

# Shawnee Enhanced Learning (SEL) Online Course Offerings

## ART AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### **Art History and Appreciation (Semester)**

**Course Overview** Art has played a significant role in every major civilization throughout the history of man. The emergence of different art forms often reflects the values that a civilization deems important: religion, labor, love, political change, or even commerce. Since artwork and cultural values are so closely related, studying art is a compelling way to learn about the people who produced it.

### **Physical Education (Semester)**

**Course Overview** Your body is a machine that has certain needs—if you treat it well, it should be able to serve you well. But what can you do to promote a fit and healthy body? A course in physical education can show you. By definition, physical education is instruction in exercise and physical activity. It teaches you how to maintain your personal fitness, how to measure different aspects of physical fitness, and how to avoid injury while exercising. It's all about getting active and setting your body in motion. By measuring health and fitness with objective data, it's possible to improve your health in a methodical way. Exercise helps you feel good about yourself and helps you sidestep the health problems that often accompany poor levels of fitness.

### **Health (Semester)**

**Course Overview** Everyone needs to take care of their body, but we aren't necessarily born with the knowledge of how to go about it. It's important to invest time and energy into understanding what it means to be healthy. There are many activities you can engage in which are dangerous for your long-term health, so you need to know how to identify and avoid these activities. It's also important to identify lifestyles which will lead to a longer, more enjoyable life. This course will guide you through lifestyle choices you will make which will ultimately impact your life in meaningful ways.

## BUSINESS AND LIFE SKILLS

### **COMPUTING AND COLLEGE CAREERS (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview:** This one-semester course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to help you understand some of the advanced computer skills required during your college education or when pursuing a career. This course has 14 lessons organized into three units, plus three Unit Activities. Each lesson contains one or more Lesson Activities. This course will cover advanced concepts, such as computer networks, complex operations in spreadsheet and database programs, and the process of creating a website. You will submit the Unit Activity documents to your teacher, and you will grade your work in the Lesson Activities by comparing them with given sample responses. The Unit Activities (submitted to the teacher) and the Lesson Activities (self-checked) are the major components of this course. There are other assessment components, namely the mastery test questions that feature along with the lesson; the pre- and post-test questions that come at the beginning and end of the unit respectively, and an end-of-semester test. All of these tests are a combination of simple multiple-choice questions and

technology enhanced (TE) questions.

## **Personal Finance (Semester)**

**Course Overview:** This one-semester course is intended to help you familiarize yourself with the basic and essential concepts of personal finance. This course has 15 lessons organized into three units. Each unit has a Unit Activity and each lesson contains one or more Lesson Activities. Additionally, there is one Course Activity that you need to work on throughout the duration of the course. This activity is a long-term project spread over the length of the course. The due date for this activity is to be determined by the course instructor. This course covers the fundamentals of personal finance, role of consumers in the economic system of the United States, financial planning in personal life, ways to manage finances, and different investment strategies. It also covers various career options available in the field of personal finance. You will submit the Unit Activity documents and Course Activities to your teacher, and you will grade your work in the Lesson Activities by comparing them with given sample responses. The Unit Activities, Course Activity (submitted to the teacher), and the Lesson Activities (selfchecked) are the major components of this course. There are other assessment components, namely the mastery test questions that feature along with the lesson; the pre- and post-test questions that come at the beginning and end of the unit, respectively; and an end-of-semester test. All of these tests are a combination of simple multiple-choice questions and technology enhanced (TE) questions.

## **Academic Success (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview** This one-semester elective course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to help you improve your study habits and enhance your prospects for academic success, now and in the future. This course is not divided into units and doesn't have pretests by which you can earn credit. Instead, it is designed to help you improve your study skills regardless of your skill level at the time that you take the course. It is structured into lessons and Course Activities as follows: The first five lessons are about specific aspects of studying. Before and after these lessons, you will assess your study habits in two Course Activities. The last three lessons focus on writing as a process and using that process to write a research paper. The lessons are followed by a Course Activity in which you will submit a research paper. You will submit the Course Activity documents to your teacher and will check your own answers in the Lesson Activities that accompany each lesson. Each lesson also has an online threaded discussion and a multiple-choice mastery test. A multiple-choice end-of semester test completes the course.

