



Fall 2015 Electives

Creative Writing

Students in this course will experiment with poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction as a means of developing different imaginative approaches to experience. Students will not only create their own pieces, but will also look critically at other's pieces.

A Study of 20th Century Change through Pop Culture

Students will explore the 1920s through present and look at social and political change and how pop culture played a part in generating that change. Highlights will include the roaring 20s, Rock 'n' Roll era, Civil Rights Movement, 1960s Counterculture, etc. Students will take methods of protest and change and link it to their own self help and self-advocacy skills and understanding of social justice.

Personal Finance

Students will learn how to navigate the financial decisions they must face and to make informed decisions related to career exploration, budgeting, banking, credit, insurance, spending, taxes, saving, investing, buying/leasing a vehicle, and living independently. Development of financial literacy skills and an understanding of economic principles will provide the basis for responsible citizenship and career success. Instruction in economics and personal finance prepares students to function effectively as consumers, savers, investors, entrepreneurs, and active citizens.

Exploring the Arts

Students will explore elements of arts to expand their cultural literacy. Components will include art, music, theater, and literature.

Computer and Phone Applications

This course will focus on computer skillsets needed to be successful academically, socially, and professionally. Skills will include organization, time management, Microsoft Office, communication, customer service, keyboarding, and basic public speaking. Also, phone apps will be explored to help students organize their calendar and build on their self-sufficiency.