

*St. Theodore Guerin
High School*



*2026-2027
Course Offerings*

*St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School
Curriculum Guide*

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Vision Statement: Lead with Humility + Serve with Love + Trust in Providence

Mission Statement: Saint Theodore Guerin High School is a diocesan Catholic school serving diverse learners, forming the whole person through faith development, excellence in academics, and student life to live out the gospel message.

Promise Statement: “Love the children first, then teach them.” -St. Theodore Guerin-

The Philosophy of Education of Saint Theodore Guerin High School

The school’s commitment:

Saint Theodore Guerin High School, founded as a Catholic, college preparatory, diocesan high school, is committed to academic excellence as defined by the following:

- courses inspired and taught from a Catholic worldview, based on the Christian concept of the human person, and in communion with the Magisterium of the Church, always seeking wisdom and truth
- culture for learning that stretches students beyond what they believed possible to prepare them for college and life
- a liberal arts curriculum that challenges students not simply to absorb information but also to articulate, apply, and evaluate information
- a variety of teaching methodologies
- the fostering of active learning whereby students take part in the educational process enabling them to become critical thinkers and life-long learners

The students’ commitment:

Students at Saint Theodore Guerin High School are expected to focus on spiritual and academic growth while discerning and developing their God-given potential. Students are obliged to do the following:

- grow in their faith
- invest in each academic discipline by setting personal goals and expectations
- take an active role in the educational process by:
 - participating in class discussions
 - claiming ownership of their work and showing a desire to learn
 - thinking critically
 - taking risks and not settling for the easy answer
 - advocating for learning needs
 - encouraging fellow students to push themselves academically
- work toward learning independence and self-management
- develop leadership qualities through service to others

The parents’ commitment:

Saint Theodore Guerin High School presumes parents to have the primary and inalienable right to educate their children. Thus, parents are important partners in the educational process. In working together to prepare tomorrow’s leaders, parents are expected to do the following:

- model Christian values and support the students’ spiritual growth
- recognize that the school is a community of people who have been called by God to this vocation and are working in the best interest of the students
- communicate directly, openly, and honestly with the school faculty and staff
- counsel their students on constructive ways to work through the challenges associated with high expectations inherent in a college-preparatory curriculum
- help their students set realistic priorities and develop self-management skills
- partner with faculty and staff in fulfilling this philosophy of education

St. Theodore Guerin High School Diploma Requirements- Class of 2027

	Core 40	Core 40 with Academic Honors	International Baccalaureate
English/Language Arts	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Mathematics	<u>6 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II	<u>8 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II 2 credits Pre-Calculus, or IB Math, or Probability & Statistics and Finite Math	<u>8-11 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II 1 credit Trig (HL Math only) 4 credits IB Math
Science	<u>6 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I With approval, Integrated Chemistry/Physics may be substituted for Chemistry I or Physics I	<u>6 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I With approval, Integrated Chemistry/Physics may be substituted for Chemistry I or Physics I	<u>9-10 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I 3-4 credits IB Biology or IB Chemistry
Social Studies	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History
Theology	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>9 credits</u> Includes 2 credits TOK
Kinesiology	<u>3 credits</u>	<u>3 credits</u>	<u>3 credits</u>
World Language	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>6-8 credits</u> 6 credits in one language Or 4 credits in one language & 4 credits in another language	<u>8 credits</u> Must be same language
Additional Required Courses	<u>5 credits</u> 1 credit Digital Apps 1 credit Fine Arts 3 credits Directed Electives	<u>3 credits</u> 1 credit Digital Apps 2 credits Fine Arts	<u>2 credits</u> 1 credit Digital Apps 1 credit Fine Arts
Electives	<u>6 credits</u>	<u>6-8 credits</u>	<u>2-4 credits</u> IB Electives: Psychology, Economics, Film, Business Mgt, Visual Art, Music, Computer Science, Theatre, Design Tech
Total	48 credits	56 credits	56-61 credits

***Math Courses Taken Prior to Grade 9**

Students who have taken high school math (Algebra and/or Geometry) prior to grade 9 may meet the required 6-11 math credit requirement by earning credits in higher level math courses such as Algebra II, Trigonometry, Probability & Statistics, Finite Math, Pre-Calculus, and IB Math.

St. Theodore Guerin High School Diploma Requirements- Class of 2028

	Core 40	Core 40 with Academic Honors	International Baccalaureate
English/Language Arts	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Mathematics	<u>6 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II	<u>8 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II 2 credits Pre-Calculus, or IB Math, or Probability & Statistics and Finite Math	<u>8-11 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II 1 credit Trig (HL Math only) 4 credits IB Math
Science	<u>6 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I With approval, Integrated Chemistry/Physics may be substituted for Chemistry I or Physics I	<u>6 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I With approval, Integrated Chemistry/Physics may be substituted for Chemistry I or Physics I	<u>9-10 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I 3-4 credits IB Biology or IB Chemistry
Social Studies	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History
Theology	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>9 credits</u> Includes 2 credits TOK
Kinesiology	<u>3 credits</u>	<u>3 credits</u>	<u>3 credits</u>
World Language	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>6-8 credits</u> 6 credits in one language Or 4 credits in one language & 4 credits in another language	<u>8 credits</u> Must be same language
Additional Required Courses	<u>5 credits</u> 1 credit Digital Apps 1 credit Fine Arts 1 credit Personal Finance 2 credits Directed Electives	<u>4 credits</u> 1 credit Digital Applications 2 credits Fine Arts 1 credit Personal Finance	<u>3 credits</u> 1 credit Digital Applications 1 credit Fine Arts 1 credit Personal Finance
Electives	<u>6 credits</u>	<u>5-7 credits</u>	<u>2 credits</u> IB Electives: Psychology, Economics, Film, Business Mgt, Visual Art, Music, Computer Science, Theatre, Design Tech
Total	48 credits	56 credits	56-60 credits

***Math Courses Taken Prior to Grade 9**

Students who have taken high school math (Algebra and/or Geometry) prior to grade 9 may meet the required 6-11 math credit requirement by earning credits in higher level math courses such as Algebra II, Trigonometry, Probability & Statistics, Finite Math, Pre-Calculus, and IB Math.

Additional Requirements for All Diplomas (Classes of 2027-2028):

- Take 2 trimesters of math during the senior year (6 math credits must be earned in grades 9-12)
- Take either 2 trimesters of science or 2 trimesters of world language during the senior year
- Complete 120 service hours or 90 service hours and Senior Capstone Project
- Complete Graduation Pathways
- Be in good behavioral standing and current with financial obligations

Additional Requirements for the Academic Honors Diploma (Classes of 2027-2028):

- Have a grade point average of a “B” (3.0) or better
- Complete one of the following:
 - Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum of 560 on math and 590 on the evidence based reading and writing section.
 - Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section.
 - Earn 4 credits in 2 or more IB courses and take corresponding IB exams
 - Earn 6 verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list
 - Complete both of the following:
 - A minimum of 3 verifiable transcribed college credits from the approved dual credit list,
 - Earn 2 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams

Additional Requirements for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma:

- Complete all of the course requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, including internal and external assessments for six IB courses
- Achieve the minimum point values set by the International Baccalaureate Organization on all assessments
- Complete 90 Guerin service hours and a Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) Project, as per the International Baccalaureate Organization
- Submit an original Extended Essay
- Complete the Theory of Knowledge course

St. Theodore Guerin High School Diploma Requirements- Classes of 2029 & Beyond

	GC Diploma	GC Diploma w/Enrollment Honors Seal	International Baccalaureate
English/ Language Arts	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Mathematics	<u>6 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II	<u>8 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II 2 credits Pre-Calculus, IB Math, or Probability & Statistics and Finite Math	<u>8-11 credits*</u> 2 credits Algebra I 2 credits Geometry 2 credits Algebra II 1 credit Trig (HL Math only) 4 credits IB Math
Science	<u>6 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I	<u>6 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I	<u>9-10 credits</u> 2 credits Biology I 2 credits Chemistry I 2 credits Physics I 3-4 credits IB Biology or IB Chemistry
Social Studies	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History	<u>6 credits</u> 1 credit US Government 1 credit Economics 4 credits IB History
Theology	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>	<u>9 credits</u> Includes 2 credits TOK
PE/Health	<u>2 credits</u> 1 credit PE/Health I 1 credit PE/Health II	<u>2 credits</u> 1 credit PE/Health I 1 credit PE/Health II	<u>2 credits</u> 1 credit PE/Health I 1 credit PE/Health II
World Language	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>4 credits*</u> Must be same language	<u>6-8 credits*</u> Must be same language
Additional Required Courses	<u>5 credits</u> 1 credit Pers Fin Respons 2 credits Fine Arts 1 credit Computing Found 1 credit Prep for College	<u>5 credits</u> 1 credit Pers Fin Respons 2 credits Fine Arts 1 credit Computing Found 1 credit Prep for College	<u>5 credits</u> 1 credit Pers Fin Respons 2 credits Fine Arts 1 credit Computing Found 1 credit Prep for College
Electives	<u>9 credits</u>	<u>3 credits</u>	<u>2 credits</u> IB Electives: Psychology, Economics, Film, Business Mgt, Visual Art, Music, Computer Science, Theatre, Design Tech
Total	50 credits	50 credits	55-61 credits