## **Career Explorations (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview** This one-semester course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to career exploration and planning. This course has 16 lessons organized into four units, plus four Unit Activities. Each lesson contains one or more Lesson Activities. The course ends with a Course Activity in which you will create two essential components of a career portfolio: a résumé and a cover letter for applying for an entry-level job in your chosen career. This course covers all of the career clusters in the National Career Clusters Framework. You'll explore the career pathways within each cluster, determine the academic and skill requirements for different career pathways, and learn about the jobs available in each pathway and the work these professionals do. This course will also guide you through the process of creating an academic and career plan based on you interests, abilities, and life goals. You will submit the Unit Activity documents to your teacher, and you will grade your work on the Lesson Activities by comparing them with the given sample responses. The Unit Activities (submitted to the teacher) and the Lesson Activities (self-checked) are the major components of this course. There are other assessment components, namely the mastery test questions that feature along with the lesson; the pre- and post-test questions that come at the beginning and end of the unit respectively; and an end-of-semester test. All of these tests are a combination of

simple multiple-choice questions and technology enhanced (TE) questions.

## **Social Issues (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview** Social issues affect everyone—they are issues which revolve around governmental policy and enforcement of laws on the civilian population. These laws and policies can have any number of significant outcomes. They can protect minorities and women from discrimination, regulate drug use, give aid to the poor, provide guidelines for education, and much more. Social issues are often controversial and debated, so having the ability to form an educated opinion on them is an important part of your citizenship.

## **Economics Course (Semester Elective)**

**Overview** Economics is a social science that examines how goods and services are created, consumed, and exchanged. This course covers basic economic problems such as scarcity, choice, and effective use of resources. It also covers topics on a larger scale such as market structures and international trade. It particularly focuses on the US economy and analyzes the role of the government and the Federal Reserve System.

# ENGLISH

## **English 9A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** English is the study of the creation and analysis of literature written in the English language. In English 9A, you will study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension and writing skills. The instruction covers many types of writing: creative, descriptive, expository, narrative, and persuasive. In English 9A, you will read and analyze literature in different genres as well as practice skills related to good study habits. You will sharpen your writing skills as you evaluate literary works with regard to literary technique, form, and theme. In English 9B, you will study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension and writing skills. The instruction covers many types of writing: creative, descriptive, expository, narrative, and persuasive. In English 9B, you will read and analyze Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as read speeches and essays to evaluate their arguments. You will write evaluations of literary works with regard to literary techniques, form, and theme.

## **English 10A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** English is the study of the creation and analysis of literature written in the English language. In English 10A you will explore the different literary devices used in short stories, such as subject, theme, mood, plot, and narration. You will read and analyze a variety of literary works to learn more about a particular literary device. The second unit covers many types of informational texts. In the third unit, you will read and study drama from a range of eras. In addition, you will complete writing activities in which you will employ analytical and persuasive skills. In English 10A, you will also study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension, writing skills, and grammar and mechanics. In English 10B you will explore characteristics of different genres of fiction, such as realistic fiction, historical fiction, and science fiction, and analyze historical context, theme, and genre in Franz Kafka's novella *The Metamorphosis*. The second unit covers many types of nonfiction writing, including memoirs, personal essays, public essays, speeches, and narrative nonfiction. In the third unit, you will analyze traits and genres of poetry. In addition, you will complete writing activities in which you will employ analytical and persuasive skills. In English 10B, you will also study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension, writing skills, and grammar and mechanics.

## English 11A and B (Year long)

**Course Overview** English is the study of the creation and analysis of literature written in the English language. In English 11A you will study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension and writing skills. The instruction covers many types of writing: creative, descriptive, expository, narrative, and persuasive. In English 11A, you will read and analyze different genres in literature with an emphasis on American literary movements over time. You will also complete writing activities to evaluate literary works with regard to literary techniques, form, and theme. . In English 11B you will study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension and writing skills. The instruction covers many types of writing: creative, descriptive, and narrative. In English 11B, you will read and analyze a variety of literary genres with an emphasis on modern American literature and literary movements. You will also complete writing activities to evaluate various literary works in regard to literary techniques, form, and theme.

