

**Seton LaSalle
Catholic High School**



**Program of Studies
2022-2023**

Program of Studies: Introduction

Seton LaSalle Catholic High School, as a Catholic institution, recognizes its dual mission to promote spiritual development and academic excellence. The academic program at Seton LaSalle is designed to help the students develop as Christian men and women intellectually and spiritually, and to provide motivation and preparation for a lifetime of study and work. As a school community, we accept the great diversity of intellectual ability within our student body. We encourage our students to strive to their highest level of achievement.

Learning is dynamic, reflecting an ever-evolving knowledge base. The total development of the Seton LaSalle student includes logical interpretation of events based on the laws of science and nature, critical analysis of the written word, creativity, deductive and inductive reasoning, appreciation of the fine arts, manual dexterity, and understanding of foreign languages and other cultures. Other dimensions of our intellectual approach are recognition of the importance of the past and its implication for the present and future, and respect for the opinions of others.

All levels of our course offerings are college preparatory in nature, and the Program of Studies is designed for the majority of students to learn at the Academic (AC) level. In order to qualify for Honors (HN) and/or Advanced Placement (AP) level courses, students must demonstrate mastery of content and skills in their pre-requisite courses and, in most cases, receive a teacher recommendation to move into these intense, high-level learning courses. Teacher recommendations are based on students' current level of commitment to diligent work in their current courses, as well as formative and summative course assessments, and standardized test scores. Our goal is to place students into the course levels in which they will experience success and demonstrate academic achievement.

Course Offerings by Department

* Courses highlighted in yellow indicate new course offerings

RELIGION

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| 101 | HN CS Old Testament |
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| 332 | AC U.S. History 2 and 3 |
| 333 | HN U.S. History 2 and 3 |
| 335 | AP U.S. History |
| 341 | American Government |
| 342 | AC American Government |
| 343 | Economics |
| 344 | AC Economics |
| 345 | HN American Government |
| 346 | HN Economics |
| 347 | AP European History |
| 351 | HN History of Pittsburgh 1 |
| 352 | HN History of Pittsburgh 2 |
| 370 | AC American Pop Culture |
| 371 | HN American Pop Culture |
| 357 | AC Psychology |
| 358 | AC Sociology |
| 361 | AP U.S. Government and Politics |

ENGLISH

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| 200 | Developmental Reading |
| 205 | Writing Lab |
| 207 | AC English for International Students 1 |
| 208 | AC English for International Students 2 |
| 211 | Composition 1 / Prose 1 |
| 212 | AC Composition 1 / Prose 1 |
| 213 | HN Composition 1 / Prose 1 |
| 219 | HN CS Literature 9 |
| 221 | Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama |
| 223 | AC Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama |
| 225 | HN Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama |
| 231 | American Literature |
| 233 | AC American Literature |
| 234 | HN Language and Composition |
| 236 | AP Language and Composition |
| 241 | Literary Forms |
| 242 | AC Literary Forms |
| 245 | HN Literature and Composition |
| 243 | AP Literature and Composition |

SCIENCE

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| 413 | HN Biology |
| 420 | Biology |
| 421 | AC Biology |
| 423 | HN Chemistry |
| 431 | Chemistry |
| 433 | AC Chemistry |
| 443 | AC Physics |
| 444 | HN Physics |
| 445 | AP Biology |
| 447 | AC Human Anatomy / Physiology |
| 449 | AP Chemistry |
| 452 | AC Environmental Science |
| 456 | AP Physics C: Mechanics |
| 453 | Conservation Science |

MATHEMATICS

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| 511 | Algebra 1 |
| 512 | AC Algebra 1 |
| 521 | Geometry |
| 522 | AC Geometry |
| 524 | HN Geometry |
| 532 | Algebra 2 |
| 533 | AC Algebra 2 |
| 536 | HN Algebra 2 |
| 535 | HN Statistics |
| 561 | AC Trig/Pre-Calculus |
| 562 | HN Trig/Pre-Calculus |
| 546 | AP Calculus AB |
| 548 | HN Calculus |
| 549 | AP Calculus BC |
| 563 | AC Introduction to Calculus |
| 539 | Algebra 3 |

HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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| 714 | AC Freshman PE |
| 715 | AC Health 2 - Healthy Living |
| 716 | AC Sophomore PE |
| 717 | AC Health 1 |
| 724 | AC Girls Physical Education 2 |
| 725 | AC Girls Physical Education 3 |
| 737 | AC Boys Physical Education 2 |
| 738 | AC Boys Physical Education 3 |
| 740 | AC Independent Physical Education |
| 741 | AC Independent Physical Education |

BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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| 800 | AC Introduction to Information Technology |
| 819 | AC Introduction to Programming |
| 835 | AC Accounting 1 |
| 839 | AC Business Law |
| 840 | AC Business Management |
| 845 | HN Accounting 2 |
| 870 | HN Computer Programming |
| 871 | AP Computer Science A |
| 873 | AP Computer Science Principles |
| 831 | AC Personal Finance |
| 825/826 | AC Gaming Strategy/Design |
| 820 | AC Introduction to Cybersecurity |

FINE ARTS

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| 905 | AC Mixed Chorus |
| 907 | AP Music Theory |
| 911 | AC Ceramics 1 |
| 912 | AC Ceramics 2 |
| 913 | AC Calligraphy |
| 914 | AC Design |
| 915 | AC Painting and Color |
| 916 | AC Fiber Arts |
| 917 | AC Drawing |
| 919 | AC Crafts 1 |
| 921 | AC Art 1 |
| 922 | AC Art 2 |
| 923 | AC Art 3 and 4 |
| 929 | AC Crafts 2 |
| 942 | Art Appreciation/History |
| 943 | AC Art Appreciation/History |
| 941 | HN Art History |
| 935 | AP Art History |

WORLD LANGUAGES

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| 051 | English as a Second Language Pullout 1 |
| 052 | English as a Second Language Pullout 2 |
| 201 | AC English as a Second Language 1 |
| 202 | AC English as a Second Language 2 |
| 203 | AC English as a Second Language 3 |
| 600 | French 1 |
| 601 | AC French 1 |
| 602 | French 2 |
| 603 | AC French 2 |
| 604 | HN French 2 |
| 605 | AC French 3 |
| 606 | HN French 3 |
| 607 | HN French 4 |
| 641 | AP French Language and Culture |
| 608 | HN French 5 |
| 610 | Spanish 1 |
| 611 | AC Spanish 1 |
| 612 | Spanish 2 |
| 613 | AC Spanish 2 |
| 614 | HN Spanish 2 |
| 615 | AC Spanish 3 |
| 616 | HN Spanish 3 |
| 617 | HN Spanish 4 |
| 640 | AP Spanish Language and Culture |
| 618 | HN Spanish 5 |
| 621 | AC Latin 1 |
| 633 | HN CS Latin 1 |
| 622 | AC Latin 2 |
| 624 | HN Latin 4 |
| 625 | HN Latin 5 |
| 626 | HN Latin 3 |
| 632 | HN Latin 2 |
| 650 | AC Chinese 1 |

FRASSATI-MOLLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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| 063 | Frassati-Molla Scholars Program 10 |
| 064 | Frassati-Molla Scholars Program 11 |
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| 951 | AC Theatre 1 |
| 952 | AC Theatre 2 |
| 953 | AC Theatre 3954 AC Theatre 4 |
| 962 | AP Studio Art - Drawing |
| 963 | AP Studio Art - 2D |
| 964 | AP Studio Art - 3D |
| 970 | AC Freshman Concert Band 1 |
| 972 | HN Freshman Marching Band 1 |
| 975 | AC Concert Band 2 |
| 977 | HN Marching Band 2 |
| 978 | AC Concert Band 3 |
| 979 | HN Marching Band 3 |
| 980 | AC Concert Band 4 |
| 981 | HN Marching Band 4 |
| 990 | AC Modern Media |
| 991 | HN Modern Media 2 |
| 982 | HN Music Theory |
| 955/956 | AC Musical Theater |

Course Descriptions by Department

RELIGION

101 HN CS Old Testament

Grades: 9

Enrollment: Required

Prerequisite: None

Credit: 1

The stories and wisdom of the Old Testament constitute a foundation to all study of the Christian faith. Students will study in-depth the major stories and covenants of salvation history found in the Old Testament. In addition, they will have the opportunity to memorize and interact with some of the great Wisdom Literature found therein. Students will learn to interact with religious texts to seek out deeper meaning, discuss with peers, and present new information in both written and oral form.

110 AC Foundations of Christianity

Grade: By placement, any grade

Enrollment: By placement only

Prerequisites: None

Credit: 1.0

In this course, participants will learn the foundational elements of belief in Jesus Christ and in His message, as transmitted through Sacred Scripture and Church tradition. This course will consider God's self-revelation to humankind in salvation history and to each individual person as a God of love, justice and mercy.

111 AC Introduction to Catholic Christianity

Grade: 9

Enrollment: Required

Prerequisites: None

Credit: 1.0

Catholic Christianity: Introduction to the Church and the Old Testament - This course is an introduction to sacred scripture, both the Old and the New Testament. The course presumes no prior knowledge of Catholic Church teaching, nor the study of the Bible. The Bible will be studied for its content, authorship and style. An understanding of criteria for interpretation of scripture and appreciation of the spiritual and literal sense through exegesis of the scriptures will be taught. The study of Divine Revelation, as seen in the writings of the Old and New Testaments and fully made known in the person of Jesus Christ, will be explored. A progression will develop in the understanding of God as a Trinity of Persons, Jesus as human and divine, and how Jesus reveals to all people their own humanity. The course will end with an emphasis on personal holiness and the importance of prayer in the faith life of a follower of Christ.

121 AC Scriptures

Grade: 10

Enrollment: Required

Prerequisites: None

Credit: 1.0

Jesus in Scripture – This course explores the Catholic understanding of salvation history beginning with The Fall in the book of Genesis and ending with the Paschal Mystery, the fullness of redemption. The course finishes with a look to the future when Christ will come again. A process of conversion will be encouraged as a personal call to holiness. This is an Ecclesiology course, where students will study the development of the Catholic Church, beginning with Pentecost, continuing with the role of the Apostles in the early church, and following with the development of the hierarchy throughout the ages. A focus of study on the Church as a sign and an instrument of communion with God as understood in the four marks of the Church (one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic) will follow. The course will close with a look at the Church and how its members continue to live out their call to be Disciples of Christ.