Additional Requirements for All Diplomas (Classes 2029 & Beyond):

- Take 2 trimesters of math during the senior year (6 math credits must be earned in grades 9-12)
- Take either 2 trimesters of science or 2 trimesters of world language during the senior year
- Complete 120 service hours or 90 service hours and Senior Capstone Project
- Be in good behavioral standing and current with financial obligations

Additional Requirements for the GC Diploma (Classes 2029 & Beyond):

- Complete one of the following Graduation Pathways requirements
 - Earn qualifying ACT score (English: 18, Reading: 22, Math: 22, Science: 23)
 - Earn qualifying SAT score (English: 480, Math: 530)
 - Complete 3 IB and/or dual credit courses

Additional Requirements for the GC Diploma w/Enrollment Honors Seal (Classes 2029 & Beyond):

- Have a cumulative grade point average of a “B” (2.667) or better
- Earn a C- or higher in all required courses
- Complete one of the following:
 - Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT
 - Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher
 - Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams
 - Earn 6 college credits in dual credit courses
 - Complete both of the following:
 - A minimum of 3 college credits
 - Earn 2 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams

Additional Requirements for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma:

- Complete all of the course requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, including internal and external assessments for six IB courses
- Achieve the minimum point values set by the International Baccalaureate Organization on all assessments
- Complete 90 Guerin service hours and a Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) Project, as per the International Baccalaureate Organization
- Submit an original Extended Essay
- Complete the Theory of Knowledge course

*Students who complete the IB Diploma requirements plus 75 hours of work-based learning will also receive Enrollment Honors Plus Seal.

High School Courses Taken Prior to Grade 9- Classes of 2029 & Beyond

Guerin Catholic recognizes that some students take high school courses prior to entering grade 9. It is our belief that the benefit of doing so is to allow students to advance to higher levels of coursework while in high school, not to complete diploma requirements early. As such, Guerin Catholic does not award high school credit for coursework completed prior to grade 9. For students who have completed a high school math and/or world language course (French, Latin, or Spanish), mastery exams are given for placement purposes only. Students who have taken high school math (Algebra and/or Geometry) prior to grade 9 may meet the required 6-11 math credit requirement by earning credits in higher level math courses such as Algebra II, Trigonometry, Probability & Statistics, Finite Math, Pre-Calculus, and IB Math.

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Required Courses

Computing Foundations for a Digital Age **Grades 9** **1 credit**

Prerequisite: None

Also offered as a blended Summer School course to incoming freshmen or those needing credit recovery.

Computers and the internet have revolutionized the way we access and disseminate information.

As technology continues to change at an ever-increasing pace, the need for students to gain a foundational understanding of computer science is clear. Computing Foundations for a Digital Age is designed to introduce students to five major topics within computer science including computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and planning, and impacts of computing. The course introduces foundational computing concepts while exploring current events and building critical thinking, collaboration, problem solving, and other important skills that are invaluable for life in a global and technologically advancing society.

Elective Courses

Introduction to Computer Science **Grades 10-12** **1 credit**

Prerequisite: None

Introduction to Computer Science allows students to explore the world of computer science. Students will gain a broad understanding of the areas composing computer science. Additionally, there is a focus on the areas of computer programming, gaming/mobile development, and artificial intelligence/robotics. Introduction to Computer Science teaches logical thinking as a universally applicable skill in all subject areas.

Computer Science, Standard Level, International Baccalaureate **Grades 11-12** **2 credits**

Prerequisite: Introduction to Computer Science (Recommended)

Please note: This course may be taken to fulfill the senior science requirement

Computer Science Standard Level, International Baccalaureate guides students through problem-solving strategies and definitions to the construction of algorithms to create solutions, thereby developing skills of logic and analytical thinking. The course includes systems life cycle and software development, program coding and construction, computing system fundamentals, a case study, and a program dossier. Students will be required to fulfill all requirements of the IB organization, including participation in the IB summative test in May. This course is recommended for students interested in Engineering, Math, Technology, or Physics-related fields.

Principles of Engineering **Grades 10-12** **1 credit**

Prerequisite: None

Principles of Engineering is a course that focuses on the process of applying engineering, technological, scientific and mathematical principles in the design, production, and operation of products, structures, and systems. This is a hands-on course designed to provide students interested in engineering careers to explore experiences related to specialized fields such as civil, mechanical, and materials engineering. Students will engage in research, development, planning, design, production, and project management to simulate a career in engineering. The topics of ethics and the impacts of engineering decisions are also addressed. Classroom activities are organized to allow students to work in teams and use modern technological processes, computers, CAD software, and production systems in developing and presenting solutions to engineering problems.

Design Technology Standard Level, International Baccalaureate

Grades 11-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: Principles of Engineering (Recommended)

Please note: This course may be taken to fulfill the senior science requirement

IB Design Technology (SL) is the study of how the development of new technologies has given rise to profound changes in society: transforming how we access and process information; how we adapt our environment; how we communicate with others; how we are able to solve problems; how we work and live. Design is the link between innovation and creativity, taking thoughts and exploring the possibilities and constraints associated with products or systems, allowing students to redefine and manage the generation of further thought through prototyping, experimentation, and adaptation. Students learn key skills in conceptual modeling, graphic modeling using CAD, basic circuitry and soldering, and the use of power tools. Additionally, students learn how to do material selection and analysis, basic computer programming, and hone their presentation skills. Students will complete the Internal Assessment component, which is called the Design Project. This component exposes them to research and writing in the field of engineering, design, and the development of the necessary hard and soft skills required to complete the Design Project, which allows a wide range of contexts to be explored through the varying material disciplines of design technology, including product design, fashion design/textiles, electronic product design, and robotics. Students produce a purposeful research question and the rationale for it. Students then carry out an analysis of a design opportunity, conceptual designs, development of detailed design plan for the manufacture of a prototype and evaluate the success of the prototype against design specifications.

Wind Symphony

Grades 9-12

1 credit per trimester

Prerequisite: Audition in May of the preceding year, select members added throughout the year with special permission from the director

Wind Symphony plays the most advanced literature in band. Students perform a wide variety of music during the year, performing several concerts. This class provides students with a balanced, comprehensive study of music through the concert band, which develops skills in the psychomotor, cognitive, and affective domains. Instruction is designed so that students are enabled to connect, examine, imagine, define, try, extend, refine, and integrate music study into other subject areas. This performance ensemble is open to students in grades 9 - 12 who play woodwind, brass, bass guitar/string bass, or percussion instruments.

The primary goal of this course is to teach students authentic, performance-based musical skills. Ensemble and solo activities are designed to develop elements of musicianship including, but not limited to, (1) tone quality & production, (2) technical skills, (3) intonation, (4) music reading skills, (5) listening skills, (6) analyzing music, (7) studying historically significant styles of band literature, (8) rhythm, and (9) balance and blend. The curriculum also includes but is not limited to: pep band performances throughout the fall football season, concerts throughout the academic year, ISSMA organized performances such as ISSMA State Qualification Competition & ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest, performances at community related events as well as school-related events such as parades, pep sessions and commencement ceremonies. Away/overnight trips are possible.

The Wind Symphony includes a pep band requirement unless a student has a valid conflict with the pep band season, such as a GCHS fall sport. Students who are unable to participate in the pep band due to a valid conflict are still eligible for this course, but are excused from pep band commitments. Members of Wind Symphony are in the Music Kairos, and earn 1 credit per trimester for involvement in this ensemble. This class meets during zero period on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings.

St. Theodora's Jazz Band

Grades 10-12

1 credit per year

Prerequisite: Experience in any Guerin Catholic ensemble or music class

A traditional "big band" and is open to students who play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, drums and guitar who have adequately developed technique on their instrument and are interested in performing jazz and popular music. The classes dig into many genres including swing, rock, funk, and latin styles. Literature for this ensemble will be selected from the standard "big band" and contemporary repertoire. Intervals, chord structure, chord progressions and improvisation will be studied. Students taking this course develop musicianship and specific performance skills through group and individual settings for the study and performance of the varied styles of instrumental jazz. The instruction includes the study of the history, formative, and stylistic elements of jazz. Students develop their creative skills through: (1) improvisation, (2) composition, (3) arranging, (4) performing, (5) listening, and (6) analyzing. Students are provided with opportunities to experience live performances by professionals during and outside of the school day. A limited amount of time outside of the school day may be scheduled for dress rehearsals and performances. In addition, a limited number of public performances may serve as a culmination of daily rehearsal and music goals. Students must participate in performance opportunities, outside of the school day, that support and extend the learning in the classroom. This group participates in ISSMA Jazz Festival each spring. Jazz is a uniquely American art form, and GCHS Jazz students seek to preserve and perform it at its highest level! Members of St. Thodora's Jazz Band are in the Music Kairos, and earn 1 credit per year for involvement in this ensemble.

