perform a variety of office-related tasks combined with entrepreneurial principles. *Concepts presented in Office I and II align with skills tested in the Basic Computer Skills Inventory required of all incoming fulltime students at IVCC and many other colleges.*

Accounting I - 0130 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: Accounting is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of accounting theory and fundamental principles. Students are given a thorough knowledge of the accounting operations used in a business by learning to analyze transactions, record them in a journal and post them to the appropriate accounts in the ledger. Students cover all steps involved in completing an accounting cycle. Knowledge of accounting may prove helpful to each student for personal use as well as those students who plan to major in business in college.

Web Design II - 0118 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Web Design I

Course Description: Students will continue learning advanced techniques for page layout and design incorporating web page editing software. This is a project-based course and will include designing and maintaining pages for the school website as well as community projects.

Accounting II - 0134 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Accounting I

Course Description: This course will help students acquire an in depth knowledge of accounting procedures and techniques. Advanced topics include: accounting for accounts receivables, notes receivable/payable, inventories, vouchers, deferrals and accruals. Students will also be introduced to accounting procedures for partnerships, corporations, departmental businesses, branch divisions, and manufacturing businesses. This course will be beneficial to students who plan to major in accounting in college.

Business Principles & Entrepreneurship - 0159 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This is an upper level course covering management, marketing, finance and labor relations. Students will study the business plan and how to start up and expand a small business. Students who major in business will find this course beneficial.

Business Law - 0145 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: Students will gain the practical knowledge of business law in everyday life and in the business world. This course is designed to help the students develop a better understanding and appreciation of the rights and obligations of all citizens in their civic and business affairs. Students will study the trial system and attend a session at the criminal and civil courts. Projects will include the integration of technology to research current topics related to the types and kinds of laws regarding criminal, civil, family, consumer, and contract law areas.

Marketing/Sales - 0151 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course is designed to teach students marketing principles and practices as well as an overview of retailing and retail functions. Emphasis will be placed on the study of the principle markets for products and services, channels of distribution and the many activities and job opportunities that occur as a product moves from its point of origin to its point of use. Consideration is given to such topics as buying habits and motives, marketing research, product planning, advertising and sales promotion, selling activities and basic economic principles. Students will be required to participate in: market research, target marketing, promotion and sales, designed to foster a greater understanding of the marketing process.

Personal Finance - 0135 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Fulfills Consumer Education Requirement

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to orient students to their role as consumers in the free enterprise system. As a result, students should be better able to participate as citizens, workers, and consumers. This course will teach students how to manage their personal resources by making informed choices as consumers in the marketplace. The abilities to make personal financial decisions in the areas of budgeting, record keeping, insurance, real estate, and financial institutions and services will be emphasized in the learning activities.

Cooperative Education - 0680 **11-12** **6 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Student must have the high school courses necessary to be prepared to successfully pursue occupational training from the local businesses in the Ottawa Township School District.

Enrollment Procedure: Student must obtain an application for Co-op from his or her counselor or in room 109. The application must be completed and the applicant interviewed prior to the end of the school year. During registration the student will be asked to fill out a complete schedule excluding Cooperative Education. Placements will be made over the summer at which time students will be notified and required to make a schedule change. Students may enroll in Co-op mid-year.

This program is designed to give students an opportunity to receive further training in their chosen vocational area. A student enrolled in the program attends school four periods daily and works on-the-job for three periods. Physical Education and Co-op class are required as two of the four periods on-campus. Classroom material includes job-related topics, employment law, writing resumes and handling money. The co-op class fulfills consumer education requirements for those students completing a full year.

Consumer Education

The graduation requirement for Consumer Education can be satisfied by successfully completing any of the following courses.

Introduction to Business - 0162 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: This introductory level class introduces students to the business world and helps them prepare to deal successfully with -- and become a part of -- the business community. This offering is designed to help students understand the role of business in a free enterprise economic system. It provides economic principles, concepts, and understandings for preparation of individuals as effective citizens, consumers and employees/employers, participating in the American economy. This class will develop students' abilities to make personal financial decisions in the areas of budgeting, record-keeping, insurance, real estate, transportation and financial institutions and services. Students will learn about topics such as advertising, nutrition, grocery shopping, auto ownership, housing, clothing, banking services, credit, taxes, insurance, and consumer action.

Applied Consumer Economics - 0577 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: Utilizing the Junior Achievement materials, the course provides students the opportunity to interact on a regular basis with a representative of the local business community. There is a strong focus on mathematics, reading, writing, and team building skills through a variety of hands-on activities and supplemental material. Students will enhance their understanding and take advantage of America's Free enterprise System by creating and building a student-run business. Students will market and sell a product throughout the semester.

Economics - 0551 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: Economics consists of an introduction to the forces directing our economy. Major concepts of both microeconomics and macroeconomics will be studied. Students going on to college, especially in the area of Business or Social Science should have this course.