137 **AC Sacraments and Morality**
139 **CIHS Morality**
 Grade: 11
 Enrollment: Required
 Prerequisite: None
 Credit: 1.0

Sacraments and Morality– This course is an in-depth study of the Catholic Sacraments, with focus on the Sacraments of Initiation and Healing. The role of signs and symbols in daily life is treated in an attempt to prepare students for a critical understanding of symbolic actions, purpose, origin, history and theology of each of the Sacraments as recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. Students are encouraged to participate in the Church’s sacramental life as a means to encounter Jesus and an opportunity to grow in grace, leading to a social and psychological study of behavioral ethics as a Catholic Christian in the modern world. To be human is to be confronted with a moral quest, and this course is designed to encourage students to examine their essential freedom as human beings, and to grapple seriously with the call of Jesus Christ to “Reform your lives and believe in the Good News.” The course concerns itself with the basic question: How are we to live? Students learn how to evaluate moral choices by looking at the sources of a moral act: the object, intention and circumstances. They are challenged to live as a disciple of Jesus and to put the Gospel of Life into daily practice. **(Please note that CIHS is ONLY semester II -- Morality; all Juniors take AC Sacraments semester I. Timely registration is required.) Students who successfully complete this course with a C average or higher are eligible for 3 college credit hours. A standard additional fee is required for this, paid to St. Vincent College, and credits are transferable to any college or university accepting course credit from St. Vincent College.*

143 **AC Vocations and Ethics**
145 **CIHS Ethics**
 Grade: 12
 Enrollment: Required
 Prerequisite: None
 Credit: 1.0

Vocations and Ethics - Students will examine the dynamics of the human person, giving emphasis to the fact that each person is a loved, living, created being with a core of dignity and worth. We will also explore the dynamics of engaging with others and the essentials of healthy and compassionate relating in our one-to-one daily relationships and in the larger society. We will uncover and discuss many issues, examples and attitudes of injustice that occur in relationships and in society (locally, nationally, and internationally). And in the midst of all of this, we will learn and apply the principles of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching with the overall hope that it is something each of us can integrate more fully into our everyday living and involvement, thus doing our part to create a more just society. The Sacraments in Service of Vocations will be specifically focused on, to help students discern their vocation by applying the universal call to holiness to their own life. The Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony are thoroughly treated with regards to purpose, origin, history and theology. Students will consider issues and choices in light of the Gospels and the Christian tradition. Information included is the preparation necessary for the reception of Holy Orders and Matrimony and the effects that follow. **(Please note that CIHS is ONLY semester I -- Ethics; all Seniors take AC Vocations semester II. Timely registration is required.) Students who successfully complete this course with a C average or higher are eligible for 3 college credit hours. A standard additional fee is required for this, paid to St. Vincent College, and credits are transferable to any college or university accepting course credit from St. Vincent College.*

153 **HN/CIHS Philosophy I -- Intro to Philosophy**
 Grades: 11, 12
 Enrollment: Elective; semester I only
 Prerequisite: None
 Credit: 0.5

This course is an introduction to the history of human thought. Literally, it translates from the Ancient Greek as *love of wisdom*. In this course, students will pursue that love. It is, by nature, a college entry-level course, and presumes that students will be determined seekers of knowledge. Students must display a willingness to read source materials, be able to write clearly about readings while forming educated opinions about what they have read, and be excited about active participation in the process of debate. **(Timely registration is required -- please do not enter this course late.) Students who successfully complete this course with a C average or higher are eligible for 3 credit hours of college Philosophy. A standard additional fee will be required for this, and credits are transferable to any college or university accepting course credit from Seton Hall University (SPL 100).*

154 **HN/CIHS Philosophy II -- Special Topic Seminar**
 Grades: 11, 12
 Enrollment: Elective; semester II only
 Prerequisite: *Students must have successfully completed Phil 153 with an A average.*
 Credit: 0.5

This course is an advanced special topic seminar in 20th Century Existentialism. In this course, students will further pursue the ‘love of wisdom’ that they have developed in their Intro course. It is, by nature, a highly advanced college level course, and presumes that students will be determined seekers of knowledge. Students must display a willingness to read source materials, be able to write clearly about readings while forming educated opinions about what they have read -- based on instructor-given reflection questions, and be excited about active participation in the process of debate within the intimate setting of small-circle discussions. Discussion dates are once a week. *Students who successfully complete this course with a C average or higher are eligible for 3 credit hours of college Philosophy. A standard additional fee is required for this, paid to Seton Hall University, and credits are transferable to any college or university accepting course credit from Seton Hall University (SPL 405).*

155 **HN/CIHS Holocaust Studies**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisite: None
Credit: 0.5

This course is an introduction to the Holocaust -- The *Shoah* -- and the humanitarian call that it poses for us today, as genocide continues in our world. Students will begin with the origins of historical Anti-Semitism and the politicizing of racial and religious elitism, consider how this became -- and still transforms today into -- segregation and violence. The course considers the moral implications of perpetrators, collaborators, bystanders and 'up-standers', and asks the major questions, "Is forgiveness possible?" and, "Who are we called to be, so that we can say, 'Never again.?" Students must display a willingness to read source materials, be able to write clearly about readings while forming educated opinions about what they have read, and be excited about active participation in the process of debate and research. *Students who successfully complete this course with a C average or higher are eligible for 3 college credit hours. A standard additional fee is required for this, paid to Gratz University, and credits are transferable to any college or university accepting course credit from Gratz University.*

156 **HN Great Ideas**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective, Fine Arts - Full Year Course
Prerequisite: Teacher Approval
Credit: 1

The Great Ideas class exists to introduce and continue to familiarize students with the ideas and viewpoints found within the greatest books of Western Civilization. This is a cross-curricular course designed to look at the Great Ideas of Western Civilization from multiple viewpoints: religion, philosophy, history, literature, psychology, science, and mathematics. In addition, we will look at the Great Ideas from the perspective of art, both music and art history; because of that, this course counts as a fine arts credit. The specific topics to be discussed will be decided by students in concert with the teacher. The student will show an interest in reading and studying the Great Books of Western Civilization and in discussing the ideas contained therein.

160 **HN Service & Spirituality**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Requirement Option
Prerequisite: Teacher Approval; Application Required
Credit: 1

As a school rooted in the Gospel values set forth by the life, teaching, and ministry of Jesus Christ, Seton LaSalle is committed to forming Christian leaders who reflect these values. As such, Seton LaSalle High School is offering a Service and Spirituality Class for Seniors and Juniors. This class will seek to further develop the student's formation in Catholic spirituality by focusing on student involvement in apostolic service, the history and development of Catholic spirituality, and theological reflection. This course serves to prepare our students to be strong Christian leaders in the community upon graduation.

The class will be divided into two parts: traditional "lecture/seminar" format and implementation and practice of the material covered in class discussions. Students will be part of the team that facilitates the class retreats, liturgies, mission drives, service projects and other needs of the school community. Students are selected through an application process during the spring of their junior and/or sophomore year.

ENGLISH

200 **Developmental Reading**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement, for students not yet ready to enroll in World Language courses
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

The purpose of this course is to provide intensive instruction in literacy and writing through a small group setting. Effective, research-based practices are used to give students the literacy skills necessary for success in high school and beyond. These literary skills include fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Students will learn a variety of practices to use before, during, and after reading.

205 **Writing Lab**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: Freshman Block
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.25

The purpose of this course is to provide writing instructional support through research-based practices are used to give students the writing skills necessary for success in high school and beyond.

211 **Composition 1 / Prose 1**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

Composition 1 is designed for the student who has experienced a degree of difficulty in the mastery of basic language skills. Language, grammar, mechanics, vocabulary, and composition skills are taught so that each student develops a more proficient prose style. **Prose 1** reinforces the reading skills of students through the study of both nonfiction (essay and biography) and fiction (the short story and novel), as well as poetry and plays. Basic research is taught so that the student may acquire skills in supporting opinions and to enhance knowledge of backgrounds of materials read.

212 **AC Composition 1 / Prose 1**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

AC Composition / Prose 1 emphasizes a thorough knowledge of the basic structures of prose forms and literary elements. Students are required to produce expository and persuasive papers as well as bi-weekly creative writing assignments. This course introduces the student to a variety of writings, both fiction and non-fiction. The emphasis is on form and cultural relevance, using short-stories, novels, essays, biographical work and non-fiction articles as the basis for understanding literary style and technique. Vocabulary study is integrated into the study of literature and selected college level SAT preparatory vocabulary is systematically acquired.

219 **HN CS Literature 9**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

Ninth Grade Literature will emphasize deep exposure to great writers and thinkers and will incorporate effective essay writing, seminar-style discussions, and the study of grammar and vocabulary. Our study of literature will challenge the student to read not just for entertainment, but to gain wisdom from the works of the great playwrights, poets, and prose writers of the ancient world. Authors to be studied include Homer and Sophocles.

213 **HN Composition 1 / Prose 1**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course emphasizes the development of critical thinking and writing skills. The student in this course is challenged to read widely and in-depth. Students are required to produce expository and persuasive papers as well as weekly creative writing assignments. This course introduces the student to a variety of writings, both fiction and non-fiction. The emphasis is on form and cultural relevance, using short-stories, novels, essays, biographical work and non-fiction articles as the basis for understanding literary style and technique. Vocabulary study is integrated into the study of literature and selected college level vocabulary is systematically acquired.

221 **Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *211 - Composition 1 / Prose 1* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

Composition 2 is designed for those students who continue to have difficulties with language skills. Language, grammar, and composition skills will be the major emphasis in Composition 2. **Poetry and Drama** is designed to familiarize students with the techniques and styles characteristic of poetic and dramatic literature. Reading and writing assignments appropriate to these goals are an integral part of the course work.

223 AC Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama
Grade: 10
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *212 - AC Composition 1 / Prose 1* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

AC Composition 2 is an intensive focus on the writing process. Students practice the step-by-step development of several multi-paragraph expository and analytical themes. A vocabulary program, a speech program, and a selective review of grammar and usage reinforce the student's mastery of the writing process. Students are required to write two literary analysis papers each quarter. **AC Poetry & Drama** is designed to familiarize each student with the technique and styles characteristic of poetic and dramatic literature through the ages. Specific works are studied in-depth, and vocabulary exercises help students to develop their critical skills.

225 HN Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama
Grade: 10
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *213 - HN Composition 1 / Prose 1* or equivalent and an overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
Credit: 1.0

Honors Poetry/Drama – The focus of this course is on the language, techniques and styles characteristic of poetic and dramatic literature. Extensive reading and writing assignments appropriate to these goals are included as a necessary and integral part of the coursework. Students are required to write two literary analysis papers each quarter. **Honors Composition 2** – This course is for the students with a strong command of language, grammar, and composition skills. Students will strengthen these skills through intensive practice in the writing process in response to reading poetic and dramatic literature. Students are required to write two literary analysis papers each quarter.

231 American Literature
Grade: 11
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in either *221 - Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

American Literature is designed for students who continue to experience a level of difficulty in their reading comprehension. Unlike the academic level, the course emphasizes the reading skills and techniques rather than an emphasis on the content of the course.

233 AC American Literature
Grade: 11
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *223 - AC Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

American Literature - The theme of the "American Dream" is explored and investigated in this course. A study of select works of major American authors is made as a means of gaining some insight into the American experience as reflected in literature. Writing exercises and discussions center around the relationships between literature and other academic disciplines, e.g. history, art, and psychology. Students are required to write two literary analysis papers in each quarter.

234 HN Language and Composition
236 AP Language and Composition
Grade: 11
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *225 - HN Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama* or equivalent and an unweighted overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
Credit: 1.0

Students in this course "engage in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines and rhetorical contexts and becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes and audiences." (The College Board) Students are also introduced to major themes and authors of the American literary tradition. **Students enrolled decide by the end of the First Quarter whether they wish to register as AP students, complete additional requirements, and take the AP examination for potential college credit at the end of the year.** These students must register for the AP examination at that time. All other students will receive Honors credit for the course. **Note:** Students wishing to enroll in the AP level course, whether in advance or after the first quarter, should choose course **236 - AP Language and Composition**.

241 **Literary Forms**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *231 - American Literature* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course helps students to further develop their reading and writing skills through the study of literary forms (prose/poetry and drama) and expository writing with a focus on research and report development. Students are required to write two literary analysis papers each quarter.