## English 12A and B (Year long)

**Course Overview** English is the study of the creation and analysis of literature written in the English language. In English 12A you will explore the relation between British history and literature from the Anglo-Saxon period through the neoclassical era, including the works of Shakespeare. You will read and analyze a variety of literary works from this time period using relevant cultural and political history presented in each lesson. In English 12A you will also study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension, writing skills, and grammar and mechanics. The instruction covers many types of writing: creative, descriptive, expository, narrative, and persuasive. In addition you will complete writing activities in which you will employ analytical and persuasive skills. In English 12B you will explore the relation between British history and literature from the romantic period to the modern era. You will read and analyze a variety of literary works from this time period in the context of relevant cultural and political history. In English 12B you will also study a variety of techniques to improve your reading comprehension, writing skills, and grammar and mechanics. The instruction covers many types of writing: creative, descriptive, expository, narrative, and persuasive. In addition you will complete writing activities in which you will employ analytical and persuasive skills.

## Structure of Writing (Semester Elective)

**Course Overview:** Structure of Writing is the study of principles of grammar and effective writing, and application of these principles to writing. In Structure of Writing, you will learn about the types of sentences, punctuation marks and grammar rules such as subject verb agreement and tenses; you will also learn about different parts of speech and their correct usage; examine the concept of parallel structure in sentences as well as identify and correct run-on sentences. Finally, you will learn about developing paragraphs and essays.

# MATHEMATICS

## Integrated Math I - 9A and B (Year long)

**Course Overview:** Integrated Math is a comprehensive collection of mathematical concepts designed to give you a deeper understanding of the world around you. It includes ideas from algebra, geometry, probability and statistics, and trigonometry, and teaches them as interrelated disciplines. It's likely that you've been studying some form of integrated math since elementary school. In Integrated Math 1A, you will begin with algebra. You will build on your understanding of single-variable and two-variable

expressions, equations, and inequalities. You will also learn how to write equations and inequalities to represent and solve word problems.

## **Integrated Math 2 10A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview:** In Integrated Math 2A+B, you will begin with polynomial expressions, including rational expressions. You will learn about quadratic equations and inequalities and solve them to find answers to real-world math problems. Finally, you will use this knowledge to examine polynomial functions. In Integrated Math 2B, you will study the connections between algebra and geometry. You will learn about functions and use them to solve real-world math problems. You will study data collection methods, and you will use different types of data plots to represent and analyze statistical data. You will learn about geometric theorems and rules and write proofs to support them. You will also explore congruency and similarity of triangles.

## **Integrated Math 3 11A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview:** In Integrated Math 3A, you will understand and work with polynomial expressions, including rational expressions. You will also examine the relationship between equations and functions and analyze trigonometric functions in detail. In Integrated Math 3B, you will study and apply the laws of sine and cosine functions. You will also investigate the cross sections and density of three-dimensional geometric figures. You will use equations, inequalities, and functions to solve real-world math problems. You will also look at function graphs and explore transformation of functions. You will analyze statistical data and data collection methods and use probability to make decisions.

## **Math 12 A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview:** Mathematics is the study of patterns around us. In Math 12, Semester A, you will explore transformations and solve linear equations. You will also solve real-world problems with two linear equations. In this course, you will study and interpret functions that can help you solve problems you encounter in everyday life. Mathematics is the study of patterns around us. In Math 12, Semester B, you will study the use of scientific notation and learn to use roots appropriately. You will also plot and compare irrational numbers and simplify expressions with irrational numbers. You will also explore the Pythagorean Theorem and probability, which you can use to solve real world problems.