Personal Finance - 0135 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to orient students to their role as consumers in the free enterprise system. As a result, students should be better able to participate as citizens, workers, and consumers. This course will teach students how to manage their personal resources by making informed choices as consumers in the marketplace. The abilities to make personal financial decisions in the areas of budgeting, record keeping, insurance, real estate, and financial institutions and services will be emphasized in the learning activities.

Cooperative Education - 0680 **11-12** **6 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Student must have the high school courses necessary to be prepared to successfully pursue occupational training from local businesses in the Ottawa Township School District.

Course Description / Enrollment Procedure: Student must obtain an application for Co-op from his or her counselor or in room 209. The application must be completed and the applicant interviewed prior to the end of the school year. During registration the student will be asked to fill out a complete schedule excluding Cooperative Education. Placements will be made over the summer at which time students will be notified and required to make a schedule change. Students may not enroll in Co-op mid year.

This program is designed to give students an opportunity to receive further training in their chosen vocational area. A student enrolled in the program attends school four periods daily and works on-the-job for three periods. Physical Education and Co-op class are required as two of the four periods on-campus. Classroom material includes job-related topics, employment law, writing resumes and handling money.

Agriculture

Introduction to Agriculture - 0656

9-10

2 Credits

Year Course

Course Description: This course introduces students to the agricultural industry, the history and importance of agriculture, and how the industry is organized; agriculture's major components and basic concepts; the economic influence of agriculture at the local, state, national, and international levels, and the scope and types of career opportunities available in the field of agriculture. Areas of study include concepts in basic animal science, basic agricultural mechanization, basic science and technology in agriculture, agricultural occupations, basic soil science principles, basic food science technology, wildlife ecology, basic horticulture and landscaping, hydroponics, aquaculture microcomputer applications in agriculture and the history and organization of the FFA. Students will have the opportunity to participate in FFA activities.

Animal Science (Zoology) - 0658

10-11-12

1 Credit

Semester Course

Course Description: **This course does not meet Science graduation requirements.** This course introduces the principles of zoology through the study of wild vertebrate animals of North America. This course gives the descriptions of lives, structures, growth, and classification of species in their natural habitats, and raises critical thinking questions to initiate the steps taken in the process of scientific discovery. This course also helps the student appreciate how each animal is adapted to its environment and highlights ways that humans and animals can reduce competition for resources that are needed by both. Students taking this course will receive science credit towards graduation and also have the opportunity to join and participate in FFA activities. This course will fulfill one semester of credit towards fine arts/foreign language/vocational education requirement. This course does not meet 4 year college entrance requirements.

Environmental Science - 0659

10-11-12

1 Credit

Semester Course

Course Description: **This course does not meet Science graduation requirements.** This course is designed to help the student understand how human's impact on the earth has changed throughout history and why environmental concerns have recently become prominent in the news. We will study the major environmental challenges facing society and gain a better understanding of how the issues discussed are connected to the decisions and choices we make in our personal lives. Students of Environmental Science are eligible to participate in the Canon Envirothon competition and to join FFA and participate in FFA activities. This course will fulfill one semester of credit towards the fine arts/foreign language/vocational education requirement.

Landscape Design and Maintenance - 0673

10-11-12

1 Credit

Semester Course

Course Description: This course is intended as an overview of a complex and rapidly growing industry. The students will become acquainted with the three major branches of the landscape industry; landscape design, installation, and management. The major emphasis of the labs will be designing landscapes to meet certain stated objectives. There will be a field trip to a landscape nursery, garden center, and a golf course. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in FFA activities.

Natural Resources Management - 0660

10-11-12

1 Credit

Semester Course

Course Description: This course explores the history of natural resource conservation in the United States and the current issues that face our country today. Student knowledge and skills are developed in understanding the importance of managing our natural resources wisely. Areas of study includes: soil and water conservation, fish and wildlife management, forest management, and renewable and non-renewable fuels. Students will learn how to figure slope using a hand level, measure standing lumber using a Biltmore stick, how to read a map and use both a compass and a GPS receiver for orientation purposes. Natural resource career opportunities will also be explored. Students taking this course will have the opportunity to join and participate in FFA activities.

power that will be studied are: Fossil Fuels such as oil, coal and natural gas, as well as electricity, steam, wind, nuclear, solar and bio-fuels. The lab will consist of taking apart a small gas engine, making crucial measurements and then reassembling the engine so that it starts. Some rudimentary welding skills may be taught if time allows. Classroom textbooks are used for weekly reading and worksheet assignments. Course is split about 80% classroom to 20% lab time. Students must supply their own safety glasses and meet the safety requirements of the course including the passing of a safety test.