242 **AC Literary Forms**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *233 - AC American Literature* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course focuses on the development of literature through the ages in a variety of cultural contexts. It provides the senior student a preparation for college, examining four forms of writing - poetry, drama, prose and research. Student response, formal composition, discussion, and analysis add a final dimension to the course. Students are required to write two literary analysis papers each quarter. This course is further designed to teach the discipline of research techniques to prepare the student for college papers. Papers to validate opinions and historical events are a major part of the coursework, but some research on the current novel being studied in the class will be included.

245 **HN Literature and Composition**
243 **AP Literature and Composition**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *235 - HN American Literature* or equivalent and an unweighted overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
Credit: 1.0

Students are introduced to the principles of literary theory by means of literary analysis, seminar discussions and writing exercises. Emphasis is on the study of British and World literature. This course is designed to provide options for students enrolled in Honors English in previous years. **Students enrolled decide by the end of the First Quarter whether they wish to register as AP students, complete additional requirements, and take the AP examination for potential college credit at the end of the year.** These students must register for the AP examination at that time. All other students will receive Honors credit for the course. **Note:** Students wishing to enroll in the AP level course, whether in advance or after the first quarter, should choose course **243 - AP Literature and Composition.**

SOCIAL STUDIES

311 **World Cultures 1 and 2**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course will study the history and culture of important Ancient Cultures of the World through the Middle Ages. Lessons in geography will be incorporated into every unit. There will be a focus on study skills. Both the teacher and the student will integrate the use of technology into the course.

312 **AC World Cultures 1 and 2**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course will study the history and culture of important Ancient Cultures of the World through the Middle Ages. Lessons in geography will be incorporated into every unit, as well as government, religion, society, family and economics. There will be a focus on study skills, cause-effect relationships, critical thinking and essay writing. Both the teacher and the student will integrate the use of technology into the course.

313 **HN World Cultures 1 and 2**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course will study the history and culture of important Ancient Cultures of the World through the Middle Ages. Lessons in geography will be incorporated into every unit, as well as government, religion, society, family and economics. There will be a focus on study skills, cause-effect relationships, research techniques, essay writing and comparing and contrasting cultures. Both the teacher and the student will integrate the use of technology into the course.

391 **HN CS Western Civilization**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course will study the history of important Ancient Civilizations of the World as they relate to and influence the development of Western Civilization. Lessons in geography will be incorporated into every unit, as well as government, religion, society, family and economics. There will be a focus on cause-effect relationships, research techniques, essay writing and significant discussion.

321 **World Cultures 3**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *311 - World Cultures 1 and 2* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (first semester only)

World Cultures 3 - The course is designed around the specific needs of the student. The student will be made aware of similarities and differences between cultures utilizing specific social studies skills. The course develops skills needed for the observation and understanding of society.

322 **U.S. History 1**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *311 - World Cultures 1 and 2* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (second semester only)

U.S. History 1 – This is a survey course of American History for those students who have experienced difficulty in the mastery of reading skills. Emphasis will be placed on the organization of facts and awareness of the basic elements of society as they apply to the history of the United States from early discovery through the American Civil War.

323 **AC World Cultures 3**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *312 - AC World Cultures 1 and 2* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (first semester only)

AC World Cultures 3 is based on the study of change over periods of time in four aspects of society; economics, politics, social organization, and patterns of thought. The course will enable students to understand and appreciate different cultures and global awareness.

324 **AC U.S. History 1**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *312 - AC World Cultures 1 and 2* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (second semester only)

AC U.S. History 1 is a survey course of U.S. History with emphasis on the interrelationships of social, political, and economic factors. Special efforts are made to relate historical events and personalities to contemporary American society. Additional emphasis is placed on the concept of historical trends. The period from discovery through the American Civil War will be covered.

325 **HN World Cultures 3**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Grade of A in *312 AC World Cultures 1 & 2* with recommendation or a grade of B or higher in *313 HN World Cultures 1 & 2* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (first semester only)

Honors World Cultures 3 is a continuation of Honors World Cultures 1 and 2. It will begin with the Modern period and continue to the present. It will examine the impact of changes in government, art, science, technology, and religion and its effects of the modern world.

326 **HN U.S. History 1**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Grade of A or higher in *312 AC World Cultures 1 & 2* with recommendation or a grade of B or higher in *313 HN World Cultures 1 & 2* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (second semester only)

Honors U.S. History 1 is an accelerated and more investigatory approach to American History which emphasizes the application of historical information to past events and evaluation of those events as they relate to current trends and policies. The course is designed to challenge the student to analyze our nation's history and draw conclusions, while encouraging the on-going development of the skills of synthesis and analysis of history. The period from discovery to the American Civil War will be covered.

331 **U.S. History 2 and 3**
Grade: 11
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *327 - World Cultures 3 & U.S. History* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This is a survey course of American History from the Civil War to the present designed for those students who have experienced difficulty in the mastery of reading skills. Emphasis will be placed on the organization of facts and awareness of the basic elements of society as they apply to the history of the United States.

332 **AC U.S. History 2 and 3**
Grade: 11
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *328 - AC World Cultures 3 and AC U.S. History* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course is a survey course of American History from the Civil War to the present with emphasis on the interrelationships of social, political, and economic factors. Special efforts are made to relate historical events and personalities to contemporary American society. Additional emphasis is placed on the concept of historical trends.

333 **HN U.S. History 2 and 3**
Grade: 11
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Grade of "A" or higher in *329 - AC World Cultures 3 and AC U.S. History* with recommendation or a grade of "B" or higher in *325/326 - HN World Cultures 3 and HN U.S. History*
Credit: 1.0

The course is an accelerated and more investigatory approach to American History from the Civil War to the present. The course emphasizes the application of historical information to past events and evaluation of those events as they relate to current trends and policies. The course is designed to challenge the student to analyze our nation's history and draw conclusions. The goal of the course is to encourage the on-going development of the skills of synthesis and analysis of history. **NOTE:** *This course may be combined with Course 335 - AP US History based upon enrollment.*

335 **AP U.S. History**
Grade: 11
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in 329 - *AC World Cultures 3 and AC U.S. History* with recommendation or a grade of “B” or higher in 325/326 - *HN World Cultures 3 and HN U.S. History*
Credit: 1.0

This course provides an intense study of United States History from the first discovery to contemporary times. Analytical thinking skills will be developed through research papers, essays, debates, class discussions and projects. The reading requirement for this course is extensive and includes several books and articles in addition to the textbook. Summer reading is required. Students must take the Advanced Placement Test. **NOTE:** This course may be combined with **Course 333 - HN US History** based upon enrollment.

341 **American Government**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 331 - *U.S. History 2 and 3* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

The course is designed for those students who experience difficulty in conceptual skills. The course emphasizes fundamental facts and organization of the Federal Government. The goal is to achieve for the student a clear awareness of what the government is and what it does.

342 **AC American Government**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 332 - *AC U.S. History 2 and 3* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the Federal Government. This is accomplished by stressing the individual governing bodies on the federal level: the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.

343 **Economics**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 331 - *U.S. History 2 & 3* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

The course is designed for students who experience difficulty in conceptual skills. The course emphasizes practical aspects of the economy such as the operation of banking, the money system and how prices are determined. The goal is to achieve for the student a basic understanding of how an economy works. In addition, a basic E.Q. (Economic Quotient) will be established for each student.

344 **AC Economics**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 332 - *AC U.S. History 2 and 3* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

The course is designed to acquaint the student with the workings of the American market economy. Major topic areas are such as supply and demand, money, banking, GNP, national debt, the Federal Reserve System, and others. The objective of the course is to raise and improve the student’s understanding of economics.

345 **HN American Government**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: By approval
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in 332 - *AC U.S. History 2 and 3* with recommendation or a grade of “B” or higher in 333 - *HN AC U.S. History 2 and 3* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

The course emphasizes an advanced understanding of the fundamental principles of government, with a focus on United States Government and the U.S. Constitution. The goal of the course is for students to have a clear understanding of what the Government is, what it does, and how they can be actively engaged in it.

346 **HN Economics**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: By approval
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in 332 - *AC U.S. History 2 & 3* with recommendation or a grade of “B” or higher in 333 - *HN AC U.S. History 2 and 3* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

The course emphasizes key economic principles and translates them into real life applications. Students will gain a basic understanding of the nature of the U.S. economy and the impact of global economic trends.

347 **AP European History**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: By approval
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in 332 - *AC U.S. History 2 and 3* with recommendation, or a grade of “B” or higher in 333 - *HN U.S. History 2 and 3*, or a grade of “B” or higher in 335 - *AP U.S. History 2 and 3* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This is a college-level introductory course in Western Civilization from the late middle ages (1450 A.D.) through the World War II years (1945 and following). The themes of modern European History to be covered in the course are: A) Political and Diplomatic History; B) Economic and Social History; C) Intellectual and Cultural History. Students accepted into the course will be required to take the Advanced Placement History Exam and/or enroll in the A College in High School Program for credit.

351 **HN Pittsburgh History 1 (1st semester)**
Grade: 11, 12
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: none
Credit: 0.5

A study of the history and culture of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, this course is offered to junior and seniors. Students will study the geography of the region, the early history including Native Americans, colonial times through the industrial age. Important people, events and innovations will be featured. This is a project based course that will employ the arts, photography, poetry/literature and group work, and guest speakers. To enroll a student must commit to a number of field trips outside of school hours, after school, evenings and/or weekends.

351 **HN Pittsburgh History 2 (2nd semester)**
Grade: 11, 12
Enrollment: By teacher approval
Prerequisites: none
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 0.5

This is a study of the history and culture of Pittsburgh since the end of the industrial era. Themes will include important contributions of Pittsburgh to business, industry, politics, architecture, sports, art, music, Pittsburgh neighborhoods and “Holy Pittsburgh.” This is a project based course that will employ the arts, photography, poetry/literature and group work, and guest speakers. To enroll a student must commit to a number of field trips outside of school hours, after school, evenings and/or weekends.

357 **AC Psychology**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

Psychology examines the behavior of individuals. Specific attention is given to key questions such as: How does your personality develop? How can one learn more efficiently? Which is more influential -- heredity or environment? Influential psychologists and their theories will be examined. Participation in class discussions is an integral part of the course.

358 **AC Sociology**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

Sociology explores the interaction of groups. It is interested in expanding the students knowledge of human relationships. Included is an understanding of encounters with family and peer groups, as well as the influence of larger institutions and organizations within society. Social problems, such as crime, poverty and aging are discussed. Participation in class discussions is an integral part of the course.

- 361 AP U.S. Government and Politics**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: By approval
Prerequisites: Grade of "A" or higher in 332 - *AC U.S. History 2 & 3* with recommendation, or a grade of "B" or higher in 333 - *HN U.S. History 2 and 3*, or a grade of "B" or higher in 335 - *AP U.S. History 2 and 3* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

AP US Government and Politics is the study of the United States national government's policies, institutions, and foundations. Topics in the course will include, but not be limited to: (a) Constitutional theories forming the basis of government, (b) political beliefs and behaviors, (c) political parties, interest groups, and the mass media, (d) the Congress, presidency, bureaucracy, and Federal court system, (e) public policy, and (f) civil rights and civil liberties. This course gives students an analytical perspective on American government and politics that prepares them to take the AP US Government and Politics exam.