## **Consumer Mathematics (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview:** When you buy goods and services, you are acting as a consumer. For example, you might buy a sandwich for lunch or pay a hair stylist for a haircut. Consumer Mathematics is designed to teach you about real-life financial situations that require everyday math skills. As a consumer, you will be earning, spending, and saving money. This course will help you make educated and responsible decisions regarding your finances. In this course, you will learn practical applications of math. You will learn how to plan a budget, manage bank accounts, and figure the cost of a good or service. You will also learn about taxes, payroll deductions, and how to invest and borrow money. This course will help you make informed decisions about buying or renting a home or car and teach you how to protect your purchases and investments with insurance. Finally, you will study economics, or the science of the creation, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. You'll see how economics affects you as an individual and how it affects the country as a whole.

## **Intro Probability and Statistics A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview:** Probability and Statistics is a mathematics course that teaches two related, but distinguishable disciplines. Probability is the study of the likelihood that an event will occur. For example, what is the likelihood that you will

win a writing contest if there are 3,000 entries? What are the chances that you will land that lead role in the school play if 30 students audition? In statistics, you will practice the science of collecting and analyzing numerical data in order to make decisions. The study of statistics upholds that of probability. You've likely worked with both disciplines to varying degrees during your math education. In this course, you will represent and interpret data using dot plots, histograms, box plots, two-way frequency tables, and scatter plots. You will study normal distributions and distinguish between correlation and causation. You will also determine the conditional probability of two events or whether the events are independent. Using counting techniques and the rules of probability, you will calculate probabilities and use the results to make educated and fair decisions. You will evaluate several data collection techniques and statistical models, including simulations. The course closes with information on how you can use probability models to represent situations arising in everyday life that involve both payoff and risk.

### **Intro to Pre-calculus, A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview:** Studying higher algebra and trigonometry leads to a better understanding of calculus. In Precalculus A, you will explore and build your knowledge of inverse, trigonometric, and logarithmic functions; trigonometric identities; complex numbers; and vectors. You will also apply this knowledge to real-world situations. PreCalculus encompasses the rudiments of calculus, analytical geometry, and trigonometry. In Calculus B, you will explore and build your knowledge of conic sections, matrices, sequences, induction, and probability and apply this knowledge to real-world situations. You will also study basic concepts of calculus, such as the limits of a function and area under the curve.

## **SCIENCE**

### **Earth and Space Science, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Overview:** Science is the study of the natural world. It relies on experimentation and physical evidence to describe the natural events that occur around us. Earth and Space Science A begins with space. You will observe the phases of the Moon and use scientific evidence to understand how Earth, the Sun, and the Moon interact. You'll also examine other celestial objects in our solar system. This course describes the history of Earth through the study of energy flow, weathering and erosion, the rock cycle, and tectonic plate movements. You will apply an understanding of the three states of matter to explain the water cycle and other systems on Earth. The course ends with a discussion of Earth's natural resources. . Earth and Space Science B explains how convection shapes the weather, climate, and movement of ocean currents on Earth. The course takes an in-depth look at climate change and the greenhouse effect in Earth's atmosphere. It draws attention to severe weather events and describes how technology plays a role in keeping communities safe. It also explores how the growing human population poses challenges for the distribution of Earth's natural resources today and in the future.

### **Life Science, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview:** Life Science deals with the study of all types of living organisms, such as microorganisms, plants, animals, and humans. The field focuses on their organization and life processes. Life Science A begins with the basic unit of life—the cell. You'll discover how cells build up tissues, organs, and systems. You will study the growth and development processes of different organisms and see how genes are responsible for the traits of organisms. You'll also explore natural selection and artificial selection and their effects on the genetic traits of organisms. In Life Science B, you will learn how life evolved on Earth. You'll analyze fossil data to determine the evidence it provides about evolution. You'll study ecosystems, the flow of energy in an ecosystem, and the various relationships in an ecosystem. In addition, you will discover the interdependence that is present in all ecosystems. At the end of the semester, you'll determine the effects that humans

and environmental factors have on the ecosystems and devise solutions to protect the biodiversity of ecosystems from these effects.