Woods I - 0829 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce the student to machine tool woodworking and wood technology. The student will learn many aspects of machine tool woodworking while building a project that he or she can take pride in creating. The required project allows the student to become acquainted with most of the machines in the Woods Lab. Students will provide their own safety glasses, pay for any materials used, and pass a machine safety test before being allowed to participate in the lab activities. Basic math skills and regular attendance are essential to the successful completion of this course. Grades will be computed as follows: 75% lab work, 15% tests and quizzes, 10% class participation.

Woods II - 0833 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Woods I

Course Description: This course is designed to increase and enhance the use of woodworking machines and power tools. This course will also enhance development of intelligent discrimination in the selection and use of various wood products. Measuring, wood identification, wood joinery and safety will be stressed. Students will provide their own safety glasses, pay for any materials used, and pass a machine safety test before being allowed to participate in the lab activities. Grades will be computed as follows: 75% lab work, 15% tests and quizzes, 10% class participation.

CADD I (Computer Aided Drafting & Design) - 0811 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Course Description: This is a beginning course using CADD in mechanical drawing concepts and processes that exposes the student to the basics of drafting. Students interested in engineering and/or any field related to the tech-industrial field should be encouraged to enroll in this course. In 18 weeks, the student will develop skill in using the computer and software using the latest release of AutoCAD. Students will prepare basic mechanical drawings. This is a lab course with emphasis on skill development. Therefore, 90% of the student's grade will be determined by the drawings they submit for grading. Ten percent of the student's grade will be based on class participation. Math skills are essential and students who have had Algebra 1 and Geometry will have a better understanding of drafting concepts (these are not prerequisites course requirements). The nature of the course being a series of lab experiences requires good daily attendance.

Concepts and skills to be mastered:

- Operation of AutoCAD software
- Concepts of dimensioning and Orthographic projection
- Setting up a drawing
- Selecting objects and entering coordinates
- Drawing Objects
- Using precision drawing aids
- Changing the drawing view
- Copying, erasing and moving origin, gender or disabilities

Drawings to be prepared include:

- Title block layouts
- Single view drawings and multi-view
- Beginning multi-view drawings
- Ring and box array design projects
- Sectional drawings
- Multi-view drawings with basic dimensions
- Isometric and three dimensional drawing

CADD II (Computer Aided Drafting & Design) - 0815 **10-11-12** **Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of CADD I

Course Description: This is a continuation of CADD. I. The same software used in CADD I will be used to create advanced drawings in those areas covered in the beginning course. Having mastered the CAD software in CAD I emphasis will be placed on introducing the students to new types of drawings used in industry. Method of determining the student's grade will be the same as stated in CAD I Students who complete CADD I and CADD II with an average of 90% or better will receive College credit from Illinois Valley Community College of 3 semester hours at no cost or any testing requirements.

Concepts and skills to be mastered:

- Working with groups and nesting
- Part inserts and CAD libraries

- Modifying object Shapes
- Using parts and symbols
- Customizing AutoCAD Program

- Sharing file information

Drawings to be prepared include:

- Sectional Drawings
- Basic Auxiliary view drawings
- Detail Drawings
- Preparing working drawings
- Pictorial drawings
- Basic assembly drawing

CADD III – Engineering Graphics – 0820

11-12

2 Credits

Year Course

Prerequisite: Successful completion of CADD II

Course Description: This is an advanced course in Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) which uses the Autodesk Design Academy suite of software including, three dimensional design software (Inventor) AutoCAD latest versions of software for Computer Aided Drafting and Design work. Autodesk is the number one CAD software used in colleges, Universities and modern industry. Only the students who are serious in pursuing a drafting/CADD career or a career in engineering should sign up for this course. The student will complete assignments in advanced multi-view, sectional, and pictorial drawings, 3D modeling and 3D assembly models. In addition, new material will be introduced consisting of projection theory, advanced dimensioning procedures and tolerance, thread and fastener drawings; auxiliary and revolution drawings; working and assembly drawings to include 3D assemblies and models. Project will incorporate all the materials studied throughout the course of the year. The student’s grades will be determined as specified in CAD I.

Concepts and skills to be mastered:

- Organizing your project
- Using two-dimensional coordinate systems and layers
- Drawing geometry
- Controlling the drawing display
- Copying, moving, and erasing objects
- Working in three dimensions
- Adding text to drawings
- Dimensioning
- Using symbols, blocks, and external references
- Modifying AutoCadLT objects
- Managing Files and other formats

Drawings to be prepared include:

- Point, line and plane projection drawings
- Advanced multi-view drawings
- Auxiliary view drawings
- Revolution drawings
- Advanced dimensioned drawings with tolerancing
- Precision dimensioned drawings
- Thread and fastener drawings
- Cam and gear drawings
- Perspective drawings
- Assembly drawings

CADD III – Architectural Drawing and Design - 0822

11-12

2 Credits

Year Course

Prerequisite: Successful completion of CADD II

Course Description: This is an advanced course in Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) which uses the Autodesk Design Academy suite of software including, three dimensional design software. This course teaches the student how to use AutoCAD to generate architectural drawings. Students will use the Autodesk Design Academy suite of software. The student will be instructed through guided lecture and computer experience. Students, learn how to develop a complete set of drawings for house construction. Emphasis is placed on developing a precise set of drawings with accurate dimensions. Topics to be covered will, architectural styles, area planning, cost analysis, house orientation, etc. Each student will be required to design 2 homes including all working drawings for construction. Students’ will also learn concepts related to topography and topographical and legal descriptions as it relates to Architecture. Student will construct a Model structure to better understand building construction and its relationship to design. Preliminary sketches (using software) and research will be required of each that enrolls in this architectural CADD course.