- 370 AC American Pop Culture**
371 HN American Pop Culture
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1

This course critically examines and analyzes the development, growth and influence of American Popular Culture (1893-Today) and how American Popular Culture has created the modern, interconnected world. At times we will also take a sociological perspective in order to take a critical look at how APC influences who we are and how we influence APC.

SCIENCE

- 413 HN Biology**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

Honors Biology is a survey of Biological Science exclusive of Human Biology. An accelerated version of the Biology course, the range of topics includes botany, micro-organisms, genetics, invertebrate/vertebrate zoology, ecology, cytology, evolution and biochemistry. Laboratory activities and dissections of select invertebrates and vertebrates are included.

- 420 Biology**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This biology course is designed for the second year science student who has experienced difficulty with related mathematics and reading courses as they relate to the study of science. This is a survey class intended to introduce and acquaint students with the vast range of biological science.

- 421 AC Biology**
Grades: 9, 10
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This is a survey class intended to introduce and acquaint students with the vast range of biological science. Topics investigated include: plants, microorganisms, biochemistry of nucleic acids, reproductive cytology, genetics, evolution, invertebrate and vertebrate zoology and ecology. Laboratory activities and dissections of select invertebrates and vertebrates are included.

- 453 Conservation Science**
Grades: 10
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Biology
Credit: 1.0

This is a class for students to build an understanding of science content and learn scientific techniques taught through the lens of conservation, with an emphasis on real-world activities. The curriculum provides hands-on, active student participation in the practical application of scientific principles with a focus on wildlife, conservation, and outdoor recreational activities that fund the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

423 **HN Chemistry**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B+” or higher in *413 - HN Biology* and a grade of “B+” or higher in *524 - HN Geometry* or *534 - HN Algebra 2 / Trigonometry* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

The Honors Chemistry class is offered to students who have a strong background in math and science and wish to challenge themselves. Students are introduced to a wide range of topics in chemistry including: scientific methods and measurements, atomic theory, chemical nomenclature, chemical reactions, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, kinetics, chemical bonding and equilibrium. Many of the topics are quantitative and emphasize problem solving. Concepts are reinforced through an extensive laboratory program. Students learn how to conduct experiments in a safe manner and how to write concise and accurate lab reports.

431 **Chemistry**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *420 - Biology* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course covers the fundamentals of first-year chemistry, but with a less rigorous and mathematical approach than AC Chemistry. This is a survey course that will include these topics: classification of matter, structure of matter, bonding, basic stoichiometry, nomenclature, states of matter and solutions. There is a laboratory component of the class that is designed to help students develop laboratory and safety skills. Written reports are required for labs.

433 **AC Chemistry**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C” or higher in *522 - AC Geometry* and a grade of “C” or higher in *421 - AC Biology* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course is a first-year chemistry course with emphasis on inorganic chemistry. Students study chemistry from both descriptive and quantitative approaches. The course of study for AC Chemistry is designed to prepare students to take additional secondary or post-secondary science courses. Topics covered include the structure of matter, atomic structure, chemical periodicity, nomenclature and equations, various stoichiometric topics, states of matter, and solutions. There is a laboratory component of the class that is designed to help students develop laboratory/safety skills.

443 **AC Physics**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C+” or higher in *533 - AC Algebra 2* (concurrent enrollment in 533 not allowed) or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

Physics is the study of the interrelationships of matter and energy. The course is a general introduction to the study of Physics and emphasizes mastering concepts rather than problem solving. Emphasis during the first semester will be on the concepts of Newtonian Physics (study of motion and forces). The second semester includes a survey of nuclear physics, light waves, sound waves and electricity.

444 **HN Physics**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or higher in *423 - HN Chemistry*, *534 - HN Algebra 2 / Trigonometry*, or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

Honors Physics is an algebra-based, introductory physics course that explores topics such as Newtonian mechanics (including rotational motion), work, energy, and power; mechanical waves and sound; and introductory, simple circuits. Through inquiry-based learning, students will develop scientific critical thinking and reasoning skills. The course requires that 25 percent of the instructional time will be spent in hands-on laboratory work, with an emphasis on inquiry-based investigations that provide students with opportunities to apply the science practices. This course is an excellent preparation for college (Calculus based) Physics for students interested in pursuing technical college majors. A strong background in math and an interest in problem solving are essential for success in this course.

445 **AP Biology**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade 10 - Grade of "B" or higher in *536 HN Algebra 2* and concurrent enrollment in *423 HN Chemistry* AND by teacher approval; Grade 11, 12 - Grade of "B" or higher in *423 HN Chemistry* and *443 AC Physics* or *444 - HN Physics*, or equivalent, AND by teacher approval
Credit: 1.5

A survey of general biology at the collegiate level, this course follows the advanced placement outline. Principle areas of emphasis are cytology, molecular biology, genetics, microbiology, organismal biology, anthropology, botany, and ecology. Much emphasis is placed on laboratory work, outside readings, and research projects. Students will be responsible for completing several summer assignments and on-line work which will be collected at regular intervals during the summer and will constitute a significant fraction of the student's first quarter grade. Students have the option of taking the AP Biology Exam.

447 **AC Human Anatomy / Physiology**
Level: 2
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of "C" or higher in *421 - AC Biology* and *433 - AC Chemistry* or equivalent
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 1.0

This is a study of the structure and functions of the human body. It focuses on a systems approach with a recurring theme of homeostasis. Most body systems are investigated; many have correlated investigations/lab activities. Dissections of the sheep eye and bovine heart are two examples of these activities.

449 **AP Chemistry**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of "B+" or higher in all of the following: *413 - HN Biology*, *423 - HN Chemistry*, *443 - AC Physics* (or *444 - HN Physics*), and *534 - HN Algebra 2 / Trigonometry*, or by teacher approval
Credit: 1.5

An advanced placement class, AP Chemistry is equivalent to a first year college chemistry class. It is offered to students who excel in math and science and wish to challenge themselves further. The course follows the AP syllabus. Topics include: gas laws, stoichiometry, molecular bonding and geometry, thermodynamics, kinetics, acids and bases, equilibrium, and electrochemistry. The course includes a significant laboratory component requiring formal lab reports. Problem solving is emphasized throughout the year. Students will be responsible for completing several summer assignments. These assignments will be collected at regular intervals during the summer and will constitute a significant fraction of the student's first quarter grade. .

452 **AC Environmental Science**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of "C" or higher in *431 - Chemistry* or *433 - AC Chemistry* or equivalent
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 1.0

This course employs geographic visualization and data analysis tools in a case-based approach to science education. Topics include populations, resources, alternative energy sources, land, water and soil management and ecosystems. For those who are interested there is also an Environmental Club.

456 **AP Physics C: Mechanics**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of B or higher in *444 Honors Physics* and a B or higher in *548 Honors Calculus* concurrent enrollment in *548* or equivalent.
Credit: 1.5

AP Physics C: Mechanics is equivalent to a one-semester, calculus based, college-level physics course, especially appropriate for students planning to specialize or major in physical science or engineering. The course explores topics such as kinematics; Newton's laws of motion; work, energy and power; systems of particles and linear momentum; circular motion and rotation; and oscillations and gravitation. Introductory differential and integral calculus is used throughout the course.

MATHEMATICS

509 **Pre-Algebra**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course is designed to strengthen and expand the student's background in the fundamentals of arithmetic, as well as to prepare the student for the study of algebra. Properties of real number systems, decimal numeration, operations with real number systems, problem solving, percentage, geometry, statistics, operations with variables, solutions of algebraic equations, and introduction to linear equations are included.

511 **Algebra 1**
Grades: 9, 10
Enrollment: By placement (grade 9)
Prerequisites: None (grade 9); passing grade in *509 – Pre-Algebra* or equivalent (grade 10)
Credit: 1.0

In this course, students will learn the basic concepts of algebra through the topics of integers, linear equations and inequalities, two dimensional graphing, laws of exponents, polynomials, factoring, quadratic equations, rational expressions, and radical expressions.

512 **AC Algebra 1**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement (grade 9)
Prerequisites: None (grade 9)
Credit: 1.0

In this course, students will learn the concepts of algebra through the topics of integers, linear equations and inequalities, two dimensional graphing, laws of exponents, polynomials, factoring, quadratic equations, rational expressions, and radical expressions.

521 **Geometry**
Grades: 10, 11
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *511-Algebra I* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

The aim of Geometry is to help students develop logical thought processes and informational analysis. Definitions, postulates, and theorems are utilized to develop concepts of polygons, angles, congruency, similarity, right triangle relationships, area and volume.

522 **AC Geometry**
Grades: 9, 10, 11
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: Passing score on Mathematics Department Algebra Exam (grade 9); Passing grade in *512-AC Algebra I* or equivalent (grades 10, 11) and recommendation of teacher
Credit: 1.0

This course is centered on the topics of plane and solid geometry. The topics include congruency, inequality, similarity, parallelism, quadrilaterals, right triangles, basic trigonometry, regular polygons, circles, area, and volume of solids. Over the course of the year, students hone their deductive reasoning skills through practice problems and proofs. To supplement the practice problems, students will also use a compass, straightedge, and protractor to further their understanding of the concepts.

523 **HN Geometry**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: Exceptional score on High School Placement Test or Mathematics Department Algebra Exam (grade 9)
Credit: 1.0

Honors Geometry covers the concepts of Academic Geometry in more depth. More responsibility is placed on the student. A strong emphasis is placed on development of logical reasoning and strategies for problem-solving. Additional concepts, including points of concurrency, and aspects of coordinate geometry are included.

532 Algebra 2
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grades in *511- Algebra I* and *521 – Geometry* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

In Algebra 2, students will review and strengthen skills attained in Algebra I. Topics of study include: foundations for functions, linear functions, linear systems, quadratic functions, polynomial functions, rational functions, and radical functions.

533 AC Algebra 2
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *522-AC Geometry* or equivalent and recommendation of teacher
Credit: 1.0

This course consists of a review, expansion, and introduction of algebraic concepts in order to strengthen and develop both pre-existing and new algebraic skills. Throughout the year, students closely examine the topic of functions, which includes linear, quadratic, exponential, rational, polynomial and logarithmic functions. In each chapter, students are asked to use their previous critical thinking skills as well as acquire new methods in order to solve challenging problems and real-world applications. Problem solving is emphasized through data analysis and mathematical modeling.

536 HN Algebra 2
Grade: 9, 10, 11
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: Exceptional score on High School Placement Test or Mathematics Department Algebra Exam (grade 9), or grade of “B” or higher in *523 –HN Geometry*, and teacher recommendation
Credit: 1.0

Honors Algebra 2 covers the concepts of Academic Algebra 2 in more depth and at a faster pace. In addition, the class will deal with concepts of right triangle trigonometry. More responsibility is placed on the student.

539 Algebra 3
Grades: 11,12
Enrollment: By placement
Prerequisites: Passing grade in Alg 2 or AC Alg 2
Credit: 1.0

Algebra 3 is designed for those students who have successfully completed Alg 2 or AC Alg 2. Topics include exponential and logarithmic functions, rational and radical functions, conic sections, probability and statistics, sequences and series, right triangle trigonometry, laws of sines and cosines.

535 HN Statistics
Grade: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C+” or higher in *553 AC Trig/Pre-Calc* or *545 Trig/HN Pre-Calc*
Credit: 1.0

Honors statistics deals with data description, classification, collection and analysis. Topics include descriptive statistics, probability and probability distributions, hypothesis testing using various statistical tests, correlation and regression. Students will be required to have a TI 83 or TI 84 plus graphing calculator.