## **Physical Science, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview:** Science is the study of the natural world. It relies on experimentation and evidence to describe the natural events that occur around us. Physical science is the study of matter and energy. In Physical Science A, you'll describe the atomic and molecular structure of substances using models. You will investigate how chemical reactions involve energy and lead to changes in properties of substances. You'll also model different kinds of forces and the effect they have on the motion of objects. You'll solve problems involving work and power and apply these principles to simple machines. Finally, you will see how simple machines make up more complex machines that are important in our lives. In Physical Science B, you'll investigate gravitational, electric, and magnetic force fields and identify factors that determine their strength. You'll apply concepts of electricity and magnetism to explain how motors, generators, and electromagnets work. You will discuss energy transformations in objects and systems, including how heat flows between objects that are at different temperatures. You will model how sound and light travel as waves and how they interact with different forms of matter. Finally, you'll explore how electromagnetic waves help us communicate with one another and collect information about the universe.

## **Biology, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** Biology, Semester A, is a single-semester course designed to strengthen your knowledge of basic biology. The first unit provides an introduction to biology and biochemistry. It focuses on the roles of and differences between plant and animal cells. In the second unit, you'll learn about the functions of different organ systems. The third unit covers cell division and the role of DNA and chromosomes in passing traits from parents to offspring. Biology, Semester B, is a single-semester course designed to strengthen your knowledge of biology concepts. The first unit focuses on the classification, characteristics and biological processes of living organisms. In the second unit, you'll study evolutionary mechanisms and the impact of environmental factors on species over time. The third unit focuses on the conservation of energy as it relates to living things and different ecosystems. In the last unit, you'll explore how different ecosystems are interdependent.

## **Integrated Physics and Chemistry, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** Chemistry is the study of how a set of substances with particular physical properties—like solid paper and the oxygen in the air—can react with each other to form different substances with entirely different properties—like gaseous water and carbon dioxide. In most cases, these chemical changes result in an energy change as well, either giving off energy or absorbing energy. The development of new types of materials, new methods of producing or storing energy, or new methods of interacting with genetic material all depend upon knowledge of chemistry. Physics is one of the three main fields of science, along with biology and chemistry. Physics often seems like a grab bag of topics, including motion, magnets, machines, light, sound, and electrical circuits. The common thread running through all these things is that they each illustrate some very basic mathematical laws in our physical world. In brief, physics is the scientific study of matter, energy, and their most fundamental physical interactions, including attractions, repulsions, and collisions. In Integrated Physics and Chemistry A, you will first learn about the “basics” of physics, since physics is actually the foundation of chemistry. In this course, you will learn how to describe and analyze motion, how forces interact with matter, and how to further describe these interactions with the aid of the concepts of energy and momentum. You will also learn about waves, electricity, and magnetism. In Integrated Physics and Chemistry B, you will begin your study of chemistry. This includes the atomic and molecular structures that result in different chemical properties and the

concepts and tools that will enable you to predict chemical properties and chemical reactions. You will learn about key types of chemical relationships and reactions, including solutions and acid-base reactions. Finally, you will extend your knowledge into the areas of thermal and nuclear energy.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

## **S.S.1A World History, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** In World History, Semester A, you'll explore major historical events around the world. In the first unit, you'll develop your historical thinking skills. In the second unit, you'll examine the origins and developments of European exploration. In the third unit, you'll learn about the causes and effects of the Renaissance and the Reformation. In the fourth unit, you'll explore revolutions that occurred from 1789 to 1848, including the Scientific Revolution, the American Revolution, and the French Revolution. In the fifth unit, you'll explore the causes and effects of the Industrial Revolution, the spread of nationalism in Europe, and the Russian Revolution. In World History, Semester B, you'll explore major historical events around the world. In the first unit, you'll analyze imperialism in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and examine the causes and consequences of World War I. In the second unit, you'll study World War II, analyzing the factors that started the war and the impact of the war. In the third unit, you'll explore the rise and fall of communism in the Soviet Union and China and learn about the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the fourth unit, you'll analyze the effects of decolonization in Southeast Asia and Africa. You'll also study the modernization of China and the rise of nationalism in the Middle East. In the last unit, you'll explore economic globalization and evaluate the benefits and challenges of living in the modern world.