Beginning Elective Courses

Beginning Band

Grades: 9-12

1 credit

Prerequisite: None

Beginning Concert Band is an ensemble for all wind and percussion, instrumental musicians. Students receive large and small group instruction, along with sectionals designed to develop and refine performance skills in relation to wind band repertoire. As a band, students will explore, rehearse and perform literature from a variety of musical genres. Students will work to develop the ability to understand and convey the composer's intent in order to connect the performer to the audience. This class continues the development of musicianship and instrumental pedagogy but even more so in an instrumental context. Students participate in performance opportunities, during and outside of the school day, which support and extend the learning in the classroom. Students in this class are encouraged, but not required, to audition for the Wind Symphony as well.

Beginning Chorus

Grades 9-12

1 credit

Prerequisite: None, no prior musical experience necessary

Students will display mastery-level musicianship, vocal pedagogy, and sight-reading/singing through ensemble singing, group work, and solo singing for the instructor. Intermediate Chorus provides opportunities for creating, performing, conducting, listening to, and analyzing music. This class will also address students being able to develop the ability to understand and convey the composer's intent in order to connect the performer to the audience. This class continues the development of musicianship and vocal pedagogy but even more so in a choral context. Students must participate in performance opportunities, outside of the school day, that support and extend the learning in the classroom.

Intro to Percussion: Steel Pan**Grades 9-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: None**

This ensemble develops performance and music skills and provides students with a balanced, comprehensive study of music through percussion (melodic and non-melodic) instruments such as keyboard instruments (xylophone, marimba, bells), steel pan drums, bass/snare drum, and other auxiliary percussion instruments (cymbals, chimes, etc.). The focus of this course is to provide percussion-specific techniques and experiences, and teach percussion/music notation. It is designed for beginning to advanced percussionists at any level, and beginners are welcome.

Guitar I**Grades 9-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: None, no prior musical experience necessary**

This course is designed to teach students the fundamentals of music through the study of acoustic or electric guitar. Students will learn technique, chords, notation, and ensemble skills. Students taking this course are provided with a balanced comprehensive study of guitar ensemble and solo literature, which develops skills in the psychomotor, cognitive and affective domains. Instruction is designed to enable students to connect, examine, imagine, define, try, extend, refine, and integrate music study into other subject areas. Student participation will develop elements of musicianship including, but not limited to: (1) tone production, (2) technical skills, (3) intonation, (4) music reading skills, (5) listening skills, (6) analyzing music, and (7) studying historically significant styles of literature as pertaining to guitar ensemble and solo literature. Students develop the ability to understand and convey the composer's intent in order to connect the performer with the audience. Students must perform, with expression and technical accuracy, a large and varied repertoire of guitar ensemble and solo literature that is developmentally appropriate. Evaluation of music and music performances is included. It is strongly recommended to have your own acoustic or electric guitar. Acoustic guitars owned by the school are available upon request.

Piano I**Grades 9-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: None, no prior musical experience necessary**

In this course, students will develop music proficiency and musicianship. Students perform with proper posture, hand position, fingering, rhythm, and articulation; study the elements of music as exemplified in a variety of styles, and make interpretive decisions. This course starts from the very beginning, teaching the fundamentals of reading music and keyboard technique, focusing on understanding, music theory, and building good muscle memory. Students use a standard piano method book and will be assessed in both performance and theory.

Ukulele**Grades 9-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: None, no prior musical experience necessary****Please note: Students must provide their own ukulele to participate in this course.**

Aloha! Ukulele Ensemble is a course intended for beginner ukulele players who have played ukulele for a while on their own. This class would assist students in getting beyond very basic musicianship skills and provide an opportunity for students to start playing in a group. Student participation will develop elements of musicianship including, but not limited to tone production, technical skills, intonation, music reading skills and analyzing music. The primary goals of this class are to keep the material as accessible, relevant, appropriately paced, and clearly explained as possible, while offering lots of encouragement and building musical community along the way. Students are required to participate in performance opportunities, outside of the school day that support and extend learning in the classroom. Students must furnish their own ukulele and accessories.

History of Rock 'n' Roll**Grades 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: none**

In this course, students will explore the origins and development of rock 'n' roll, one of the most influential musical developments of the 20th century. From its roots in folk, jazz, and blues, students will learn about the history of the art form, the musicians who created it, and those who developed it along the way. Topics covered will include early artists in the 1950s, the British invasion of the 1960s, further development in the 1970s, and modernization from the 1980s onward. Students will be required to listen critically, examine primary sources, and connect music to its historical context; assessments will include history, musical analysis, and creative interpretations of the music studied in class.

House Band**Grades: 10-12****1-3 credits****Prerequisite: Application/Audition Process**

Have you always wanted to take your musical skills and make them work in a band setting but have never had the time outside of school? House Band offers an opportunity for students who desire to improve their music skills and have camaraderie and companionship with other students in a musical setting. The course is offered but not limited to contemporary instruments i.e. piano, voice, guitar, bass guitar, drums or different percussion and wind instruments, and is intended for students with some musical experience. Students will work with the instructor individually and in a group setting to improve technique and musicianship. Students are required to participate in performance opportunities, outside of the school day, that support and extend learning in the classroom. Some performances may include concerts, and basketball games.

Voice Studio**Grades 10-12****1-3 credits****Prerequisite: Application & interview process**

Students enrolled in Voice Studio will be able to explain their vocal mechanism, improve and understand vocal technique, and will show growth in sight-singing. Students will also sing music from many different genres, and learn to choose the music that best suits their voice. They will respond to others in the class and grow in competence of how to solve basic vocal issues. The ideal candidate for this class would be at an intermediate or advanced level of singing, looking for further challenge as a vocalist. Most importantly, students will nourish their God-given singing gifts in order to better praise their Creator.

International Baccalaureate Elective Course**Music Standard Level, International Baccalaureate****Grades 11-12****2 credits****Prerequisite: Music Theory and Composition I or permission of the instructor**

Music Standard Level is a course designed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. This practical course fosters students' musicianship and shapes their musical identities as researchers, creators and performers. Throughout the music course, students at SL and HL will engage with diverse musical materials, understand and practice exploring, experimenting and presenting music, and develop skills and competencies and researchers, creators, and performers.

FINE ARTS - THEATRE & FILM

Elective Courses

Theatre Arts

Grades 9-12

1 credit

Prerequisite: None

Students will begin to explore and develop an understanding of theatre and dramatic art. Students will develop acting skills, read and analyze monologues, scenes and plays, create scripts and theatre pieces, and conceive scenic designs through various activities. Students will learn elements of theatre history, culture, analysis, response, the creative process, and integrated studies. The culmination of all skills and knowledge explored and developed in this course will be displayed through an end-of-term scenic performance.

Theatre Standard Level, International Baccalaureate

Grades 11-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: None

This course is multifaceted and gives students the opportunity to actively engage in theatre as creators, designers, directors, and performers. It emphasizes working both individually and collaboratively as part of an ensemble. The teacher's role is to create opportunities that allow students to explore, learn, discover, and collaborate to become autonomous, informed, and skilled theatre-makers. Students learn to apply research and theory to inform and to contextualize their work. Through researching, creating, preparing, presenting, and critically reflecting on theatre, they gain a richer understanding of themselves, their community, and the world. Students experience the course from contrasting artistic and cultural perspectives. They learn about theatre from around the world, the importance of making theatre with integrity, and the impact that theatre can have on the world. It enables them to discover and engage with different forms of theatre across time, place, and culture, promoting international-mindedness and an appreciation of the diversity of theatre.

Film Standard Level, International Baccalaureate

Grades 11-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: None

This film course aims to develop students as proficient interpreters and makers of film texts. Through the study and analysis of film texts, and practical exercises in film production, students develop critical abilities and appreciation of artistic, cultural, historical and global perspectives in film. They examine concepts, theories, practices and ideas from multiple perspectives, challenging their own views to understand and value those of others. Students are challenged to acquire and develop critical thinking, reflective analysis and the imaginative synthesis through practical engagement in the art, craft and study of film.