561 AC Trig/Pre-Calculus
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C” or higher in *533 AC Alg II* and recommendation of teacher
Credit: 1.0

Preparation for calculus is accomplished through a thorough study of polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions, fully integrating the graphing calculator. The study includes basic characteristics, transformations, models and applications of these functions.

562 **HN Trig/Pre-Calculus**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or higher in *534 –HN Algebra 2 and recommendation of teacher*
Credit: 1.0

Preparation for calculus is accomplished through a thorough study of polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions, fully integrating the graphing calculator. The study includes basic characteristics, transformations, models and applications of these functions. Additional topics of analytic geometry and limits are included.

546 **AP Calculus AB**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in *545 –HN Pre-Calculus or recommendation of teacher*
Credit: 1.0

Students will discuss limits and their applications to rates of change and derivatives. All methods of differentiation will be discussed followed by applications of derivatives including optimization and related rate problems. Indefinite and definite integrals will be applied using rectangular (RAM) and trapezoidal (TRAP) approximation methods. Areas and volumes will be calculated using integrals. The student will perform their analyses graphically, numerically, and algebraically. Students who take this course will be prepared for, and expected to take, the AP exam. The department carefully selects students for this advanced course, and they must understand that additional responsibilities may be demanded.

548 **HN Calculus**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C+” or higher in *545 – HN Pre-Calculus and recommendation of* *teacher*
Credit: 1.0

HN Calculus deals with both differential and integral Calculus. The topics covered include functions, limits, derivatives, applications of derivatives, applications of the definite integral, transcendental functions, and further methods of integration.

549 **AP Calculus BC**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B+” or higher in *546 –AP Calculus AB*
Credit: 1.0

Topics from the AP Calculus AB will be reviewed, and new topics for AP Calculus BC will include: integration by parts, partial fractions, Power Series, Maclaurin and Taylor Series, radius of convergence, various tests for convergence, and parametric, vector and polar functions. Students who take this course will be prepared for, and expected to take, the AP exam. The department carefully selects students for this advanced course, and they must understand that additional responsibilities may be demanded.

563 **AC Introduction to Calculus**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: “C+” or higher in *545 AC Pre-Calculus and recommendation of teacher*
Credit: 1

AC Introduction to Calculus will deal with precalculus topics such as conics, sequences and series, and exponential and logarithmic functions, followed by the study of limits and a survey of differential calculus.

WORLD LANGUAGES

051 **AC English as a Second Language Pullout 1**
Grade: Placement - Typically Grade 9 or first year enrolled at SLSHS
Enrollment: Required as a part of 201, English as a Second Language 1
Prerequisites: None
Credit: **0.0 (Part of AC English as a Second Language 1 Grade)**

Pullout provides additional English support to students in a small group setting. The four basic language skills, reading, writing, listening and speaking are practiced along with grammar, pronunciation and writing skills.

052 **AC English as a Second Language Pullout 2**
Grade: Placement-Typically Grade 10 or second year enrolled at SLSHS
Enrollment: Required as a part of 202, AC English as a Second Language 2
Prerequisites: ESL 1 or placement
Credit:0.0 (Part of AC English as a Second Language 2 Grade)

Pullout provides additional English support to students in a small group setting. The four basic language skills, reading, writing, listening and speaking are practiced along with grammar, pronunciation and writing skills.

201 **AC English as a Second Language 1**
Grade: Placement, typically Grade 9 or first year enrolled at SLSHS
Enrollment: Required or by placement
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course introduces students to basic structures and vocabulary of the English language through the skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students learn strategies in order to advance their reading, listening, and pronunciation skills through oral and written language tasks and practice. Students will learn to utilize level-appropriate conventions of grammar and punctuation with a minimum of errors.

202 **AC English as a Second Language 2**
Grade: Placement, typically Grade 10 or second year enrolled at SLSHS
Enrollment Required or by placement
Prerequisites: ESL 1 or placement
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 1.0

Enrollment in ESL II extends skills learned in ESL I, or, if basic level English fluency is established by placement, continues progression beyond basic skills. This course focuses on syntax, continued vocabulary development, reading, listening comprehension, speaking and pronunciation skills, and writing compositions which demonstrate organization of ideas, use of a thesis statement, and supportive elements. Grammar instruction supporting academic writing skills is emphasized.

203 **AC English as a Second Language 3**
Grade: Placement, typically Grade 11 or third year enrolled at SLSHS
Enrollment: Required unless exempted by teacher
Prerequisites: ESL 2 or placement
Credit: 1.0

The purpose of this course is to provide a greater level of advanced ESL instruction and practice in English literacy and writing. Instruction is directed toward providing students the literacy skills necessary to use and extend their vocabulary, grammar, and communication skills more consciously and effectively for academic purposes.

600 **French 1**
Grades: 10, 11
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: By placement (grade 9), or by a passing grade in *200 - Developmental Reading* or *211 - Composition 1 / Prose 1* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course follows a similar format to AC French 1, but is geared to the less language-oriented student. Projects take the place of some written assignments, and the student is required to do less memorization of spelling and grammar rules. French culture and conversation are important components of this basic introduction to the French language.

601 **AC French 1**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: By placement (grade 9), or by a passing grade in *212 - AC Composition I / Prose I* or equivalent (grades 10, 11, 12)
Credit: 1.0

In the first level, the student is introduced to the study of French through the development of the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Good pronunciation is stressed. The student will learn basic vocabulary and grammar structures which will allow the student to converse to a limited degree about everyday topics, such as family, school, and leisure activities. Cultural aspects of the French way of life are introduced and contrasted with our own customs.

602 **French 2**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *600 - French I* or a grade of D or D+ in *601 - AC French I* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

French 2 is a continuation of French 1. The focus is oral comprehension and a level of competency in the spoken language. These goals are achieved through conversation and vocabulary based on French readings. Basic grammar is presented and reviewed through readings. Class participation is essential to this course. Cultural aspects of the French way of life are introduced and compared with our own customs.

603 **AC French 2**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective (grades 10, 11, 12), or by placement test (grade 9)
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in *600 - French I* or equivalent, with teacher approval, or a grade of “C” or higher in *601 - AC French I* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

French 2 is a continuation of French 1. The focuses of French 2 are a higher oral comprehension and competency in the written and spoken language. These goals are achieved through intensive conversation and readings. Vocabulary and grammar points are presented in detail and then reviewed through their use in readings. Students demonstrate grammar and vocabulary competency through written paragraphs. A high level of class participation is essential to this course. Cultural aspects of the French way of life are introduced and compared with our own customs.

604 **HN French 2**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective (grades 10, 11, 12), or by placement test (grade 9)
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in *601 - AC French I* or equivalent, or a grade of “B” or “B+” in *601 - AC French I*, with teacher approval, or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

French 2 is a continuation of French 1. A high level of oral comprehension and competency in the written and spoken language are expected. These goals are achieved through intensive conversation based on many readings. Vocabulary and grammar points are presented in more detail and then reviewed through their use in readings. Students demonstrate their grammar and vocabulary competency through written paragraphs. Full participation is essential to this course in order to improve comprehension and speaking skills. Cultural aspects of the French way of life are introduced and compared with our own customs.

605 **AC French 3**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C” or higher in *603 - AC French 2* or *604 - HN French 2* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

Building upon the foundation of French 1 and 2, this course continues to develop the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, while completing the study of basic French grammar.

606 **HN French 3**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in *604 - HN French 2*, or equivalent, or a grade of “B” or “B+” in *604 - HN French 2*, with teacher approval, or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course follows the same format and uses the same materials as AC French 3, Level 2, but is conducted at an accelerated pace. Use of French in the classroom is emphasized and mastery of more complex grammatical structures is required. Students are expected to complete more difficult writing assignments and to present lengthier spoken presentations. The course will prepare the student for the demands of the fourth level and is recommended for those students who wish to complete the entire French sequence.

607 **HN French 4**
641 **AP French Language and Culture**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or higher in *605 - AC French 3* or *606 - HN French 3* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

The Honors French 4/AP French Language and Culture course gives students the opportunity to advance, apply, refine, and review French language skills acquired in AC or HN French 2 and 3, coupled with new concepts. Students will also study French-speaking cultures in more depth. By the time students enter this course, the use of French at all times in the classroom is strongly encouraged. Texts contain reading selections that involve social, economic, and historical issues, as well as excerpts from literary works by famous French authors. At times, specific projects are suggested for oral and/or written presentations in class, allowing the student to become more involved in the topic. Through critical listening, reading, reflection, and writing on written texts or audio, students will be stimulated to form opinions and express them in French. Students enrolled decide by the end of the First Quarter whether they wish to register as AP students, complete additional requirements, and take the AP examination for potential college credit at the end of the year. These students must register for the AP examination at that time. All other students will receive Honors credit for the course. *Note: Students wishing to enroll in the AP level course should choose course 641 - AP French Language and Culture.*

608 **HN French 5**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or higher in *607 - HN French 4* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course targets students who entered French 2 in the freshman year and have completed AC French 2 through Honors French 4/AP French Language and Culture by the end of their junior year. Course content will include but is not limited to the use of authentic French-language materials, literature and film.

610 **Spanish 1**
Grades: 10, 11
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: By placement (grade 9), or by a passing grade in *200 - Developmental Reading* or *211 - Composition 1 / Prose 1* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course follows a similar format to AC Spanish 1, but is geared to the less language-oriented student. Projects take the place of some written assignments, and the student is required to do less memorization of spelling and grammar rules. Spanish culture and conversation are important components of this basic introduction to the Spanish language.

611 **AC Spanish 1**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: By placement (grade 9), or by passing grade in *212 - AC Composition 1 / Prose 1* or equivalent (grades 10, 11, 12)
Credit: 1.0

AC Spanish 1 is an introductory course not only to the language itself, but also to the beliefs and behavior of a people and their culture, which are best reflected by a language. The language is acquired through memorization, speaking, reading, and writing experiences. A state of the art text is used to offer a balance between proficiency and grammar. Technology boosts students confidence and retention as well as motivating language learning.

612 **Spanish 2**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “D” or “D+” in *611 - AC Spanish 1* or a grade of “F” in *611 - AC Spanish 1* with summer school credit recovery, or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course is a continuation of first year Spanish, but is geared to the student who experienced difficulty with level 1. This course is presented at a slower pace, covers the same material as AC Spanish 2, but with less emphasis on detail and more on comprehension and idiomatic expressions.

613 **AC Spanish 2**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective, or by placement test (grade 9)
Prerequisites: Grade of “C” or higher in *611 - AC Spanish 1* or equivalent (grades 10, 11, 12)
Credit: 1.0

AC Spanish 2 continues to encourage student confidence and retention of language learning. Students will become more proficient in communicative and grammatical skills. The subjunctive mood is introduced.

614 **HN Spanish 2**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective, or by placement test (grade 9)
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in *611 - AC Spanish 1* or equivalent, or a grade of “B” or “B+” in *611 - AC Spanish 1*, with teacher approval (grades 10, 11, 12), or equivalent
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 1.0

The course content will involve additional grammatical and cultural material as well as advanced conversation. The pace of the course will be rapid and challenging to suit a student with a talent for languages. Students are encouraged and actually expected to move into the third and fourth year of Spanish.