## **S.S.2A US History A (Year long)**

**Course Overview** US History is the study of the events, people, and culture of the United States over time. In US History A, you will learn about the process of historical inquiry, review the events and principles behind the founding of the United States, and then apply historical inquiry to analyze societal issues, trends, and events from the Civil War through the Great Depression. You'll explore timelines to gain an understanding of how events link to each other, and you'll analyze historical documents for a firsthand sense of how events unfolded. You'll also gather evidence from relevant documents and historical texts in order to develop credible explanations of events in US history. You'll then use that evidence to evaluate change and continuity over time by writing essays and creating presentations about broad periods of historical development. In US History B, you will apply historical inquiry to analyze societal issues, trends, and events of US history from World War II to the present, including the Cold War, Civil Rights and other social movements, the Vietnam War, modern presidencies, and responses to global terrorism. You'll explore timelines to gain an understanding of how events link to each other, and you'll analyze historical documents for a firsthand sense of how events unfolded. You'll also gather evidence from relevant documents and historical texts in order to develop credible explanations of events in US history. You'll then use that evidence to evaluate change and continuity over time.

## **S.S. 3A – Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** This online course is designed to provide learners with the opportunity to think critically and to gain factual knowledge about US history. Students will learn to analyze and critique historical materials and evaluate historical interpretations presented in research. This course will help learners acquire the necessary skills to come to conclusions based on informed judgments and provide sound reasoning and evidence for those judgments. Each of the units in the course provides students with a survey of US history

topics in which they analyze problems and themes for each era through supplementary readings while developing and deepening their understanding of the events, people, and places that were relevant during the time period. Students will also learn to assess primary and secondary sources. This course is meant to have students think conceptually about the issues facing the United States and how those issues have influenced our history, rather than just memorizing facts and dates. Students will write often in this course in the form of both short answers and essays. These writings will require students to think critically and thoughtfully on different topics and on different interpretations of history. Students will encounter frequent prompts to analyze and interpret a wide variety of original source documents. In addition, students are asked to read the works of historians, to answer questions about how those historians present events, and to compare and analyze how the historians' approach affects readers' perceptions of the events and people involved (see especially "Nixon's 'Imperial' Presidency" in unit 7, semester B). The following themes are intricately woven into the course: Themes While the course follows a narrative structure supported by the textbook and audiovisual materials, the following seven themes described in the AP U.S. History Course and Exam Description are woven throughout each unit of study: 1. Identity (ID) 2. Work, Exchange, and Technology (WXT) 3. Peopling (PEO) 4. Politics and Power (POL) 5. America in the World (WOR) 2 6. Environment and Geography (ENV) 7. Ideas, Beliefs, and Culture (CUL) Historical Thinking Skills These skills reflect the tasks of professional historians. While learning to master these tasks, AP U.S. History students act as "apprentice historians." Chronological Reasoning Historical Causation Patterns of Continuity and Change Over Time Periodization Comparison and Contextualization Comparison Contextualization Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence Historical Argumentation Appropriate Use of Historical Evidence Historical Interpretation and Synthesis Interpretation Synthesis

## **African American Studies (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview** Throughout US history, African

Americans have faced great adversity in the form of enslavement and institutional racism. They fought for their freedom and worked to right a broken system, but their struggle continues today. This course studies the treatment of enslaved Africans as they were brought to America, the prejudices African Americans have experienced, and their important role in the social, political, and economic development of the United States.

## **Native American Studies: Contemporary Perspectives (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview** This course examines the social, economic, religious, and political issues that Native Americans face in today's world. It looks at a number of Native American professionals and their efforts to eradicate the negative stereotypes that still surround Native American cultures. The course also sheds light on the important contributions that Native Americans have made to art and spirituality. And it demonstrates how both Native American traditions and the fight for Native American civil rights have shaped the history and social fabric of the United States.