Introduction to Three-Dimensional Art

Grades 9-12 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: None

Students taking Introduction to Three-Dimensional Art engage in sequential learning experiences that encompass art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production that lead to the creation of high-quality 3D works of art. In addition to students experimenting with a wide range of mediums, they will reflect upon the outcomes of those experiences, explore historical connections, find a direct correlation to other disciplines, and explore career options in visual art. Students will also explore additional materials and subject matter through a weekly sketchbook.

Painting I

Grades 10-12 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: Intro to 2D Art

Students taking Painting I engage in sequential learning experiences that encompass art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production that lead to the creation of high-quality paintings. In addition to students experimenting with a wide range of painting mediums (which include ink, watercolor pencils, acrylic, liquid watercolor, oil, spray paint, and mixed media) and techniques, they will reflect upon the outcomes of those experiences, explore historical connections, and find a direct correlation to other disciplines.

Painting II

Grades 10-12 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: Painting I

Students taking Painting II engage in sequential learning experiences that encompass art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production that lead to the creation of high-quality paintings. In addition to students experimenting with a wide range of painting mediums (which include ink, watercolor pencils, acrylic, liquid watercolor, oil, spray paint, and mixed media) and techniques, they will reflect upon the outcomes of those experiences, explore historical connections, and find a direct correlation to other disciplines.

Digital Photography

Grades 10-12 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: Intro to 2D Art

Students taking Photography will be learning the basics and the advanced nature of digital photography with a DSLR camera. Photo sessions will happen both in class and on location to get the best possible shots to take photography to the next level. Students will be learning and using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Lightroom to do post-photo session manipulation and will be using a professional photography standard digital printer to get the perfect printed portfolio quality work. Through both individual and class critique processes, students will also be reflecting upon and refining their work to create a professional online portfolio.

Sculpture I

Grades 10-12 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: Intro to 3D Art

Students taking Sculpture I engage in sequential learning experiences that encompass art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production that lead to the creation of high quality realistic and abstract works. In addition to students experimenting with a wide range of subtractive and additive processes (which include carving, modeling, construction, and assembling methods), they will reflect upon the outcomes of those experiences, explore historical connections, and find a direct correlation to other disciplines. Students also use organizational principles and functions to solve specific visual problems and develop skills in applying media, techniques, and processes with sufficiency to communicate intended meaning.

Sculpture II

Grades 10-12 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: Sculpture I

Students taking Sculpture II engage in sequential learning experiences that encompass art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production that lead to the creation of high quality realistic and abstract works (some from life). The class is very student-driven with students choosing what type of projects they would like to do and propose them to the teacher before production takes place. In addition to students experimenting a wide range of subtractive and additive processes (which include carving, modeling, construction, and assembling methods), they will reflect upon the outcomes of those experiences, explore historical connections, and find direct correlation to other disciplines. Students also use organizational principles and functions to solve specific visual problems and develop skills in applying media, techniques, and processes with sufficiency to communicate intended meaning.

Stained Glass I**Grades 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: Intro to 2D or Intro to 3D Art**

Students taking Stained Glass will engage in sequential learning experiences that encompass art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production that lead to the creation of high-quality 3D glass works of art. In addition to students experimenting with a wide range of techniques, they will reflect upon the outcomes of those experiences, explore historical connections, find direct correlation to other disciplines and our faith, and explore career options in visual art. Students will utilize the resources of Kokomo Opalescent Glass, various Catholic churches, art museums, and introduction to art-related careers.

Stained Glass II**Grades 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: Stained Glass I**

Students taking Stained Glass II will engage in sequential learning experiences that encompass art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production that lead to the creation of high-quality 3D glass works of art (some from life). The class is more student-driven, expressive, and self-reflective than Stained Glass I. In addition to students experimenting with a wide range of techniques, they will reflect upon the outcomes of those experiences, explore historical connections, find direct correlation to other disciplines and our faith, and explore career options in visual art. Students will utilize the resources of Kokomo Opalescent Glass, various Catholic churches, art museums, and an introduction to art-related careers.

Visual Arts Standard Level, International Baccalaureate**Grades 11-12** **2 credits****Prerequisite: Intro to 2D or Intro to 3D Art**

Visual Arts Standard Level is a course designed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. This class is suitable for students who are eager to explore and develop their own creative potential through any of the main media techniques of the visual arts. The main prerequisites for this course are enthusiasm, commitment, and a willingness to become involved in practical and theoretical inquiry into aspects of the visual arts. The studio course will include opportunities for structured learning and personal research of a more experimental nature; many art techniques and media will be used for the three art making forms: two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and digital media. Students are required to document their work to encourage adventurous and critical personal investigation in a working journal, containing both visual and verbal information, including records of exhibitions visited, consideration of the visual arts of other cultures, the historical context of artworks being studied, and references to the student's own studio practice. Students will consider set-up and exhibit their own artwork at the end of the two trimesters. At the standard level, students will have three areas of study - 40% Art Making Inquiries Portfolio (AIP), 20% Connections Study (CS), and 40% Resolved Artworks (RAW).

Geometry (Honors)**Grades 9-11** **2 credits****Prerequisite: Algebra I and school counselor approval**

Honors Geometry students will master the same standards of the standard Geometry course while studying some concepts in more depth. Some of these additional challenge problems are using trigonometry to find area of polygons, finding the distance from a point to a diagonal line, and completing more formal proofs of geometric relationships. Honors students must demonstrate their grasp of the topics on more difficult assessment instruments that differentiate the two levels.

Mathematics Standard Level, International Baccalaureate**Grades 11-12** **4 credits****Prerequisite: Algebra II (H)**

Mathematics Standard Level provides students who will continue to study mathematics at the university level with a background of mathematical thought and a functional level of technical ability. The course emphasizes theoretical understanding and formal reasoning to solve analytical problems. The use of graphing technology is required.

IB Math SL AA topics cover five core areas: Numbers and Algebra (sequences, series, logarithms), Functions (quadratic, exponential, inverse, composite), Geometry and Trigonometry (coordinate geometry, 3D shapes, trigonometric ratios), Statistics and Probability (data analysis, regression, probability distributions), and Calculus (limits, derivatives, integrals, optimization). The course emphasizes theoretical understanding and formal reasoning to solve analytical problems.

Each student must submit an investigation paper and a modeling project comprising 20% of the IB assessment. At the end of their senior year, students will take the IB examination.

Mathematics Higher Level, International Baccalaureate**Grades 11-12** **4 Credits****Prerequisite: Algebra II (H) & Trigonometry (H)**

Mathematics Higher Level caters to students with a good background in mathematics who are competent in a range of analytical and technical skills. The majority of these students will be expecting to include mathematics as a major component of their university studies, either as a subject in its own right or within courses such as physics, engineering, and technology. Others may take this subject because they have a strong interest in mathematics and enjoy meeting its challenges and engaging with its problems. In addition to the deeper investigation of the core topics covered in SL, HL will include topics in series and differential equations.

Pre-Calculus**Grades 11-12** **2 credits****Prerequisite: Algebra II**

Pre-Calculus explores a broad range of advanced mathematical topics, building on and extending the concepts introduced in Algebra II. The course includes an in-depth study of trigonometry and its many applications, along with analytic geometry, conic sections, sequences and series, logarithms and exponents, the unit circle, trigonometric identities, vectors, and additional mathematical concepts. Emphasis is placed on effective problem-solving techniques and on understanding connections between mathematics and other fields of study. Graphing calculators and Desmos are used extensively throughout the course.

Pre-Calculus (Honors)**Grades 11-12** **2 credits****Prerequisite: Algebra II Honors**

Honors Pre-Calculus explores a broad range of advanced mathematical topics, building on and extending the concepts introduced in Algebra II. Both courses include an in-depth study of trigonometry and its many applications, along with analytic geometry, conic sections, sequences and series, logarithms and exponents, the unit circle, trigonometric identities, vectors, and additional mathematical concepts. Honors Pre-Calculus moves at a faster pace, delves more deeply into each topic, and includes a wider range of material to provide a more rigorous and enriched mathematical experience. Emphasis is placed on effective problem-solving techniques and on understanding connections between mathematics and other fields of study. Graphing calculators and Desmos are used extensively throughout the course.

Probability and Statistics**Grade 11-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: Algebra II**

Probability and Statistics includes the concepts and skills needed to apply statistical techniques in the decision-making process. Topics include descriptive statistics, probability, and statistical inference. Practical examples based on real experimental data are used throughout. Students plan and conduct experiments or surveys and analyze the resulting data. The use of graphing calculators and computer programs is encouraged.