615 **AC Spanish 3**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C” or higher in *613 - AC Spanish 2* or *614 - HN Spanish 2*, or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

AC Spanish 3 is a continuation of AC Spanish 2. The text *Avancemos* Level 3 includes grammar, extended vocabulary, and reading excerpts from various Hispanic authors. Cultural knowledge is also enhanced, as each unit “travels” to a different Spanish-speaking country. The students will fine tune their speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, and gain an even greater appreciation of Hispanic cultures.

616 **HN Spanish 3**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in *613 - AC Spanish 2*, *614 - HN Spanish 2*, or equivalent, or a grade of “B” or “B+” in *614 - HN Spanish 2* with teacher approval, or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

Honors Spanish 3 is a continuation of AC or HN Spanish 2 for those students who have a particularly strong talent for Spanish. The text of this accelerated course *Avancemos* Level 3 includes grammar, extended vocabulary, listening activities and reading excerpts from various Hispanic authors. Supplemental short stories, excerpts from novels and plays, and articles from newspapers and magazines offer students an opportunity to increase their ability to read with understanding, gain greater insight into the structure of the Spanish language, appreciate contemporary Spanish writings, and lay the foundation for discussion of style and literary analysis.

617 **HN Spanish 4**
640 **AP Spanish Language and Culture**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “A” or higher in *615 - AC Spanish 3*, or equivalent, or a grade of “B” or higher in *616 - HN Spanish 3* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

The Honors Spanish 4/AP Spanish Language and Culture course gives students the opportunity to advance, apply, refine, and review Spanish language skills acquired in AC or HN Spanish 2 and 3, coupled with new concepts. Students will also study Spanish cultures in more depth. By the time students enter this course, the use of Spanish at all times in the classroom is strongly encouraged. Texts contain reading selections that involve social, economic, and historical issues, as well as excerpts from literary works by famous Hispanic authors. At times, specific projects are suggested for oral and/or written presentations in class, allowing the student to become more involved in the topic. Through critical listening, reading, reflection, and writing on written texts or audio, students will be stimulated to form opinions and express them in Spanish. Students enrolled decide by the end of the First Quarter whether they wish to register as AP students, complete additional requirements, and take the AP examination for potential college credit at the end of the year. These students must register for the AP examination at that time. All other students will receive Honors credit for the course. **Note:** Students wishing to enroll in the AP level course should choose course **640 - AP Spanish Language and Culture**.

618 **HN Spanish 5**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or higher in *617 - HN Spanish 4* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This course targets students who entered Spanish 2 in the freshman year and have completed AC Spanish 2 through Honors Spanish 4/AP Spanish Language and Culture by the end of their junior year. Course content will include but is not be limited to the use of authentic Spanish- language materials, literature and film.

621 **AC Latin 1**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: By placement test (grade 9), or passing grade in *212 - AC Composition / Prose 1* or equivalent (grades 10, 11, 12)
Credit: 1.0

Beginning Latin 1 is an introductory course in the pronunciation, vocabulary and basic grammatical structures of the Latin language. Students will begin to develop a competence in reading the language through Latin stories illustrating the mythological history of Rome. Students will also gain competence in speaking the language through basic conversational Latin. Students will appreciate the influence the Latin language and culture have on the modern world and may be surprised to learn how much Latin they already know.

622 **AC Latin 2**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective, or by placement test (grade 9)
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *621 - AC Latin 1* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

Students will continue to enlarge their storehouse of vocabulary and grammatical structures and to improve their reading skills. Through close reading and analysis of selections from Latin prose, students will develop a sense for Latin word order and sentence structure and for characteristic forms of thought and expression. Students will also learn Roman family life, social structure, food, housing, entertainment, sports, government, and literature. At the academic level, students will utilize teacher-created charts of forms on their tests and quizzes, enabling students to focus on understanding syntax and vocabulary.

624 **HN Latin 4**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *623 - HN Latin 3* or equivalent, with teacher approval
Credit: 1.0

This course introduces students to the Latin epic. The primary text for this class is Virgil's *Aeneid* from the time of Augustan Rome. The story tells of Aeneas's wanderings from Troy, his many adventures in the waters and lands of the Mediterranean, his struggles and his loves, through to his arrival in Italy and the founding of his city in Latium. Students will also read selections from Ovid's *Metamorphoses* (mythological tales of transformations, often based on relations between gods and mortals). Students will translate and discuss the epic poems in class. This course may be taken as an AP online option, with a corresponding demand upon the student and increase in the level of difficulty, as **Course 642 - AP Latin**. Prior approval from a Principal/Vice Principal for AP online option is required.

625 **HN Latin 5**
Grade: 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *624 - HN Latin 4* or equivalent, with teacher approval
Credit: 1.0

This course is a survey of the riches of late antique and medieval Latin literature from the 4th century to the 12th. Readings will consist of both prose and poetry. There will be some attention paid to the linguistic differences between medieval Latin authors and their classical predecessors. Emphasis will be on improving the student's grasp of Latin. Attention will also be paid to historical, cultural and literary aspects and contexts of the authors.

626 **HN Latin 3**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *622 - AC Latin 2* or *632 - HN Latin 2* or equivalent, with teacher approval
Credit: 1.0

This course is a completion of Latin grammar and an introduction to reading Latin prose. Students will read easy stories in Roman mythology and history, Julius Caesar, Cicero, other Roman and medieval authors, as well as modern works translated into Latin. At the same time students will continue to build their Latin vocabulary and increase their knowledge of the structures of the Latin language. Students will learn the influence of the Latin language within law, medicine, the Church, zoology, botany, mottoes, sayings, and quotes.

632 **HN Latin 2**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective, or by placement test (grade 9)
Prerequisites: Grade of "B" or higher in *621 - AC Latin 1* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

Students will continue to enlarge their storehouse of vocabulary and grammatical structures and to improve their reading skills. Through close reading and analysis of selections from Latin prose students will develop a sense for Latin word order and sentence structure and for characteristic forms of thought and expression. Students will also learn Roman family life, social structure, food, housing, entertainment, sports, government, and literature. At the honors level, students will be expected to memorize forms as well as to apply syntactical rules to translations.

650 **AC Chinese 1**
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: none
Credit: 1.0

This course is Level 1 introductory Chinese, which will emphasize students' linguistic proficiency and development in five areas: speaking, listening, reading, writing and Chinese culture. The class will progress in a slow and comprehensive manner. The teacher and students will watch videos, read Chinese folk tales, and do other activities that help students master high frequency words and phrases. At the end of the school year, students are expected to express themselves in simple Chinese and be able to read and write basic characters.

HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

714 **AC Freshman Physical Education 1**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: None.
Credit: 0.25 (per year)

This is a full year class with emphasis on developing a Lifetime Fitness Program. The Physical Education Department of Seton-LaSalle is dedicated to the principle of a sound mind in a sound body. The focus of the freshmen year is on achieving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle that supports physical activity, analytical skills, goal setting, and self-assessment. Students will participate in many individual and team activities. The Fitness Center and weight room are used to develop cardiovascular conditioning, strength training and flexibility. Students will participate in some individual and team activities throughout the year as an introduction to lifetime activities.

717 **AC Health 1**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.25 (per year)

This full year co-ed course is required for the Freshmen. The Health component deals with the well-being of the total person. It emphasizes concepts as they relate to social, emotional, mental and physical aspects of the person. Some of the topics covered include: an introduction to the areas of health, Mental health, dealing with stress, growing toward maturity, understanding sexuality, peer relationships & refusal skills, practicing abstinence, STD's, and sound food habits. The health program emphasizes the knowledge of concepts and skills that influence health promotion and disease prevention. This course adheres to the guidelines for health education as prescribed by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

715 **AC Health 2 - Healthy Living**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 712/713
Credit: 0.25 (per year)

This semester, co-ed course is required for the Sophomores. Encouraging students to make responsible, respectful, informed, and capable decisions about topics that affect the well-being of themselves and others, this course is a full year course that provides students with comprehensive information they can use to develop healthy attitudes and behavior patterns. Some of the topics covered include: Skills for Healthy Relationships, Peer Pressure & Refusal Skills, Resolving Conflicts, and the prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco/E-Cigarettes, and Drug Abuse. This course will include the American Heart Association's certification for First-Aid and CPR for Infants and Adults. This informative and engaging course encourages students to recognize that they have the power to choose healthy behaviors to reduce risks.

716 **AC Sophomore Physical Education**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: None.
Credit: 0.25 (per year)

This is a semester class with continuing the emphasis on developing a Lifetime Fitness Program. The Physical Education program will introduce students to a wide range of individual and group skills that improve different motor abilities. Physical Education classes are designed to practice and develop skills in activities that will help students maintain fitness throughout their life. Students will be introduced to life-long activities designed to increase their likelihood of exercising in the future. Students will understand the benefits that regular exercise can provide for a person's mental, physical, and social health. The Fitness Center and weight room are used to develop cardiovascular conditioning, strength training and flexibility.

724 **AC Girls Physical Education 2**
737 **AC Boys Physical Education 2**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 711 - Health / Physical Education or equivalent
Credit: 0.50 (First semester only)

This is a semester class with emphasis on developing a Lifetime Fitness Program. Through sports, games, and movement skills, we encourage the acquisition and development of leadership, character, teamwork, motor skill, personal fitness and agile movement. Students in Physical Education develop these movement skills in diverse individual and team activities that include touch football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, street hockey and softball, and aerobic dance. The Fitness Center and weight room are used to develop personal fitness, flexibility, muscle strength, and cardiovascular conditioning. Dance, Dance, Revolution along with the Wii Fitness Plus Program are also used. The focus of the course is on achieving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle that supports physical activity, analytical skills, team-building skills, goal setting, and self-assessment. The seniors are certified/re-certified in CPR during the second quarter.

725 **AC Girls Physical Education 3**
738 **AC Boys Physical Education 3**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 711 - Health / Physical Education or equivalent
Credit: 0.50 (Second Semester only)

This is a semester class with emphasis on developing a Lifetime Fitness Program. Through sports, games, and movement skills, we encourage the acquisition and development of leadership, character, teamwork, motor skill, personal fitness and agile movement. Students in Physical Education develop these movement skills in diverse individual and team activities that include touch football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, street hockey and softball, and aerobic dance. The Fitness Center and weight room are used to develop personal fitness, flexibility, muscle strength, and cardiovascular conditioning. Dance, Dance, Revolution along with the Wii Fitness Plus Program are also used. The focus of the course is on achieving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle that supports physical activity, analytical skills, team-building skills, goal setting, and self-assessment. The seniors are certified/re-certified in CPR during the fourth quarter.

- 740** **AC Independent Physical Education (Semester 1)**
741 **AC Independent Physical Education (Semester 2)**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Teacher Approval- Medical Verification
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 0.50 (per semester)

Students must pre-register for this course and are required to get permission from the Principal and guidance department to enroll. Students will write reports on topics pertaining to physical education and athletics, along with the use of Sportfolio gym packets. Verification of outside physical activity may be required. *Note: Course enrollment may be granted for medical reasons on a temporary or extended basis at the discretion of the School. Documentation must be provided directly from a practicing doctor before medical enrollment in course 740/741 will be granted by a Principal.*

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 800** **AC Introduction to Information Technology**
Grade: 9
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.50

Introduction to Information Technology is a semester course required of all freshmen. This course introduces students to computer concepts, applications and programming. Students are introduced to computer hardware, software, and operating systems. Also covered are the Internet, application software, databases, networks, computer security, mobile devices, software programming, IT privacy issues, and future trends in technology.