## **Native American Studies: Historical Perspectives (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview** When European settlers first arrived in the Americas, they found the continent already inhabited. The cultural differences between the Native Americans and Europeans, as well as their desire to occupy the same land, often led to conflict. Tensions increased over time as Europeans moved westward to establish settlements. The US government, eager for more land, imposed a number of controversial policies on Native Americans, including assimilation, forced removal, and military intervention. This course examines the persecution of Native Americans and their fight for civil rights and recognition throughout US history.

## **US Government (Semester Elective)**

**Course Overview** US Government is the study of the founding principles of democracy in the United States, the structures and details of how the government functions, and the role of the individual citizen in participating in that democracy. In US Government, you will learn about the principles and events that led to the founding of the United States in the eighteenth century; examine how the operations of the US government are spread among three branches of government and distributed between the national, state, and federal levels of government; explore the role of the individual citizen in the operations of the government; and, finally, apply these concepts to understanding the concrete areas of foreign, domestic, and economic policy. You'll explore timelines to gain an understanding of how events link to each other and to the structures of government that exist today, and you'll analyze historical documents for a firsthand sense of how government structures were designed. You'll also gather evidence from relevant documents and historical texts to develop credible explanations of how and why the government exists as it does. You'll then use that evidence to express viewpoints on the operations of government by writing essays and creating presentations about topics of relevance to modern US citizens.

### **Civics A and B (Elective)**

**Course Overview** A citizen is a person who is legally recognized by a state and entitled to the state's rights and privileges. Civics is the study of the rights and duties of such a person. One of the best ways to understand your rights and duties as a citizen is to study the government that defines and upholds them. In Civics A, you will learn about politics and government, and you'll analyze democracy which is the system of government used in the United States. Finally, you will examine the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the U.S. Government. A course in Civics teaches you how to actively participate in governance and how you can help improve the quality of governance at all levels. In Civics B, you will learn how Americans are linked to the government and each other through the media and a number of political parties. You will also take a detailed look at civic responsibility and what it means to be a contributing member of society. Finally, you will study how and why the U.S. creates certain goods and services and you'll see how political and economic decisions made at home can affect foreign policy abroad.

### **World Geography A and B (Elective)**

**Course Overview** Geography is the study of where things are in the world. It is important to know why people settled where they did: sometimes this is for weather-related reasons, and sometimes it's because of bountiful natural resources nearby. In this course, you will learn about these special features which drive economic development and form the locales where people settle. In this course, you will learn about these special features which drive economic development and form the locales where people settle.

### **Ohio Modern World History, A and B (Elective)**

**Course Overview** This course focuses on events in world history from the Age of Revolutions through the World Wars. In the first unit, you'll explore revolutions that occurred from the late 1500s to the early 1800s, including the Scientific Revolution, the American Revolution, and the French Revolution. In the second unit, you'll examine the causes and effects of the Industrial Revolution as well as the spread of nationalism in Europe. The lessons in the last unit explore increasing imperialism by European powers and the causes and effects of the World War I.

### **Contemporary World, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** The Contemporary World, Semester A, is a single-semester course designed to strengthen your knowledge about the modern world. In the first unit, you will explore how geography can help you gain a better understanding of the world and its people. In the second unit, you will learn about

the influence of culture on the world. In the third unit, you will discover the relationship between art and society and study migration and population distribution. In the last unit, you will learn about the effect of physical processes on the environment and look at the ways people have adapted to and modified physical environments. In the first unit of Semester B, you will study the role of government and the responsibilities of citizens in contemporary societies. In the second unit, you will learn about democracy in the United States, and you will look at the structure of the Constitution. In the third unit, you will explore the functions of the US legal system as well as understand the rights and responsibilities of US citizens. Toward the end of this course, you will learn about the factors affecting the development of global trade and examine the structure and function of the US economy.