Concepts and skills to be mastered:

The same computer skills taught in CADD II will be used under the application of architectural drawing

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| Drawings to be prepared include: | - | Fireplace and stairs details |
| - Floor plan with dimensions | - | Elevation drawings |
| - Foundation plan with dimensions | - | Framing and construction details |
| - Wall and building sections | - | Site Plans |
| - Kitchen and bath details | | |

Vocational Auto Mechanics I (2 class periods daily) – 0838, 0839 11-12 4 Credits Year Course

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Power Technology

Course Description: This course is designed for the student who wants to enter one of the many automotive career fields. Some topics covered in this course will be a general overview of most automotive systems, component identification, general maintenance, engine repair, automatic transmission and transaxle, manual drive train and axles, suspension and steering, safety procedures, troubleshooting, reading and interpreting technical information and diagrams, and employment opportunities in these fields. Safety is of prime importance and will be stressed throughout the course. Students will provide their own safety glasses, pay for any materials used, and pass a safety test before being allowed to participate in lab activities. Classroom to lab time is split about 60% classroom to 40% lab time.

Vocational Auto Mechanics II (2 class periods daily) – 0842, 0843 12 4 Credits Year Course

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Vocational Auto Mechanics I.

Course Description: This course is designed for the student who wants to enter one of the many Automotive Career fields or continue their education in these fields. Some topics covered in this course will be an overview of current and future automotive systems, component identification, brakes, electrical/electronic systems, heating and air-conditioning, engine performance, safety procedures, reading and interpreting technical information and diagrams, troubleshooting and employment opportunities in these fields. Safety is of prime importance and will be stressed throughout the course. Students will provide their own safety glasses, pay for any materials used, and pass a safety test before being allowed to participate in lab activities. Classroom to lab time is split about 60% classroom to 40% lab time. Note: This follows the *National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation* task list and *Automotive Service Excellence* guidelines.

**Building Trades I – 0844CC 11-12 4 Credits/Year Year Course
(2 periods daily at the Area Career Center)**

Required Supplies: Students buy tools for construction (belt, hammer, tape, utility knife) and safety glasses (required equipment). Shop fee: \$25.00

Course Description: This course introduces the student to the basic skills required of a person who plans on entering the construction trades field. Each student is taught the process required in the development of manual skills (a combination of thinking and doing) and a thorough knowledge and understanding of basic principles related to construction work. Areas covered are hand, power and specialty tool usage, the transit and level, fabrication techniques, and the identification, selection and use of building materials. Emphasis is placed on work activities related to layout, concrete, framing, sheathing and completion of a project. Students will have the opportunity to attain an OSHA 10 credential.

**Building Trades II – 0844CC 11-12 4 Credits/Year Year Course
(2 periods daily at the Area Career Center)**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Building Trades I.

Required Supplies: Students buy tools for construction (belt, hammer, tape, square, etc.) and safety glasses (required equipment). Shop fee: \$25.00

Course Description: Advanced students in the construction trades are introduced to the qualifications that are required for the broad range of job opportunities in the construction field. Emphasis is placed on craftsmanship, tool techniques, remodeling, maintenance, and repair. Planning, estimating and quality craftsmanship are stressed. Students will experience increased responsibility and progressively more difficult building techniques. A major emphasis stressed throughout the class will be the development of a positive work ethic. Second year students will act as group leaders. Students will work on NCCER core curriculum.

Residential Wiring I – 0813CC **11-12** **4 Credits/Year** **Year Course**
(2 periods daily at the Area Career Center)

Required Supplies: Students buy safety glasses (required equipment). Shop fee: \$25.00

Course Description: The first year of the Career and Technical Education series in residential Wiring focuses on the ability to accurately read and diagnose electrical blueprint symbols, as well as design and execute electrical blueprints. Navigation and understanding of The National Electrical Code (NEC) is a substantial aspect of this first year also, as it serves as a guide for all work. Students will install most common residential wiring devices in the re-created “real world” condition of the lab, as well as various jobsites in the area. A heavy focus is placed on safety, both in the classroom and the jobsite. Students will also learn about load balancing and main service installation. Students will install NMB cable, EMT conduit and ENT conduit, all within the context of executing real connections found in any common residence.