- 819** **AC Introduction to Computer Programming**
Grade: 10
Enrollment: Required
Prerequisites: Passing grade in AC Introduction to Information Technology
Credit: 0.25

Introduction to Computer Programming is a quarter-long course required of all sophomores. This course introduces students to common elements of computer programming including variables, conditionals, loops and functions as well as how to debug code. The coding languages to be used will vary between Python, Javascript and HTML.

- 835** **AC Accounting 1**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Current unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher
Credit: 1.0

The Accounting 1 course introduces students to basic accounting principles for service and merchandising businesses organized as proprietorships and partnerships. The complete accounting cycle is covered and includes topics relating to banking, accounts receivable, accounts payable and financial statements. Emphasis is initially placed on a manual accounting system for a small service firm and progresses to a merchandising business. Different topics are introduced throughout the course reflecting the different responsibilities of the accountant in the business entity. Class time is spent demonstrating competency in the analyzing and recording of transactions, and preparation of financial statements. Students will also be introduced to automated accounting procedures through the use of spreadsheets and accounting software. This course provides students with functional skills useful in adult life related to banking, financial statements, credit, and invoices and is intended for the student considering a major in accounting or business in college. This course may be taken for Math Credit after the completion of Geometry and Algebra 2.

- 839** **AC Business Law**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of "C" or higher in 223/224 - AC Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama or 225/226 - HN Poetry and Drama
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

Business Law is the study of legal principles as it relates to business/consumer transactions. Special emphasis is placed on contract law, property law, employment and agency law, and negligence. The course is of use to the everyday consumer and is of particular importance for the student preparing for post-secondary study in accounting, management, and business.

840 **AC Business Management**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “C” or higher in 223/224 - *AC Composition 2 / Poetry and Drama* or 225/226 - *HN Poetry and Drama*
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

Business Management is a general study of concepts and skills within our economic system, as they affect both business and consumers. Areas of study are forms of businesses, business communications, business taxes, purchasing, sales and marketing products, money management, investments, banking, credit, careers, resume writing, and job interviews. The purpose of this course is to develop business management skills, consumer knowledge, and career awareness.

845 **HN Accounting 2**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or higher in 835 - *Accounting 1*
Credit: 1.0

The Accounting 2 course continues to develop and reinforce the basic principles learned in Accounting 1 through the study of partnerships and corporations. The partnership/merchandising cycle is completed, and taxes and payroll are covered. Students will be introduced to concepts relating to notes, uncollectibles, depreciation, dividends, inventory costing methods, and accruals. Extensive end-of-year accounting and financial statements for corporations will be emphasized. Students will continue to use automated accounting software and spreadsheets in addition to manual accounting procedures to reinforce accounting concepts and principles. Applications of these principles will be done through textbook problems and both manual and automated simulation projects. This course is for students who have career objectives in accounting or any other business fields such as finance, economics, marketing, financial planning, or management.

870 **HN Computer Science**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or higher in 819 *Introduction to Computer Programming*
Credit: 1.0

This computer science curriculum teaches the foundations of computer science and basic programming, with an emphasis on helping students develop logical thinking and problem solving skills. Topics include: Commands, Defining vs. Calling Methods, Designing methods, Program entry points, Control flow, Looping, Conditionals, Classes, Commenting code, Preconditions and Postconditions, and Top Down Design. Once students complete this course, they will have learned material equivalent to a semester college introductory course in Computer Science and be able to program in JavaScript.

871 **AP Computer Science A**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective; by teacher approval only
Prerequisites: A grade of “B” or higher in 870 HN Computer Science
Credit: 1.0

The curriculum of AP Computer Science in Java is based on the syllabus developed by the College Board. Topics include program design and implementation, algorithm analysis, standard data structures, and object-oriented programming design. AP Computer Science in Java emphasizes programming methodology with an emphasis on problem solving and algorithm development. It is intended to serve both as introductory courses for computer science majors, and for students who will major in disciplines that require significant involvement with computing.

873 **AP Computer Science Principles**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective; by teacher approval only
Credit: 1.0

AP Computer Science Principles offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of computation. The course will introduce students to the creative aspects of programming, abstractions, algorithms, large data sets, the Internet, cybersecurity concerns, and computing impacts.

825 **AC Gaming Strategy/Design (semester 1)**
826 **AC Gaming Strategy/Design (semester 2)**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Course Requirements: Unweighted GPA 2.0 GPA or higher
Credit: 0.5

In this course students will design and create their own games using GameMaker Studio 2. In addition to learning the ins and outs of the software, the game development process will be emphasized; students will learn how to plan, draft, debug, and polish their games from start to finish. Students will also play games on a weekly basis both individually and with classmates to gain an appreciation for what qualities make a game enjoyable. The culmination of the course is an individual project to produce a high-quality game of the students' own creation. Though there are no prerequisites for this course, a familiarity with coding (especially in C) may be an advantage.

831 **AC Personal Finance**
Grade: 11
Enrollment: Junior Block, Elective
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 0.5

This course is a study of the practical application of mathematical skills and operations for personal use. Students will explore and study a wide variety of topics that include taxes, checking/saving accounts, budgeting, loans, interest, insurance, and investments.

820 **AC Introduction to Cybersecurity**
Grade: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective, by teacher approval only
Prerequisites: A grade of "B" or higher in *Introduction to Computer Programming*
Credit: 0.50

Introduction to Cybersecurity is a semester course elective for Juniors and Seniors. Students will learn foundational cybersecurity topics and digital citizenship and cyber hygiene all through the CodeHS web-based platform. Students will complete a culminating course project where they will create a public service announcement. This is not a coding intensive course, but rather students will learn the basics of protecting their own data and become aware of how cybersecurity is important for the information age in which we live.

FINE ARTS

911 **AC Ceramics 1**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

This course will introduce the student to the basics of ceramic construction, using hand-building techniques. Methods will include coil, pinch and slab construction and glazing techniques. Opportunity will be provided to students to explore some sculpture. The course may also include beginning lessons in macramé & weaving.

912 **AC Ceramics 2**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in *911 - Ceramics 1* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

This course builds developmentally upon the introductory level techniques taught in the pre-requisite course, Ceramics 1. Ceramic pieces created will be larger and more in depth and students are encouraged to work more independently. More technically challenging pieces will be required.

913 **AC Calligraphy**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

Calligraphy is the art of beautiful hand lettering and handwriting. In this course students will learn basic methods of calligraphy, using lettering tools and equipment.

914 **AC Design**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

This course will acquaint students with the elements of design and the proper use of two-dimensional media. Students will learn to organize line,

shape, color, texture and space to develop beautiful design projects. Students will foster their creativity while experimenting with art materials.

915 **AC Painting and Color**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

This course will enable students to learn how to mix colors, organize color schemes, and use several painting techniques. Students will learn realistic and abstract painting. Materials included are watercolor, tempera and acrylic paint.

916 **AC Fiber Arts**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Periods per cycle: 4
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

The course will include beginning lessons in weaving, macramé, sewing, stitchery, fabric dyeing and painting. Opportunity will be provided for other textile arts, such as coiling, latching, beadwork, fiber sculpture and quilt making.

917 **AC Drawing**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (Second semester only)

This course will enable students to draw from the very beginning in order to acquire the skills needed to draw realistically. Techniques covered include, architectural perspective, contour, shading, faces, and figures.

919 **AC Crafts 1**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

This course offers an introduction to basic craft techniques, including leather tooling, pottery, papermaking, printmaking, mosaic, aluminum tooling, and papier-mâché. The course is designed for personal enrichment or in preparation for a career in crafts, occupational therapy, art therapy or elementary or secondary education.

921 **AC Art 1**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: By teacher approval
Credit: 1.0

This is a course for the serious art student who wishes to study many areas of art for personal enrichment or in preparation for a career in art. Emphasis is on drawing and painting and some introduction to 2-D and 3-D design. The student will learn proper use of many art materials and techniques.

922 **AC Art 2**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 921 - Art 1 or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This is an advanced course in art for those students who already have the basic skills. The course includes printmaking, sculpture, advanced drawing, advanced design, and painting. The projects are more in-depth, and students are encouraged to work more independently.

923 **AC Art 3 and 4**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 922 - *Art 2* or equivalent
Credit: 1.0

This is a very advanced course in art for highly motivated students who have had successful experiences in previous art courses, and who are willing to devote considerable time to the study of art and the development of higher level skills. Students will develop a portfolio of work, including a range of works. Techniques learned in Art 1 and Art 2 will combine for a more personal expression. Students will be required to refine a more individual style of artistic statement. Student will be required to keep a sketchbook, and outside-of-class work will be necessary.

929 **AC Crafts 2**
Level: 2
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in 919 - *Crafts 1* or equivalent
Credit: 0.5 (First semester only)

Crafts 2 is for students who have already acquired the basic skills in crafts and wish to work in one or several areas of their choice in order to complete more intense projects.

943 **Art Appreciation/History**
943 **AC Art Appreciation/History**
941 **HN Art Appreciation/History**
935 **AP Art Appreciation/History**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: By teacher approval
Credit: 1.0

All students are invited to better appreciate and understand the masterpieces of artistic expression that humankind has produced from ancient times to the present, from the Egyptian pyramids to Pittsburgh's Andy Warhol paintings of soup cans. In this course, students are introduced to the basic principles of artistic theory and response, the elements of art, major movements and styles in the history of art, and technical processes and media considerations that have been fundamental to the production of art in various forms, especially painting, sculpture and architecture. There is an emphasis on an understanding of art in context, dealing with such issues as patronage, politics, censorship, religion, gender, ethnicity and audience. Students enrolled decide by the end of the First Quarter whether they wish to register as AP students, complete additional requirements, and take the AP examination for potential college credit at the end of the year. These students must register for the AP examination at that time. All other students will receive academic or honors credit. **Note:** Students wishing to enroll in the AP level course, whether in advance or after the first quarter, should choose course **935 - AP Art Appreciation/History**.

951 **AC Theatre 1**
Grades: 9, 10
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

Released time for performing arts at Seton Center, accredited colleges or production companies is available during the school day. One or two credits plus Physical Education credit may be earned. Administrative approval is required in order to participate in this program.

952 **AC Theatre 2**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 2.0

This course is a continuation of released time for the performing arts at Seton Center, accredited colleges or production companies. One or two credits plus Physical Education may be earned. Administrative approval is required in order to participate in this program.

953 **AC Theatre 3**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 2.0

This course is a continuation of released time for the performing arts at Seton Center, accredited colleges or production companies. One or two credits plus Physical Education may be earned. Administrative approval is required in order to participate in this program.

954 **AC Theatre 4**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 2.0

This course is a continuation of released time for the performing arts at Seton Center, accredited colleges or production companies. One or two credits plus Physical Education may be earned. Administrative approval is required in order to participate in this program.

962 **AP Studio Art - Drawing**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective; must receive instructor portfolio approval in summer prior to enrollment
Prerequisites: Teacher Approval
Credit: 1.0

The Advanced Placement Studio Art Drawing Portfolio is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of drawing. AP Studio Art Portfolios are not based on a written examination - instead, students submit portfolios for evaluation by the end of May of the year prior to enrollment. The student AP Drawing Portfolio has a basic, three-section structure, which requires the student to show a fundamental competence and a range of understanding in visual concerns (the methods). The Portfolio asks the student to demonstrate a depth of investigation and process of discovery through the Concentration Section (section II). The Breadth Section (section III) requires the student to demonstrate a serious grounding in visual principles and materials and techniques. The Quality Section (section I) permits the student to select the works that best exhibit a synthesis of form, technique, and content. All three sections are required and carry equal weight, but students are not necessarily expected to perform at the same level in each section to receive a qualifying grade for advanced placement. The works presented for evaluation may have been produced in art classes or on the student's own time and may cover a period of time longer than a single school year.