## **World History Survey, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** In World History Survey, Semester A, you'll learn about major historical events, from the earliest human societies through the Middle Ages. In the first unit, you'll learn about early humans, the Neolithic Revolution, and the development of civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China. In the second and third units, you'll study major world religions and classical civilizations of the world. In the last two units, you'll study the history and society in the early and late Middle Ages. In Semester B, you will learn about important events in world history from the first global age to the present day. In the first unit, you will study global exploration and expansion, the transoceanic slave trade, and the colonization of the Americas. You'll also examine the Renaissance and Reformation in Europe. In the second unit, you will identify the many different revolutions that occurred in world history during the 1600s and 1700s. In the third unit, you will examine nationalism and imperialism during the late 1700s and throughout the 1800s. In the fourth unit, you will study the events and impact of the two world wars. In the fifth unit, you will identify the rise of communism, the events of the Cold War, and the end of colonialism in Africa and Asia. In the last unit, you will examine the challenges and innovations of an increasingly globalized world.

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE

## **Spanish 1, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** Learning a language is a multi-faceted experience in which you are introduced to a whole new set of words and ways of expressing yourself with words, along with new cultures formed by people who have been speaking that language for centuries. The Spanish-speaking world is vast and rich, spanning Spain in the Iberian Peninsula and many parts of North, Central, and South America, all with varied ethnic and political histories and cultures. In Spanish 1A, you'll be introduced to several common situations in which people communicate, such as exchanging names and greetings, describing people by physical and personality traits, and describing family members and aspects of your social life. You'll start with basic sentence structures and grammatical tools, and you'll learn to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish as you internalize new vocabulary and grammar. You'll also learn about some regions of the Spanish-speaking world where the central characters of each unit are visiting. You will build on this semester's work as you advance in your Spanish studies: everything that you learn about a language and the cultures in which it is spoken will serve as a foundation for further learning. In Spanish 1B, you'll be introduced to several common situations in which people describe how to earn, save, and manage money, modes of urban transportation, various seasons and the associated weather conditions, food, clothes, and activities. You'll also describe various art forms, plays, concerts, and movies. You'll discuss health and well-being and travel and tourism. You'll build on what you learned in the Spanish 1B course to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish as you internalize new vocabulary and grammar. You'll also learn about some regions of the Spanish-speaking

world where the central characters of each unit are visiting. You will build on this semester's work as you advance in your Spanish studies: everything that you learn about a language and the cultures in which it is spoken will serve as a foundation for further learning.

## **Spanish 2, Semester A and B (Year long)**

**Course Overview** Learning a language is a multi-faceted experience in which you are introduced to a whole new set of words and ways of expressing yourself with words, along with new cultures formed by people who have been speaking that language for centuries. The Spanish-speaking world is vast and rich, spanning Spain in the Iberian Peninsula and many parts of North, Central, and South America, all with varied ethnic and political histories and cultures. In Spanish 2A, you'll be reintroduced to Spanish in common situations, beginning with describing classes, school friends, teachers, and school supplies. You'll discuss different styles of dressing, housing and neighborhoods, and learn about relationships between family members and friends, students and teachers, and employees and employer. You'll also describe daily personal routines and schedules, household chores and family responsibilities. Finally, you'll discuss different types of cuisine, dining establishments, and dining etiquette. You'll build on what you learned in Spanish 1B to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish as you internalize new vocabulary and grammar. You'll also learn about some regions of the Spanish speaking world where the central characters of each unit are visiting. You will build on this semester's work as you advance in your Spanish studies: everything that you learn about a language and the cultures in which it is spoken will serve as a foundation for further learning. In Spanish 2B, you'll be reintroduced to Spanish in common situations, beginning with various professions and career plans for the future. You'll discuss traveling to different regions and the flora and fauna found in each region and describe different types of trips, including road trips, camping, and ecotourism. You'll also describe different hobbies, activities, and crafts that people enjoy. Finally, you'll discuss about different medical specialists, including dentists and veterinarians, and describe symptoms related to illness and injury. You'll build on what you learned in the Spanish 2A course to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish as you internalize new vocabulary and grammar. You'll also learn about some regions of the Spanish speaking world where the central characters of each unit are visiting. You will build on this semester's work as you advance in your Spanish studies: everything that you learn about a language and the cultures in which it is spoken will serve as a foundation for further learning.