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Trigonometry (Honors) **3rd trimester****Grade 10** **1 credit****Prerequisite: Algebra II Honors**

Trigonometry provides students with the skills and understandings that are necessary for advanced manipulation of angles and measurement. Trigonometry provides the foundation for common periodic functions that are encountered in many disciplines, including music, engineering, medicine, and finance. Students will also advance their understanding of imaginary numbers through an investigation of complex numbers and polar coordinates. A strong understanding of complex and imaginary numbers is a necessity for fields such as engineering and computer programming. This class is only offered to advanced Math students who will be taking IB Math HL during junior and senior years and need to review the necessary trigonometry concepts in order to be successful.

College-Entrance Preparation**Grades 10-11** **1 credit****Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment with Algebra II**

College-Entrance Preparation utilizes individual student score reports from the PSAT and other relevant assessment data to prepare students for the SAT, ACT and other college-based placement tests. Based on student score reports, students will receive targeted instruction to strengthen their foundations in critical reading, writing, mathematics, and science sections of college admission and placement exams. The course will encompass test-taking strategies to prepare students for success on a high-stakes assessment.

Farming and Food Justice**Grade 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: None**

Farming and Food Justice is a practicum-based course for Guerin Catholic's school farm, which invites students and the community into ecological education, sustainable food systems, and food justice. Students can expect to do hands-on farm work while learning the theological, ecological, scientific, and business basics that underlie running a small vegetable farm. The course will emphasize Christian teachings like care for creation, preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, solidarity, and the dignity of human work. Most class periods will be spent outside on the Farm in nature's classroom, working in the soil and growing delicious food.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Required Courses

PE/Health I

Grade 9

1 credit

Prerequisite: None

Also offered as a blended Summer School course to incoming freshmen or those needing credit recovery.

This course is a combined physical education and health course that focuses on the influence of the physical, emotional, mental, moral, social, and spiritual dimensions of health knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. This course continues the emphasis on health-related fitness and developing the skills and habits necessary for a lifetime of physical activity. The program includes skill development and the application of rules and strategies of complex difficulty in at least three of the following different movement forms: five components of fitness (cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition); aerobic exercise and anaerobic exercise; team sports; individual/dual sports; outdoor pursuits; gymnastics; self-defense; and recreational games. The health education portion provides the basis for continued methods of developing knowledge, concepts, skills, behaviors, and attitudes related to student health and well-being. Students are provided with opportunities to explore the effect of health behaviors on an individual's quality of life. This course assists students in understanding that health is a lifetime commitment by analyzing individual risk factors and health decisions that promote health and prevent disease. Students are also encouraged to assume individual responsibility for becoming competent health consumers. Assessment includes both written and performance-based evaluations. A variety of instructional strategies, including technology, are used to further develop health literacy.

PE/Health II

Grades 9

1 credit

Prerequisite: PE/Health I

This course is a combined physical education and health course that focuses on the influence of the physical, emotional, mental, moral, social, and spiritual dimensions of health knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. This course continues the emphasis on health-related fitness and developing the skills and habits necessary for a lifetime of physical activity. The program includes skill development and the application of rules and strategies of complex difficulty in at least three of the following different movement forms: five components of fitness (cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition); aerobic exercise and anaerobic exercise; team sports; individual/dual sports; outdoor pursuits; gymnastics; self-defense; and recreational games. The health education portion provides the basis for continued methods of developing knowledge, concepts, skills, behaviors, and attitudes related to student health and well-being. Students are provided with opportunities to explore the effect of health behaviors on an individual's quality of life. This course assists students in understanding that health is a lifetime commitment by analyzing individual risk factors and health decisions that promote health and prevent disease. Students are also encouraged to assume individual responsibility for becoming competent health consumers. Assessment includes both written and performance-based evaluations. A variety of instructional strategies, including technology, are used to further develop health literacy.

Elective Courses

Current Health Issues

Grades 11-12

1 credit

Prerequisite: PE/Health I and II or Department recommendation

This course focuses on the influence of the physical, emotional, mental, moral, social, and spiritual dimensions of health knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. This course will focus on specific health issues and/or emerging trends in health and wellness, but not limited to: personal health and wellness; non-communicable and communicable diseases; nutrition; mental and emotional health; tobacco-prevention; alcohol and other drug prevention; human development and family health; health care and/or medical treatments; and national and/or international health issues. This course provides students with the knowledge and skills of health and wellness core concepts, analyzing influences, accessing information, interpersonal communication, decision-making and goal-setting skills, health-enhancing behaviors, and health and wellness advocacy skills. Assessment includes both written and performance-based evaluations.

Fitness and Recreation

Grades 10-12

1 credit

Prerequisite: PE/Health I and II or Department recommendation

This course is designed for any student who is interested in participating in daily physical activity in a fun, non-threatening environment. All aspects of the six components of health (physical, emotional, mental, environment, spiritual and social) will be incorporated into the course; however, the primary focus will be on the physical and social dimensions of wellness. The course will include the study of physical developmental concepts and principles of sport and exercise as well as opportunities to develop or refine skills and attitudes that promote lifelong fitness. **A total of no more than 8 credits may be earned in Fitness and Recreation and Strength and Conditioning.**

Strength and Conditioning

Grades 10-12

1 credit

Prerequisite: PE/Health I and II or Department recommendation; IHSAA athletic physical on file with athletic department

Note: May be taken 1x freshman year, 2x sophomore, junior, senior year

This course promotes lifetime sport and recreational activities while providing an opportunity for an in-depth study in specific areas. The following activities will be included: five components of fitness; team sports; individual/dual sports; performance testing; cross-training; speed enhancement; power development; plyometric training; weight/Olympic lifting; and recovery practices. It includes the study of physical developmental concepts and principles of sport and exercise as well as opportunities to develop or refine skills and attitudes that promote lifelong fitness. Students will be given the opportunity to design and develop an appropriate personal fitness program that enables them to achieve a desired fitness goal. Assessment will include both written and performance-based evaluations. **A total of no more than 8 credits may be earned in Fitness and Recreation and Strength and Conditioning.**

Elective Courses

Science Tutorial

Grade 10

1 credit

Prerequisite: Biology I

Science Tutorial provides sophomores with instruction tailored to skills and strategies needed for science success. It will reinforce measurement, variables, conversions, graphing, proportionality, scientific literacy, problem solving and fundamental conservation ideas. The class will include modeling, labs and other hands-on activities designed to develop scientific reasoning. This course is designed to help students better prepare for success in both Chemistry and Physics.

Anatomy & Physiology (Honors)

Grade 12

1 credit

Prerequisite: Biology I, Chemistry I

Anatomy & Physiology is an advanced science elective course in which students investigate and apply concepts associated with Human Anatomy and Physiology. Concepts covered include the structure and function of the various tissues, organs and organ systems of the human body. Emphasis will be on the Gross & Microscopic Anatomy as well as the normal Physiological processes of the organ systems. Some Pathophysiology will be included to help reinforce an understanding of normal function vs common disease states in the organ systems of the body. Laboratory experiences will be used to apply knowledge of various course topics. This course will help to prepare students planning to pursue a career in the medical field.

Biology Standard Level, International Baccalaureate

Grades 11-12

3 credits

Prerequisite: Biology I, Chemistry I, and Physics I (Required grades: an A in each science course or a B- or above in each honors science course)

Standard Level IB Biology is a rigorous pre-university course in biology. Students will examine in depth the chemistry of life, cells and cellular processes, genetics, select anatomy & physiology topics, ecology, and evolution. The course's combination of lecture and lab experiences will facilitate students developing a familiarity with problem solving, lab techniques, and scientific inquiry. Notable components of the course include students sharing their particular content expertise while working with students in other classes on a collaborative sciences project as well as a scientific paper written on an independently researched and designed scientific investigation. This course is designed to prepare students for success in college biology.

Biology Higher Level, International Baccalaureate

Grades 11-12

4 credits

Prerequisite: Biology I, Chemistry I, Physics I (Required grades: an A in each science course or a B- or above in each honors science course)

Higher Level IB Biology is a rigorous pre-university course in biology. The curriculum is similar to the Standard Level curriculum, the depth and breadth is greater. Students will examine the chemistry of life, cells and cellular processes, genetics, select anatomy & physiology topics, ecology, and evolution. the chemistry of life, cells and cellular processes, genetics, select anatomy & physiology topics, ecology, and evolution. The course's combination of lecture and lab experiences will facilitate students developing a familiarity with problem solving, lab techniques, and scientific inquiry. Notable components of the course include students sharing their particular content expertise while working with students in other classes on a collaborative sciences project as well as a scientific paper written on an independently researched and designed scientific investigation. This course is designed to prepare students for success in college biology.

Biology II (Honors)

Grade 12

1 credit

Prerequisite: Biology I, Chemistry I

Biology II is an extension of freshman year biology and includes select topics from the IB Biology course that align with many beginning college biology courses. Students enrolled in Biology II examine in greater depth the structures, functions, and processes of living organisms. In this course, the combination of lecture and lab experiences will facilitate students developing a familiarity with problem solving, lab techniques, and scientific inquiry. This is a good course for a student interested in a science-related career but did not pursue a full IB science course.