Students should be made aware that AP Art work involves significantly more commitment and accomplishment than the typical high school course and that the program is not for the casually interested. It is highly recommended that AP students have previous training in art. Outside work, such as maintaining a sketchbook/journal, is a necessary component of instruction.

963 **AP Studio Art - 2D**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective; must receive instructor portfolio approval in summer prior to enrollment
Prerequisites: Teacher Approval
Credit: 1.0

The Advanced Placement Studio Art 2D Portfolio is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of two dimensional art.. AP Studio Art Portfolios are not based on a written examination - instead, students submit portfolios for evaluation by the end of May of the year prior to enrollment. The student AP 2D Portfolio has a basic, three-section structure, which requires the student to show a fundamental competence and a range of understanding of two-dimensional applications such as graphic design, photography, weaving, and collage. As a contrary to AP Studio Art Drawing, focus is applied on the design itself instead of the composition of the artwork.. The Portfolio asks the student to demonstrate a depth of investigation and process of discovery through the Concentration Section (section II). The Breadth Section (section III) requires the student to demonstrate a serious grounding in visual principles and materials and techniques. The Quality Section (section I) permits the student to select the works that best exhibit a synthesis of form, technique, and content. All three sections are required and carry equal weight, but students are not necessarily expected to perform at the same level in each section to receive a qualifying grade for advanced placement. The works presented for evaluation may have been produced in art classes or on the student's own time and may cover a period of time longer than a single school year.

Students should be made aware that AP Art work involves significantly more commitment and accomplishment than the typical high school course and that the program is not for the casually interested. It is highly recommended that AP students have previous training in art. Outside work, such as maintaining a sketchbook/journal, is a necessary component of instruction.

964 **AP Studio Art - 3D**
Grades: 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective; must receive instructor portfolio approval in summer prior to enrollment
Prerequisites: Teacher Approval
Credit: 1.0

The Advanced Placement Studio Art 3D Portfolio is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of three dimensional art.. AP Studio Art Portfolios are not based on a written examination - instead, students submit portfolios for evaluation by the end of May of the year prior to enrollment. The student AP 3D Portfolio has a basic, three-section structure, which requires the student to show a fundamental competence and a range of understanding of three-dimensional artistic applications such as metalworking, sculpture, model, and ceramics. As a contrary to AP Studio Art Drawing, focus is applied on the design itself instead of the composition of the artwork.. The Portfolio asks the student to demonstrate a depth of investigation and process of discovery through the Concentration Section (section II). The Breadth Section (section III) requires the student to demonstrate a serious grounding in visual principles and materials and techniques. The Quality Section (section I) permits the student to select the works that best exhibit a synthesis of form, technique, and content. All three sections are required and carry equal weight, but students are not necessarily expected to perform at the same level in each section to receive a qualifying grade for advanced placement. The works presented for evaluation may have been produced in art classes or on the student's own time and may cover a period of time longer than a single school year.

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971 **AC Concert Band**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

The course gives the instrumentalist an organized environment in which to use and develop his/her musical skills. Students will learn proper ensemble techniques while being exposed to a cross-section of musical works and styles. Performances outside of school time are required. The approval of the instructor is required. This is the non-marching band option.

972 **HN Marching Band**
Grade: 9 - 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 0.5

This course gives the instrumentalist an organized environment in which to use and develop his/her musical skills. Students will learn and execute marching drills to be performed at the school football games and parades. After the football season, concert band and staging are emphasized. Students learn proper ensemble techniques while being exposed to a cross section of musical works and styles. Some after school rehearsals and a two-week band camp are required. A higher weight is given to this class due to the number of out of school hours required for the class. This is a performance-oriented class and attendance at all practices and performances is mandatory.

982/3 **HN Music Theory**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective; by teacher approval only
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course is offered as a prerequisite for AP Music Theory. Integration of melody, harmony, texture, rhythm, form, musical analysis, elementary composition, and, to some extent, history and style will receive emphasis. Musicianship skills such as dictation and other listening skills, sight-singing, and keyboard harmony are considered an important part of the theory course. The student's ability to read and write musical notation is fundamental to such a course. It is also strongly recommended that the student will have acquired thorough performance skills in voice or on an instrument. This course will require a significant amount of self-motivation, and teacher approval is required.

907 **AP Music Theory**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: successful completion of 982/3 *HN Music Theory*
Credit - 1.0

This course is the sequel to the Music Theory Class. All students enrolled in AP Music Theory will be expected to take the AP Music Theory Exam at the end of the course.

The class follows a prescribed College Board curriculum which covers among other things scales and keys, music notation and 4 part choral writing, transpositions, and rhythmic and harmonic dictation, historical context for common practices, and development of listening skills.

Entrance to the class is by director approval and students will be required to take and pass AC Music Theory in order to be admitted. Once again it is strongly recommended that students have performance skills in a vocal or instrumental area. This class will also require a significant amount of self-motivation and practice time.

955/956 **AC Musical Theater**
Grade: 9 - 12
Enrollment: Elective
Credit: 0.5

This course gives students the opportunity to explore several different aspects of musical theater, including, but not limited to: history, singing, acting, and auditioning. Students will actively engage in learning about the audition process, and complete several mock auditions with both peer and instructor feedback being provided. Students who demonstrate an interest in musical theater are encouraged to take this course.

990 **AC Modern Media**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: None
Credit: 1.0

This course gives students the opportunity to learn about Journalism fundamentals in a digital world. Students will analyze terms, issues, and styles of journalism. They will demonstrate the ability to recognize the role of media in their daily lives, cultivate an awareness of different types of media and gain insight into the importance of the First Amendment. Students enrolled in this course will be required to produce content for *The Rebel Report*, Seton- La Salle's online student news, including written and visual (pictorial, video) news reports, feature news and editorial reports, as well as content for the Seton-La Salle Yearbook.

991 **HN Modern Media 2**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Enrollment: Elective
Prerequisites: Passing grade in AC Modern Media, HN Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, or AP Computer Science A
Credit: 1.0

This course gives students the opportunity to explore the Adobe Creative Suite of products on state-of-the-art Mac computers.

FRASSATI-MOLLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

MISSION - The purpose of the Frassati-Molla Scholars Program is to help high achieving students pursue academic excellence and prepare them for academic success in college. The Scholars Program seeks to advance critical thinking skills of those students who are already achieving at a high level through cross-curricular integration of content through the lens of a Catholic cultural perspective.

The program will have a classroom component, service learning component, events/speakers requirement, and may expand to include a summer seminar and travel option at some point.

PATRONS - The Frassati-Molla Scholars Program takes its inspiration from two holy 20th Century Italians: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Gianna Beretta Molla, who combined learning and a love for the poor and vulnerable with attractive, compelling lives rooted in a love of Jesus Christ.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a rising sophomore or junior
- Must be invited to apply
- 4.0 GPA required for invitation
- 2 teacher recommendations
- Demonstrated commitment to learning
- No honor code violations; no more than two (2) disciplinary points; no attendance/tardiness issue

REQUIREMENTS

- Must maintain GPA: 4.00 sophomore year; 4.25 junior year; 4.50 senior year
- Service-Learning: 20 volunteer hours with an educational component, including research & presentation
- Events/Speaker Series attendance: 2 per year
- Course Enrollment Requirements: minimum of 3 honors courses sophomore year; minimum of 3 AP/HN courses junior and senior years

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

Upon graduation, students entering a Division I or Division II college or university as a freshman must meet specific requirements to be classified as an “NCAA Qualifier”:

- Graduate from High School
- Have a core-course grade point average (non-weighted) and a combined score on the SAT or a sum score on the ACT based upon the qualifier index scale

The following courses at Seton-La Salle Catholic High School have NOT been approved as “Core GPA” classes by the NCAA:

- All Religion Classes
- All English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes
- All Health/Physical Education Classes
- All Business Classes (Information Technology / Accounting)
- All Fine Arts Classes (Art / Music / Theatre / Band)
- 246/248 AC Humanities
- 990 AC Modern Media
- 200 Developmental Reading
- 205 Writing Lab

It is the students’ and parents’ responsibility to assure that the courses in which they are enrolled will be acceptable to the NCAA, and that they meet the other requirements as defined by the NCAA. If a student or parent is unsure of the status of a course, they should check with the guidance office prior to enrolling in the class.

Student athletes aspiring to play college Division I or Division II athletics can refer to the “NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Athlete”, or preview a list of approved courses on the website at www.eligibilitycenter.org or by calling the NCAA at 1-877-262-1492 (Toll Free).

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GRADING SYSTEM

A cumulative grade for student work is tabulated at the end of each quarter. The grades indicate the teacher's rating of student's progress in the class. Only **final** grades are listed on the transcripts and permanent record cards. Final quarter, semester, or year grades over 100% through coursework and/or bonus points will be truncated to exactly 100%.

The grading system at Seton-La Salle uses quality points based the designated course level (*i.e.*, General, Academic, Honors, Advanced Placement). The Quality Point Average (QPA) is a weighted average computed by taking the sum of the quality points earned and dividing that sum by the total number of credits with advanced and remedial weighted in value as shown in the table that follows. GPA and QPA are calculated to four decimal places, and then rounded. Percents used in grades may be truncated after one decimal place, and then rounded to the nearest percent.

GPA Points Awarded

| GRADE % | GENERAL | ACADEMIC | HONORS | AP |
|-------------|---------|----------|--------|------|
| A+ 97-100 % | 4.25 | 4.50 | 5.25 | 5.75 |
| A 93-96 % | 4.00 | 4.25 | 5.00 | 5.50 |
| B+ 89-92 % | 3.25 | 3.50 | 4.25 | 4.75 |
| B 85-88 % | 3.00 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 4.50 |
| C+ 80-84 % | 2.25 | 2.50 | 3.25 | 3.75 |
| C 75-79 % | 2.00 | 2.25 | 3.00 | 3.50 |
| D+ 72-74 % | 1.25 | 1.50 | 2.25 | 2.75 |
| D 69-71 % | 1.00 | 1.25 | 2.00 | 2.50 |
| F 0-68 % | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

The teachers assign a letter grade A, A+, B, B+, C, C+, D, D+, and F, according to the grading system. The grades indicate the teachers' rating based on the student's progress in the course. Only **final grades from a year or semester course** are listed on the transcript.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To successfully complete a student career at Seton LaSalle, the following minimum graduation requirements must be met:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Religion | 4.00 credits |
| English | 4.00 credits |
| Social Studies | 4.00 credits |
| Mathematics | 3.00 credits |
| Science | 3.00 credits |
| World Languages | 2.00 credits |
| Physical Education/Health | 1.00 credits |
| Fine Arts | 1.00 credit |
| <u>Optional, non-core electives</u> | <u>6.00 credits</u> |

Total **28 credits**

A minimum of 7 credits per academic year are required. Additional credits are subject to teacher approval and availability of classroom space. Once scheduled, additional credits (like all credits) will require summer school if the final grade earned is an "F".