Residential Wiring II – 0813CC **11-12** **4 Credits/Year** **Year Course**
(2 periods daily at the Area Career Center)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Residential Wiring I.

Required Supplies: Students buy safety glasses (required equipment). Shop fee: \$25.00

Course Description: This second year of the Career and Technical Education series in Residential Wiring is a continuation and expansion of the first course. Students will install NMB cable, EMT conduit and ENT conduit, all within the context of executing real connections found in any common residence. Upon completion of this second year of Residential Wiring, students will have virtually wired a typical house according to the requirements of the NEC.

Students will be given the opportunity to take a proficiency exam from IVCC. With an 80% or better score, graduation from high school, and upon enrollment at IVCC in the Electronics Technology program, 3 credit hours for IVCC’s ELE 1206 course will be placed on the student’s official transcript.

Art

Art I – Foundations of Art - 0002 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: This course introduces students to the elements and principles of art and design. The students will be exposed to various media and techniques as they explore a wide range of class projects. An emphasis will be placed on craftsmanship and creative problem solving. Some art history and appreciation will be covered to strengthen the student's understanding of the role art plays throughout society. The projects in this course will deal with subject matter ranging from still life to figure and landscape. The students will work with pencil, charcoal, pastels, ink, acrylic paint, watercolors, colored pencils and markers. Many other design processes will also be explored and utilized during the course. The instructor determines the sequence of the projects according to the student’s needs and interests. The first six weeks will be used to focus on drawing and value. The students are required to furnish their own supplies and equipment that costs approximately \$35.00. The materials will need to be obtained during the first few weeks of the school year. Students with financial difficulties who cannot afford the required supplies should check with their counselor, principal or teacher. No student will be refused placement due to financial difficulties.

Crafts - 0018 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Course Description: Students selecting this class should have a sincere interest in crafts and be prepared to collect and purchase their own supplies. The student may expect to spend approximately \$20.00 each semester depending on individual choices made about the types of projects and materials. Students with financial difficulties who cannot afford to buy the required supplies should check with their counselor.

First semester is devoted to the exploration of various materials through the production of craft projects. Those materials commonly explored are: paper, leather, fabric, wood, and plaster.

Second semester is mostly devoted to the study and production of ceramics, which includes these major areas: 1. Basic hand-building techniques 2. Introduction to commercial mold techniques 3. Ways of glazing and finishing ceramics. Actual projects will vary according to student interest, current trends, and the availability of supplies and equipment. A student may register for either or both semesters. Some drawing will be required.

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Art III – Advanced Concepts in Art - 0010 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Art II – Art and Composition

Course Description: This course requires students to put to use the technical skills they acquired in Art1/ Foundations of Art and Art 2/ Art and Composition. The course is intended to prepare students for the senior level AP Studio class. This course allows students to exercise their creative freedom while building a portfolio that will be accepted to the College Board at the end of their senior year. In this course, students have the opportunity to engage in a working studio atmosphere while fostering their creative vision in preparation for their senior portfolio. Many of the projects are thematic and issue based. Art history continues to be incorporated into the context of the projects. Advanced and new techniques in printmaking, oil, acrylic, water color, photography and dry media will be presented. The instructor, based on the needs and interests of the class will choose the sequence and projects. These may change each year. Digital and standard portfolios will be kept and evaluated. Students will be required during the first six weeks to furnish their own supplies that will cost approximately \$40.00. There may be some small costs during the year for miscellaneous materials. Students with financial difficulties should check with their teacher, counselor, or the Principal. No student will be refused placement due to financial difficulties.

Art IV – AP 2D Studio Art - 0014 **12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Art III – Advanced Concepts in Art

Course Description: The Advanced Placement Art course is designed to prepare students for college, give them the necessary studio experiences to nurture their creativity and allow students the opportunity to earn college credit at accepting universities. Students enrolled in AP 2D Studio Art continue to explore and build on the techniques, skills, theories, and principles learned in their beginning and intermediate art courses. Students have the opportunity to more fully explore, expand, and master their talents and abilities in drawing, painting, and design. The focus of this course is on two-dimensional art forms and is recommended for the serious art student. Quizzes and tests are included in the curriculum and students are expected to maintain a notebook/sketchbook to reinforce the concepts presented. Advanced placement requirements are introduced during the first week of the school-year. It is explained that the focus of the AP class is to enable AP students to develop and grow artistically, creatively, and to engage their critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students develop a body of related works for their concentration derived from a planned investigation that is of personal interest to them. The three individual section requirements of the portfolio are quality, concentration, and breadth. The 24 piece portfolio is due in May and sent to the College Board for review. The portfolio serves as the written exam.

Art – 0782, 0783 **9-10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: Art is a semester course that covers many disciplines and mediums. Students work with paints, clay, fabric, markers, pastels, paper, colored pencils, dye, scratch art, etc. Students also learn and utilize the principles and elements of design such as line, shape, color, texture, movement, pattern, composition, etc. Through the use of a differentiated instructional strategy, each student is able to meet the criterion that is adjusted to individual student abilities. Most importantly, students have fun making art that focuses on the individual expression of each student.

Music

Instrumental Music - Band - 0026 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Content/Activities:

1. Present three major concerts throughout the year (Fall, Winter, Spring)
2. Participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) District and All-State Music Festivals
3. Participate in the IHSA Solo & Ensemble and Organizational Contests
4. Participate in the Northern Illinois Big 12 Conference Music Festival
5. Participate in the OEHS Music Fest
6. Perform pre-game and half-time shows for all home football games
7. Perform at home boy's and girl's varsity basketball games
8. Participate in local parades
9. Provide music for graduation

Instrumental students study comprehensive musicianship through band performance. This includes: 1) developing technical and aural skills, 2) understanding the structural elements of music, and 3) gaining the knowledge of music as a creative art form of man in a historical context.

Choir - 0030 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Content/Activities:

1. Present three major concerts throughout the year (Christmas, Winter, Spring)
2. Participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) District and All-State Music Festivals.
3. Participate in the IHSA Solo & Ensemble and Organizational contests
4. Participate in the OEHS Music Festival
5. Provide soloists, ensembles or large groups to perform the National Anthem at home football and basketball games
6. Provide music at graduation

The basic fundamentals in voice training, sight-reading, and music knowledge are approached and used as the groups study and perform examples of a variety of styles and periods of choral music.

Music Theory - 0045 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Open to students who have an understanding of music fundamentals. A student must pass a basic skills test to qualify for enrollment in the class.

Content/Activities:

1. Learning the fundamentals of music theory (pitch, meters, intervals, scales, key signatures, triads)
2. Roman numeral analysis and hymn analysis
3. Sight singing
4. Ear training leading to harmonic and melodic dictation
5. Music skills refined through the use of computers.
6. Music arranging and writing and studying music form and analysis.

Grades are calculated by completed homework assignments, tests and quizzes, and ear training exercises.

THE OTHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT OFFERS OPUS (JAZZ CHOIR), AND JAZZ BAND AS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

Family and Consumer Science

Foods I - 0614 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Activity Fee: \$10 per semester

Course Description: In this course students will learn how to read and follow a recipe, identify and use cooking equipment, and learn and practice correct cooking techniques. Safety and sanitation will be practiced throughout the course as well as how to maintain an adequately equipped kitchen. Students will learn to work in small groups to effectively produce and evaluate well-prepared food. Home cooking once a week is a class requirement. Students will prepare vegetables, fruits, quick breads, dairy products, pastas, and cookies. Students with financial difficulties who cannot afford the required supplies should check with their counselor, principal or teacher. No student will be refused placement due to financial difficulties.

Foods II - 0618 **10-11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Foods I

Activity Fee: \$10 per semester

Course Description: Students will prepare meats and main dishes, poultry, soups, yeast breads, and explore foreign cuisine through demonstrations. Effective grocery shopping techniques and general nutrition, including sports-specific needs, will be studied. Students will gain experience with food processors, stand mixers, and other more professional equipment. They will also be involved in cooking for special events and school activities. Students with financial difficulties who cannot afford the required supplies should check with their counselor, principal or teacher. No student will be refused placement due to financial difficulties.

Sewing Technology - 0600 **10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Course Description: This lab class stresses clothing construction techniques involving the embroidery machines and computer scanner, computerized sewing machine, sergers, and advanced construction skills. Students will construct such projects as boxers, reversible vests, pants with zippers, shirts with buttons and holes, sleepwear, crafts, and quilting. **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN FABRICS, PATTERNS, AND SEWING SUPPLIES.** A sewing samples notebook created by each student, an all school craft show in December, and a school based embroidery business are important components of the class. Students learn how to read a commercial pattern, renovate and repair existing clothing, and embellish fabric. Students also learn the principles of entrepreneurship and earning money with learned sewing skills. Second semester will be more independent work with each student working at advanced projects of choice. **STUDENTS MAY ENTER THE COURSE AT SEMESTER TIME WITH PERMISSION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.**

Fashion Merchandising - 0605 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: This class explores the world of fashion merchandising, visual merchandising, merchandise advertising, and store organization through field trips and analysis of existing facilities. Projects include: creation of a store, developing a multi-media advertising campaign, reporting on period costumes that relate to history, exploring fashion designers and their impact on fashion, and creating store-front displays at OTHS and additional visual merchandising activities. Students interested in a future in fashion or looking for job skills in visual merchandising for other fields should find this class helpful.