Chemistry Standard Level, International Baccalaureate**Grades 11-12** **3 credits****Prerequisites: Biology I, Chemistry I (Honors), Physics (may be taken concurrently) and Algebra II (may be taken concurrently with this course)**

Standard level IB Chemistry is a rigorous pre-university course in chemistry. The curriculum is grounded in concept-based teaching and learning, and is designed to foster critical thinking. As the course progresses, the combination of lecture and lab experiences will facilitate students in developing a familiarity with problem solving, lab techniques, scientific inquiry and the role of uncertainty and error in scientific investigations. Also, the application of technology to experimental processes will be explored. Finally, students will share their particular content expertise in a collaborative sciences project, and in an independently researched and designed lab project. This course is designed to prepare students for success in college chemistry. A list of topics covered can be provided upon request.

Chemistry Higher Level, International Baccalaureate**Grades 11-12** **4 credits****Prerequisite: Biology I, Chemistry I, and Algebra II (may be taken concurrently with this course) (Required grades: an A in each science course or a B- or above in each honors science course)**

Higher level IB Chemistry is a rigorous pre-university course in chemistry. The curriculum is similar in philosophy to the IB SL Chemistry Curriculum, the depth and breadth of each topic covered is greater. The curriculum is grounded in concept-based teaching and learning, and is designed to foster critical thinking. As the course progresses, the combination of lecture and lab experiences will facilitate students in developing a familiarity with problem solving, lab techniques, scientific inquiry and the role of uncertainty and error in scientific investigations. Also, the application of technology to experimental processes will be explored. Finally, students will share their particular content expertise in a collaborative sciences project, and in an independently researched and designed lab project. This course is designed to prepare students for success in college chemistry. A list of topics covered can be provided upon request.

Chemistry II (Honors)**Grade 12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: B or above in Chemistry I (H), Algebra II (may be taken concurrently with this course)**

Chemistry II Honors chemistry is an extension of sophomore year chemistry. It is meant to prepare students for the beginning of college chemistry. The curriculum is grounded in concept-based teaching and learning, and is designed to foster critical thinking. As the course progresses, the combination of lecture and lab experiences will facilitate students in developing a familiarity with problem solving, lab techniques, scientific inquiry and the role of uncertainty and error in scientific investigations. This is a good course for a student interested in a science-related career who did not pursue the full IB Chemistry course.

Environmental Science (Honors)**Grade 12** **1-2 credits****Prerequisite: None**

Environmental Science is an interdisciplinary course that integrates biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and social studies. Many key concepts from previous science courses are reinforced and applied to the study of environmental systems. A goal of the course is for students to develop a stronger appreciation for the environment and an awareness of the role humans have in it. Good stewardship of resources is emphasized throughout the course. Topics studied include ecological systems, resource use, energy, pollution, climate change, biodiversity, conservation and sustainability. Students will also further their development in laboratory skills such as measuring, predicting, collecting data, and analyzing data.

Physics II (Engineering) (Honors)**Grade 12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: B+ or above Honors Physics OR Physics teacher recommendation**

Students enrolled in Physics II significantly expand upon the physical models they developed in Physics I. They investigate physical phenomena and develop empirical and theoretical models that are useful in understanding the interacting systems of the macro- and microcosms. Students extensively explore the unifying themes of physics in the laboratory and as they tackle challenging engineering problems. Core physics topics include advanced kinematics, dynamics, and electromagnetism. Aerospace, electrical, and mechanical applications are addressed as the students tackle challenging engineering problems and projects.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Required Courses

Economics

Grade 10 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: None

Also offered as an online Summer School course for sophomores or those needing credit recovery.

Economics examines the allocation of resources and their uses for satisfying human needs and wants. The course analyzes economic reasoning and behaviors of consumers, producers, savers, investors, workers, voters, institutions, governments, and societies in making decisions. Students explain that because resources are limited, people must make choices and understand the role that supply, demand, prices, and profits play in a market economy. Key elements of the course include the study of scarcity and economic reasoning; supply and demand; market structures; the role of government; national economic performance; the role of financial institutions; economic stabilization; and trade.

Economics (Honors)

Grade 10 **1 credit**

Prerequisite: None

Also offered as an online Summer School course for sophomores or those needing credit recovery.

Economics examines the allocation of resources and their uses for satisfying human needs and wants. The course analyzes economic reasoning and behaviors of consumers, producers, savers, investors, workers, voters, institutions, governments, and societies in making decisions. Students explain that because resources are limited, people must make choices and understand the role that supply, demand, prices, and profits play in a market economy. Key elements of the course include the study of scarcity and economic reasoning; supply and demand; market structures; the role of government; national economic performance; the role of financial institutions; economic stabilization; and trade.

History Higher Level, International Baccalaureate

Grades 11-12 **4 credits**

Prerequisite: Government & Economics

IB History is a course in which the students explore topics in the history of the United States and Latin America as well as a series of topics in 20th century world history while considering questions of historiography and conducting in-depth research. The goals of this course are to help the IB student of history develop a sense of internationalism; understand the discipline of history; fulfill World Civilization and U.S. History requirements of the State of Indiana; prepare for the successful completion of exams at the end of senior year; and conduct a historical investigation. Americas topics include the U.S. Civil War, the development of modern nations (1865-1929), and the emergence of the Americas in global affairs (1880-1929). 20th century topics include: World War I in Europe, the interwar years, World War II, the rise and rule of 20th century dictators, and the Cold War, including the Korea/Vietnam conflicts.

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U.S. topics include the colonial period; movements of independence; evolution of new governments; Indiana history; the opening of the West and manifest destiny; the United States Civil War, causes, courses and effects; immigration and urbanization, U.S. foreign policy in the late 19th/early 20th century; and the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. Topics of the 20th century include: World War I in Europe, the interwar years, World War II, the rise and rule of 20th century dictators, and the Cold War, including the Korea/Vietnam conflicts.

United States Government**Grade 10****1 credit****Prerequisite: None****Also offered as an online Summer School course for sophomores or those needing credit recovery.**

United States Government provides a framework for understanding the nature and importance of responsible civic participation and for learning the rights and responsibilities of individuals in a constitutional democracy. The course enables students to explore the historic origins and evolution of political philosophies into contemporary political and legal systems. Constitutional structure and processes of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the national, state, and local levels of government are examined. Students learn to demonstrate an understanding of the governmental structures of the United States and other political systems, as well as the relationship of American government to world affairs. They learn to understand their ability to influence policies and decisions as individuals and in groups. Related learning experiences in the school and community enable students to learn how to participate effectively in the political process. The study of the United States government also offers students opportunities to develop knowledge, inquiry skills and the means to preserve and improve our constitutional democracy.

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Elective Courses**Criminal Justice****Grades 11-12****1 credit****Prerequisite: U.S. Government**

Criminal Justice provides an opportunity for students to get a survey of the U.S. criminal justice system. Topics will include crime in America, law enforcement, criminal evidence and court procedure, careers in law enforcement, as well as the corrections system. This course will also examine the constitutional protections of the accused, Catholic perspectives on crime and criminal justice, such as the death penalty and “right to die” life end decisions. Students will also study criminal cases and current event topics.

Ethnic Studies**Grades 9-12****1 credit****Prerequisite: None****Note: This course may be taken through Indiana Online as an additional course for one trimester, giving students a six-course workload instead of five. The cost of course enrollment is determined by the Indiana Online.**

Ethnic Studies provides opportunities to broaden students’ perspectives concerning lifestyles and cultural patterns of ethnic groups in the United States. This course will either focus on a particular ethnic group or groups, or use a comparative approach to the study of patterns of cultural development, immigration, and assimilation, as well as the contributions of specific ethnic or cultural groups. The course may also include analysis of the political impact of ethnic diversity in the United States.

Indiana Studies**Grades 10-12****1 credit****Prerequisite: None**

Indiana Studies is an integrated course that compares and contrasts state and national developments in the areas of politics, economics, history, and culture. The course uses Indiana history as a basis for understanding current policies, practices, and state legislative procedures. It also includes the study of state and national constitutions from a historical perspective and as a current foundation of government. Examination of individual leaders and their roles in a democratic society will be included and student will examine the participation of citizens in the political process. Selections from Indiana arts and literature may also be analyzed for insights into historical events and cultural expressions.