Vocational Culinary Arts - 0624 **11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Foods II
Activity Fee: \$10 per semester
Course Description: This course is designed for those students with an interest in working in the restaurant business. Techniques and projects are all designed to give students a taste of professional operations. Units include: passing a sanitation & safety test, cooking “challenges” and competitions, more advanced cooking techniques, and utilization of professional equipment. Students will learn knife skills, food styling, meals and planning for restaurant meals, catering projects, lunches, and advanced food preparation. Guest speakers and visiting chefs are an important part of learning what makes a professional. Students with financial difficulties who cannot afford the required supplies should check with their counselor, principal or teacher. No student will be refused placement due to financial difficulties.

Interior Design - 0635 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: This project based, career focused course is offered for any student interested in entering the field of interior design. Areas covered include the Elements and Principals of Design, housing design and styles, furniture design and arrangement, green design, careers in interior design, floor plans and drafting. Student projects may include housing plans and small scale replicas of rooms and tiny houses, as well as designing and decorating their dorm rooms and rooms for clients.

Adult Living - 0651 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: This co-educational course involves couple oriented simulated activities based upon real life situations. Students will be "married" several times and work through life decision-making procedures. Areas of study include: money management, engagements and planning a wedding, communications skills, interpersonal relationships, resolving conflicts and fighting techniques, dealing with crises, divorce, death and effective parenthood. Guest speakers, hour field trips, community resources, films and role playing help meet individual needs both as a new adult setting out in the world and later as a married partner. This is a practical class dealing with real-life problems.

Child Development - 0643 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: Child Development is a course designed for students who are planning to pursue any occupation related to children. This course provides information about conception, pregnancy and the delivery of a baby. Other topics include growth and development of infants and young children up to age three. Emphasis is placed on parental roles, responsibilities, and guidance techniques in disciplining and educating children.

Vocational Child Care - Two periods daily – 0646, 0647 12 4 Credits Year Course

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Parenting or the consent of the Division Chairman and teacher.

Course Description: This course is designed to prepare male or female students for employment in the areas of early childhood and elementary education. Students will plan, prepare, and implement lessons in the preschool program at Ottawa High School. This course provides opportunities for adequate training of high school students for group and individual child care and provides a wonderful basis for college bound education majors. Students will demonstrate their ability to take responsibility, show self-initiative, and function successfully with others. The students will practice effective guidance, and evaluate and relate the child's actions to what is studied in class. Students are required to take the parenting class before or concurrently with this course. Students have the opportunity to articulate with IVCC and receive six hours of college course credit after completing specific requirements.

Foods – 0780, 0781 9-10-11-12 1 or 2 Credits(s) Semester/Year Course

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Activity Fee: \$10 per semester

Course Description: This is a hands-on class which focuses on meal planning and preparation. Students are introduced to a variety of foods and learn skills such as shopping, sanitation, safety, measurement, following directions and problem solving. Students with financial difficulties who cannot afford the required supplies should check with their counselor, principal or teacher. No student will be refused placement due to financial difficulties.

Health Occupations

State law requires a criminal background check on each course participant, no more than 10 students per class and **only seven (7) absences per semester** for state certification. The student is required to have a white shirt, white pants, white shoes, and a watch with a second hand. The State requires students to have an eighth grade reading comprehension level given the extensive medical terminology needed for certification.

Orientation to Health Occupations - 0653 11-12 1 Credit 1st Semester Course

Course Description: Orientation to Health Occupations provides the student with information regarding various health careers, beyond certified nursing assistants. The course explores the education required, job description, availability of employment, salaries and expectations of different health related careers. This provides the student with knowledge about a variety of health care careers as well as opportunity to shadow professionals in the various health occupations.

Nurse Assistant One - 0654 11-12 1 Credit 1st Semester Course

Course Description: This co-educational course is intended to introduce students to health care agencies, their procedures and policies, job descriptions of a nurse's aide, work ethics, medical terminology, human growth and development, anatomy and physiology and the basic skills the nurse aid performs. Skills will be taught and demonstrated by the instructor per Illinois Department of Public Health regulations. The students will then practice the basic skills taught either in the lab or clinical setting, after which time they will be tested on these skills to prepare for state certification.

Nurse Assistant Two - 0655 11-12 1 Credit 2nd Semester Course

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Nurse Assistant One

Fee:

Course Description: This co-educational course is intended to prepare students for employment as a certified nurse assistant. Upon successful completion of this course in conjunction with Nurse Assistant One and Orientation to Health Occupations, the student will be eligible to take the state certification test which is mandatory for Illinois employment. The test will cost each student \$60.00 with a \$30.00 fee for a criminal background check. The student will receive classroom, lab, and clinical experience. The clinical rotation will be held at Pleasant View Lutheran Home and Community Hospital of Ottawa and will include activities of daily living such as denture care, showers, bed baths, grooming, feeding, etc.

Note: Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in the Nursing Assistant Course to meet the requirements to take the Certification Exam at the end of the school year. IVCC requires all students entering the nursing program at IVCC to have a 2.5 GPA and be a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Independent Study

Independent Study – 0797, 0798 **12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**
Course Description: Independent Study is expected to be a sixth (if enrolled in P.E.), or seventh (if student has a P.E. waiver) subject, and is open only to seniors. Independent Study offers a student the opportunity to study and do research work in a chosen course not offered at OTHS, after all courses in the area of study offered by OTHS have been exhausted. The program of study is determined by the student faculty advisor and the student. Students must complete the Independent Study application process and submit it to the assistant principal by the enrollment deadline to receive consideration for an Independent Study.

Special Needs Program

Global Strategies - 0742 **9** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: The student will participate in a variety of activities designed to improve his/her instructional skills. Along with a curriculum, this course will be designed for the student's needs as identified in their Individualized Educational program. Through the use of student's instruction assignments, emphasis will be placed on the development or improvement of organizational skills, instructional support for the required general curriculum, study skills methods, self-advocacy, transition, and adapting and compensating in order to be a successful learner/citizen.

Instructional Reading - 0754 **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course is designed to accommodate the full range of problem readers based on their Individualized Educational Program and identified areas of deficit(s). This course will provide extensive practice in following direction, statement repetition, present various analytical skills that can be to 'higher-order' thinking tasks, introduces both "fact system" and vocabulary words, written expression, and address the student's self-image with reading.

Instructional Math - **9-10-11-12** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course is designed to provide support for students who have difficulty with mathematics based on their Individualized Educational Program. The course is organized to assist students with specific weaknesses in computational skills by breaking concepts down into small skills, rules, and procedures.

Computers I - 0772 **9-10-11-12** **1 or 2 Credits** **Semester or Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services. Students enrolled in the Life Skills or Basic Vocational Program

Course Description: Introduction to basic computer application skills related to independent living skills and career exploration. Topics covered include identification of computer components, identification of different types of computers, setting up a desktop PC, introduction to Microsoft Office, the internet, digital photography, and to photo editing software.

Computer Technology - 0775 **9-10-11-12** **1 or 2 Credits** **Semester or Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: Computer technology introduces students to many different forms of technology with emphasis on hardware and software used in conjunction with computers. In semester one, students will learn proper keyboard techniques, basic use of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, internet search techniques, and available tools on the

internet. In semester two, students will learn the more advanced features in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Students will be introduced to digital photography/videography, and basic computer troubleshooting.

Basic Vocational Study Skills - 0725 **9-10-11-12** **1 or 2 Credits(s)** **Semester/Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This class accommodates individual needs while meeting general high school requirements with emphasis on basic skills, social behavior, vocational, and occupational training. The class will meet at least one period daily, based on the needs of the students. The number of credits is determined by staffing recommendations.

Life Skills - 0766 **9-10-11-12** **1 or 2 Credits(s)** **Semester/Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: Students complete high school requirements utilizing a modified curriculum that will accommodate individual needs. Students also work on life skills, job skills, and opportunities for community based instruction. Instruction is provided in a classroom environment that follows the bell schedule.

Global Strategies - 0742 **10-11** **2 Credits** **Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: The student will participate in a variety of activities designed to improve his/her instructional skills. Along with a curriculum, this course will be designed for the student's needs as identified in their Individualized Educational program. Through the use of student's instruction assignments, emphasis will be placed on the development or improvement of organizational skills, instructional support for the required general curriculum, study skills methods, self-advocacy, transition, and adapting and compensating in order to be a successful learner/citizen.

Consumer Education (Macroeconomics Application Network) - 0550 **11-12** **1 Credit** **Semester Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: This course is a comprehensive consumer education program that has all the elements needed to simulate living in the real world after high school. Activities focus on everyday scenarios that help students develop a clear understanding of the steps they will need to take and the decisions they will need to make to set up and manage their households after finishing high school. Students will study such topics as; salaries, budgeting, personal income taxes, personal banking, housing costs and associated expenses, purchasing, credit, savings and investments, insurance, borrowing and repaying money, consumer rights and responsibilities, and travel, recreation, and vacations.

Global Post-Secondary Prep. - 0740 **12** **1 or 2 Credits(s)** **Semester/Year Course**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services as well as 12th grade status.

Course Description: This course will offer activities and curriculum designed to address post-secondary employment, education/training and independent living. Individual post-secondary goals will be explored and developed. Along with curriculum, this course will be aligned to the student's needs as identified in their Individualized Educational program.

Transition Program - 0767 **12+**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director of Special Services.

Course Description: The Transition Program provides quality transition services that foster the development of skills necessary for post-secondary education, adult education and training, adult service coordination, independent living, community participation, job/career planning, placement and support.

Course Requirements: Students age 19-22 with a disability indicated by an Individual Educational Plan who have completed their high school requirements but seek additional training/education transition related services.

****Note****

Students may receive services in the transition program until the day prior to their 22nd birthday.