International Relations (Offered 2027-2028)**Grades 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: U.S. Government (recommended)****Note: Offered alternate years as Political Science course**

International Relations provides a survey of the formal relations among sovereign states in the international system, emphasizing the operation of diplomacy. The procedures for settlement of disputes and various methods of international conflict resolution are included. An understanding of U.S. foreign policy decision-making and the U.S. relationship with global policies will be studied. This course examines power, interdependence, global development, and international organizations, such as the United Nations. Participation in the Model U.N. club is strongly encouraged.

Latin American Studies (Offered 2027-2028)**Grades 10-12****Prerequisite: None****Note: Offered alternate years as Law Education course**

Latin American Studies provides an understanding of and appreciation for the diverse peoples, cultures and economies of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean nations. Content includes geographical and historical factors that have influenced contemporary situations. Topics of study include: the development of pre-Columbian civilizations, European colonial systems and resulting institutions, the development of independent nations and governments, and current issues. This course will examine 20th-century Latin American history through a Catholic worldview and will also critically examine the historical impact of the United States in the region, fostering a thoughtful perspective on global responsibility and ethical leadership.

Law Education (Offered 2026-2027)**Grades 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: U.S. Government (recommended)****Note: Offered alternate years as Latin American Studies course**

Law Education provides an understanding of the American legal system and its basis in the United States Constitution. The course is designed to promote an understanding of society and its system of laws by indicating how citizens may effectively function within the law. Ways of dealing with interpersonal conflict in order to secure constructive change are included, along with the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills. Case studies, field trips, simulations, and mock trials will be used in this course whenever feasible. Students are encouraged to participate in Mock Trial while enrolled in this course.

Political Science (Offered 2026-2027)**Grades 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: U.S. Government (recommended)****Note: Offered alternate years as International Relations**

Political Science provides for a study of the processes and goals of politics; processes of government; methods by which decisions are made; and the basis of decision making. The course goes beyond the study of governmental structure and functions to include and analysis of topics such as: (1) the nature of the American party system, (2) interest groups, (3) public opinion, (4) laws which affect students, (5) reasons laws are changed, (6) due process of law, (7) legal rights, and (8) legal responsibilities. Comparative studies of governmental systems in nations other than the United States may also be included. Students will organize and moderate the Mock Presidential Election at Guerin Catholic.

Psychology**Grades 10-12** **1 credit****Prerequisite: None**

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. This course exposes students to the subject and prepares students for an introductory college psychology course. The standards have divided the course into six content areas. Scientific method explores research methods and ethical consideration. The biological basis focuses on the way the brain and nervous system function, including sensation, perception, motivation, and emotion. Cognitive aspects of the course focus on learning, memory, information processing, and language. Mental health topics include psychological stress, disorders, and treatment. Socio-cultural dimensions of behavior deal with topics such as conformity, obedience, perceptions, attitudes, and influence of the group on the individual. Developmental psychology takes a lifespan approach to physical, cognitive, language, emotional, social, and moral development.

Psychology, Standard Level, International Baccalaureate**Grades 11-12** **2 credits****Prerequisite: None**

The IB Psychology Standard Level course aims to develop an awareness of how research findings can be applied to better understand human behavior and how ethical practices are upheld in psychological inquiry. Students learn to understand the biological, cognitive and sociocultural influences on human behavior and explore alternative explanations of behavior. They also understand and use diverse methods of psychological inquiry. Students will also develop research and writing skills to carry out an experimental study.

Economics Standard Level, International Baccalaureate**Grades: 11, 12****2 Credits****Prerequisite: Economics and Government**

IB Economics is a course that enables students to develop a critical understanding of economic theories, models, ideas, and tools in the areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and global economics. Students will apply economic theories, models, ideas, and tools to analyze economic data to understand and engage with real - world economic issues and problems facing individuals and societies. Students will also develop a conceptual understanding of individuals and societies' economic choices, interactions, challenges, and consequences of economic decision-making. Topics include: a more in-depth look at supply, demand, markets, externalities, demand-side fiscal policy, supply-side fiscal policy, government intervention, global trade, tariffs, GDP, economic growth measuring, and international balance. Students will prepare and complete the IB Economics exam at the end of the school year.

Topics in History: 9/11 (Offered 2026-2027)**Grades 10-12****1 credit****Prerequisite: None****Note: Offered alternate years as World History and Civilization course**

This seminar-style course will explore the extensive historical background of the events of September 11, 2001. The course will offer perspective on the psychological and sociological roots of terrorism with focus on al-Qaeda. It will include an in-depth exploration of the events themselves through the use of both primary and secondary sources. The short and long-term effects of these events will be investigated, including the effects on the United States and the impact on global security. The course will include a research component that will require students to take on a specific topic related to 9/11 utilizing a case-study approach.

World History and Civilization (Offered 2027-2028)**Grades 10-12****1 credit****Prerequisite: None****Note: Offered alternate years as Topics in History course**

World History and Civilization provides for a study of selected world cultures, past and present. The content of this course provides a basis for students to compare and analyze patterns of culture, emphasizing both the diversity and commonality of human experience and behavior. This course emphasizes the interaction of local cultures with the natural environment, as well as the connections among civilizations from earliest times to the present. This course may be designed to focus on: prehistory; early world civilizations, including the rise of civilizations of the Middle East, Africa, and Asia; the classical civilizations of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America; and the development of modern societies. Topics include Rome, Middle Ages, Absolutism and the French Revolution.

THEOLOGY

Required Courses

Theology 1 Introduction to the Human Person and Catholicism

Grade 9 **1 credit**

This course is designed for both students whose personal comfort in future theology classes would benefit from a systematic presentation of the fundamentals of the Catholic faith as well as those who already have this foundation. The course is designed to help present and convince all students of the truth about the compatibility between faith and reason. The students are introduced both to Catholic anthropology and a study of divine revelation, with special attention to the development of prayer through reading the Sacred Scriptures, as well as deeper and more meaningful participation at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in order to encounter the person of Jesus Christ. This course also introduces the students to the subsequent Theology classes that they will take through an overview of topics such as the sacraments and morality with attention to a reliance on God's grace as well as the dignity of the human person's free response to God's invitation to holiness.

Theology 2 The Blessed Trinity

Grade 9 **1 credit**

"The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the mystery of Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. In this course, students will understand that Jesus Christ is the ultimate Revelation to us from God. In learning who He is, the students will also learn who He calls them to be." - USCCB's Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework

This course deepens the student's understanding of God's revelation of Himself and the human person's response of faith. The student will study the two greatest mysteries of our faith: the Blessed Trinity and the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, Who reveals in His words and deeds the face of God the Father and the love of God the Holy Spirit. In learning who Christ reveals Himself to be, the student will also continue to learn about the human person's call to union with the Trinity by grace and the holiness of life that results from cooperating with the grace given by Christ.

Theology 3 The Paschal Mystery

Grade 10 **1 credit**

"The purpose of this course is to help students understand all that God has done for us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Through this course of study, students will learn that for all eternity, God has planned for us to share eternal happiness with him, which is accomplished through the redemption Christ won for us. Students will learn that they share in this redemption only in and through Jesus Christ. They will also be introduced to what it means to be a disciple of Christ and what life as a disciple entails." - USCCB's Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework

In this course, students will learn that for all eternity, God has planned for us to share in His eternal happiness and that this plan of salvation is accomplished through the redemption Christ won for us. Students will learn that after the Fall, this Redemption is prefigured and prepared for by the covenants of the Old Testament, and that in all His words and deeds, Jesus reveals the Father's will to save us through His redeeming passion, death, and resurrection. Students will deepen their understanding of what it means to respond to the grace of redemption as a disciple of Christ and what life as a disciple entails.

Theology 4 Church History

Grade 10 **1 credit**

"The purpose of this course is to help the students understand that in and through the Church they encounter the living Jesus Christ. They will be introduced to the fact that the Church was founded by Christ through the Apostles and is sustained by him through the Holy Spirit. The students will come to know that the Church is the living Body of Christ today. This Body has both divine and human elements. In this course, students will learn not so much about events in the life of the Church but about the sacred nature of the Church." - USCCB's Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework

The purpose of this course is to help the students understand that in and through the Church they encounter the living Jesus Christ most fully. They will learn how Christ established the Church on the foundation of the Apostles and animates her with the Holy Spirit. They will develop a Christian perspective of history based on providence rather than fate, seeing the Holy Spirit at work in the story of the Church. The students will come to know that the Church is the living Body of Christ today, which like Christ her head, has both divine and human elements. In this course, students will learn about the role of the Catholic Church in building civilization, developing culture, performing charitable works, and leading to the flourishing of the human person throughout history.

Elective Courses

Note: As with all theology credits, theology electives cannot be counted towards Indiana-required graduation requirements; in addition, theology electives are taken as supplements to the required Guerin Catholic Theology Course of Study and do not replace required theology courses.

Faith & Culture (Offered 2028-2029)

Grades 10-12 1 credit

This course teaches students to apply their previous understanding of sacramentality to their vision and perception of the wider world's culture. They will discover how the principles of faith can permeate and transform culture to correspond to the dignity of the human person. They will develop their ability to see and analyze the symbolism found in works of art, music, film, architecture, literature and evaluate that symbolism according to principles of Christian faith.

Apologetics (Offered 2026-2027)

Grades 10-12 1 credit

Students will be taught how to defend their faith for the sake of themselves and others beginning with objections to Theism, Christianity, and then Catholicism. This course will include a "Top 10" list of objections to Catholicism that students will encounter in college and in the public sphere. Students will gain the confidence to be able to evangelize their peers.

Catholic Literature (Offered 2027-2028)

Grades 10-12 1 credit

Catholic Literature is an integrated Theology and Literature elective offered by the Theology Department. The course is designed to expose students to high quality Catholic fictional literature by respected Catholic authors. 3-4 novels will be treated in seminar and assessed in concise rubric-based written reflections. Novel selections may change periodically, and will emphasize engagement and age-appropriate readability.

Philosophy

Grades 11-12 1 credit

To allow students to grapple with the greatest thinkers of all times on classic themes like how we gain knowledge, freedom, politics, justice, beauty, ethics, the existence of God, and religion, all through the lens of how these ideas affect our understanding of the human person. We will discover the logic and validity of Catholic anthropology, learning how to analyze and evaluate arguments against it. Ideas never remain as just ideas. They always become embodied in culture and personal lifestyles. Students will learn to think critically about the ideas that have shaped our current society as well as their own lives. In doing so, they will be able to rethink their own perspectives while being able to better understand the perspectives of others, all in hopes that they might become the thinkers that shape the world of tomorrow. **Students taking this course may be eligible for dual credit through Ivy Tech.**

Latin II

Grades 9-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: Latin mastery exam, completion of Latin I at GCHS with a grade of B- (83%) or higher, or permission of instructor

Latin II completes the core grammar of Latin. Students will develop mastery of their linguistic skills by reading authentic, Roman-authored literature, which may include selections from the history of Livy, the commentaries of Caesar, and the Latin translation of Homer's *Iliad*. Students will begin composition in Latin and will expand their knowledge of the ancient world through an introduction to ancient Greek. A key project will see them applying their knowledge of the ancient world to address problems faced by the Roman army. This project will help students develop skills of research and application core to the IB philosophy. They will also continue to grow in their faith through daily interactions with Latin Scripture and through a deeper look at famous Latin hymns.

Latin III (Honors)

Grades 10-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: Completion of Latin II at GCHS with a grade of B- (83%) or higher or permission of instructor

Latin III gives students the opportunity to use what they have mastered in the first two levels by exploring deeply works of history, law, philosophy, and poetry. Authors may include Eutropius, Cicero, Sallust, Seneca, Vergil, Catullus, and Horace. As in other levels, students will have the opportunity to connect more closely with the ancient world through unique projects, which may involve spoken Latin and medieval calligraphy. Students in Latin III will continue to grow in their faith through daily interactions with Latin Scripture and through exploring works from writers such as St. Augustine, St. Anselm, and St. Aquinas. Students completing Latin III will be well prepared for IB Latin the following year.

IB Latin SL

Grades 11-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: Completion of Latin III Honors at GCHS with a grade of B- (83%) or higher or permission of instructor

The IB Latin curriculum will follow the IB Standard Level syllabus. This will see students reading selections from the poetry of Vergil, Ovid, Catullus, and Horace. In addition to preparing for exams on those authors and the required Internal Assessment, they will explore the influences of these seminal authors throughout the ages and will also compose written works of their own in Latin. As in the other years, students will continue to grow in their faith through daily interactions with Latin Scripture and by examining the classical works of literature from a Christian perspective.

Spanish I

Grades 9-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: None

Spanish I introduces students to effective strategies for beginning Spanish language learning and to various aspects of Spanish-speaking cultures. This course encourages interpersonal and interpretive communication through speaking, writing, reading and listening activities. Students who complete Spanish I successfully can describe in Spanish using memorized lists and short sentences in the present tense. Additionally, students will examine the products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions) of Spanish-speaking cultures.

Spanish II

Grades 10-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: Spanish mastery exam, completion of Spanish I at GCHS with a grade of B- (83%) or higher, or permission of instructor

Spanish II reviews and builds upon the topics and skills developed in Spanish I so that students will be able to speak and write in Spanish in expanded contexts and become more self-directed and confident in using Spanish in everyday situations. This course encourages interpersonal and interpretive communication through speaking, writing, reading and listening activities. Students who complete Spanish II successfully can describe in Spanish using lists, short sentences, transition words and simple paragraphs. They will be able to use contextual clues to infer meaning and to comprehend longer written and oral directions. Additionally, students will continue to learn about the products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions) of Spanish-speaking cultures.

Spanish III (Honors)

Grades 11-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish II at GCHS with a grade of B- (83%) or higher or permission of instructor

Spanish III reviews and builds upon the topics and skills developed in Spanish II so that students will be able to speak and write the language in a greater variety of contexts and become increasingly more self-directed and confident in using Spanish in everyday situations. This course encourages further development of interpersonal and interpretive communication through more advanced speaking, writing, reading and listening activities. Students who complete Spanish III successfully can participate in spoken and written communication by creating sentences and paragraphs of greater complexity relating to a wider range of topics. Additionally, students will deepen their understanding of the products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions) of Spanish-speaking cultures.

IB Spanish SL

Grade 11-12

2 credits

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish III Honors at GCHS with a grade of B- (83%) or higher or permission of instructor

IB Spanish, Standard Level is a world language course established by the International Baccalaureate Organization. The primary focus of the course is on language acquisition and development of interpersonal and interpretive communication skills through exposure to a range of written and spoken material, such as oral exchanges and print information regarding current culturally and globally relevant topics. Students who successfully complete IB Spanish SL can participate in spoken and written communication of increasing complexity across various time frames, ask a variety of questions, make comparisons, express opinions and synthesize information successfully in Spanish. Students will further deepen their understanding of the products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions) of Spanish-speaking cultures. **Students taking this course may be eligible for dual credit through Ivy Tech.**

Spanish for Heritage Speakers I (Honors)

Grades 9-12

2 Credits

Prerequisite: Students that are heritage or native speakers of Spanish (have grown up in families where Spanish is the primary or one of the primary languages spoken in the home) are eligible to take this course. Placement test and teacher approval required. An interview may be requested.

This course is taught completely in Spanish and is designed to help students make large gains in their Spanish language abilities and in their confidence in using the language. Students will expand their Spanish reading and presentational skills, improve their ability to use varied oral and written registers in Spanish and build vocabulary while exploring issues related to Latino/Hispanic identity, heritage, community, and culture. Students will learn norms of academic written Spanish and develop writing skills in both creative and expository writing. Students will explore authentic, varied genres of literature at different lexile levels and current events articles from various Hispanic and Latino cultures. Through reading, they will become aware of the literary devices used in writing as well as variants of Spanish used in different settings. In addition, students will work to understand linguistic choice in order to become more confident in their use of language for different settings and audiences.

Spanish for Heritage Speakers II (Honors)

Grades 10-12

2 Credits

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish for Heritage Speakers I (Honors) at GCHS with a grade of B- (83%) or higher or permission of instructor

This course is the second in a series of two Spanish classes designed to meet the needs of heritage speakers of Spanish (students whose families speak Spanish regularly at home). It is taught completely in Spanish and is designed to help students make further gains in their Spanish language abilities and in their confidence in using the language. Students will continue to expand their Spanish reading and presentation skills, improve their ability to use varied oral and written registers in Spanish and build vocabulary while exploring issues related to Latino/Hispanic identity, heritage, community, and culture. Students will expand their understanding of the norms of academic written Spanish and further develop their writing skills in both creative and expository writing. Students will explore authentic, varied genres of literature at different lexile levels and current events articles from various Hispanic and Latino cultures. Through reading, they will become aware of the literary devices used in writing as well as variants of Spanish used in different settings. In addition, students will expand their understanding of linguistic choice in order to become more confident in their use of language in different settings and for different audiences.

Spanish-Language and Culture (Honors)**Grades 10-12****1 credit****Prerequisite: Spanish III (H)**

The Spanish Language and Culture class is an advanced Spanish course open to students who have completed Spanish III or IB Spanish. It is a one-trimester class that covers literature, history, geography, and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. The course is intended for students who have a keen interest in improving their ability to communicate in Spanish and in learning more about the Spanish-speaking world. The course emphasizes effective communication of ideas in Spanish and Spanish will be the primary language of communication used by the teacher and the students. The course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. It develops students' awareness and appreciation of Hispanic and Spanish cultural products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions).