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COURSE #	COURSE	TERM	GRADE LEVEL				PREREQUISITE
02119	Middle Eastern Civilizations	Semester	9	10	11	12	None

Through an interdisciplinary approach, the course will examine the major influences on the development of Middle Eastern Civilizations. Students will examine the impact of geography, significant people, economic and political forces, religion, folk traditions, science and technology on the development of Middle Eastern Civilizations. Reading, note-taking, listening, writing and critical thinking are important for success in the course.

*Note: one semester of the Non-Western course offerings is required for graduation.
At Pioneer, this required course is usually taken by 10th graders*

CREDIT(S)	.50 unit per semester	Fulfills the Non-Western course graduation requirement	SCHOOL(S)	Huron & Pioneer
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02120	Latin American Civilizations	Semester	9	10	11	12	None
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Through an interdisciplinary approach, the course will examine the major influences on the development of Latin American Civilizations. Students will examine the impact of geography, significant people, economic and political forces, religion, folk traditions, science and technology on the development of Latin American Civilizations. Reading, note-taking, listening, writing and critical thinking are important for success in the course.

*Note: one semester of the Non-Western course offerings is required for graduation.
At Pioneer, this required course is usually taken by 10th graders*

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02121	Asian Civilizations	Semester	9	10	11	12	None
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Through an interdisciplinary approach, the course will examine the major influences on the development of Asian Civilizations. Students will examine the impact of geography, significant people, economic and political forces, religion, folk traditions, science and technology on the development of Asian Civilizations. Reading, note-taking, listening, writing and critical thinking are important for success in the course.

*Note: one semester of the Non-Western course offerings is required for graduation.
At Pioneer, this required course is usually taken by 10th graders*

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02227, 02228	<u>United States History</u>	Semester	11	None

The historical development of our nation is studied to help students know how its social, cultural and political institutions developed. Students will, therefore, comprehend the causes of the problems which exist in contemporary society. Attention will be given to an analysis of the effects of the unique multi-ethnic/multi-cultural composition of this country's population on the evolution of its national history. The first semester covers a brief review of early American history from reconstruction to the emergence of the U.S. as a world power. The second semester covers the development of modern America during the 20th century. Research projects and reading outside the text are required both semesters.

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester

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02233, 02234	<u>African American Cultural Humanities</u>	year	11	
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African American Cultural Humanities is a two hour, two credit U.S. History and American Literature class. This course meets the U.S. history requirement and a one credit literature requirement for graduation. Traditional areas in U.S. History are covered from an African American perspective. An interdisciplinary approach is used incorporating African American art, music, and culture throughout the curriculum. The course utilizes a variety of materials and class activities including lectures, discussions, use of primary materials and projects. Research and reading outside the text are required both semesters.

CREDIT(S) 1.0 unit per semester

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02252	<u>"US" Program</u>	Semester	10	11	12	None
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Students study racism, sexism, and related issues through reading fiction and non-fiction, writing and class discussion. Students will be expected to keep the class code: Read Critically; Think Deeply; Act Wisely. Students will keep reading journals, engage in formal and personal forms of writing, and complete outside readings. Students will take an active role in planning class discussions and presentations. Huron's US Peers will be selected from members of the class. This course may be used to meet either an English graduation requirement or a social studies graduation requirement but not both.

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester

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02255	<u>Peer Facilitating</u>	Semester	11	12	None
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The purpose of the course is to prepare second semester 10th, 11th & 12th grade students to serve as peer facilitators. Skills are developed through the study and practice of communication skills, self-exploration exercises, and decision-making and problem-solving techniques. Students are involved in class and small group discussions and role-playing situations. Students also work in pairs in practice peer facilitating sessions which are video taped and presented to the class for feedback and discussion. The students select the topics to study and speakers from the community are brought in to aid in the study. Topics generally center around the issues of family communication, divorce, stress, depression, suicide, death and grief, substance abuse, dating, sexuality, and the building of self esteem.

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester

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02285	Civics		9	
<p>This course is required for all freshmen. Civics is a comprehensive course integrating the fundamental elements of government, economics and law. The framework for this course will be an analysis of the development of the American political system. Within this framework, the students will examine the purpose and principles underlying the U.S. legal system and apply basic economic concepts to their study. This course will fulfill the district and state graduation requirement for government and the district requirement for law.</p>				
CREDIT(S)	.50 unit per semester	Required	SCHOOL(S) Pioneer only	
02329, 02330	American Studies 1, 2	Semester	11 12	None
<p>American studies is a course in American history open to juniors and seniors. This course meets the American history requirement for graduation. Traditional areas in American history are covered but a greater emphasis is placed on social and intellectual history. An interdisciplinary approach is used. Topics covered include reform movement, art and architecture, music, literature, education and others influencing our American heritage. The course utilizes a variety of kinds of materials and class activities including lectures, discussions, and extensive use of primary materials. Individual research and writing skills are emphasized. Research projects and reading outside the text are required both semesters.</p>				
CREDIT(S)	.50 unit per semester		SCHOOL(S) Huron & Pioneer	
02339	Introductory Psychology	Semester	11 12	None
<p>Psychology is a survey course designed to clarify and build an understanding of ourselves, our peers, and other important relationships in our lives. The emphasis is placed upon learning the skills and approaches necessary to study human behavior and mental processes. This includes: how we learn to be ourselves, how we store memories and experiences, how we think, how our physical being effects our mind, factors motivating our behaviors, and learning basic skills to promote healthy relationships.</p>				
<i>Note: At Huron, this course is open to 10th graders as well.</i>				
CREDIT(S)	.50 unit per semester		SCHOOL(S) Huron & Pioneer	
02340	Applied Psychology	Semester	11 12	02339 Introductory Psychology
<p>This student-centered course personalizes the content and techniques from Introductory Psychology and applies them to our everyday life. Student-designed projects and interaction help build on our understanding of how best to absorb the importance of learning about human behavior and the consequences of our actions.</p>				
<i>Note: At Huron, 10th grade students may take this course if they have completed Introductory Psychology 02339</i>				
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02341	<u>Interpersonal Relations</u>		11 12	None

This course is designed to build an understanding of ourselves and of ourselves in relationship to others. The emphasis is practical rather than theoretical. Topics discussed include the development of the self-concept, defense mechanisms, communication skills, changing patterns of human relationships, basic needs, and conflict management skills. The course utilizes a variety of materials and class activities to promote the practice and use of methods and skills that enable students to improve relationships with parents, siblings, co-workers and friends.

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester **SCHOOL(S)** Pioneer only

02342	<u>Interpersonal Relations 2</u>		11 12	None
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Topics studied include motivation, emotions, dating and marriage, family relationships, divorce and death. Methods of dealing with problems such as stress and crises will be presented. The course will provide opportunities to practice skills taught and to share thoughts and experiences with peers.

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02347	<u>Gender Studies</u>	Semester	11 12	None
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Gender Studies provides students the opportunity to examine current issues in relation to women and sex roles in general. Students will look at the roles women had, and were expected to have, as well as what occurred when women deviated from traditional roles and the consequences of that deviation for both men and women. Political, legal, religious and health issues are also discussed as they concern women and men historically and currently. The course takes a multicultural approach and utilizes a variety of class formats including lectures, discussions, and guest speakers. Primary source materials, book reports and a project are included in the course requirements.

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02383, 02384	<u>United States History AP 1, 2</u>		11 12	None
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This course undertakes a general survey of American history. It is distinguished from other high school American history courses in that it places emphasis on historiography, comparisons of historical interpretations, and the use of original resources. Students are expected to read a wide variety of materials and to pursue individual study. This course will focus on our country's major cultural, political and social institutions as well as the contributions and struggles of the people during the growth and development of the United States. The course also places a greater emphasis on writing. In his/her writing, the student is encouraged to use analytic techniques, to interpret data and points of view, to make generalizations; draw conclusions, to use footnotes and bibliography, as well as to improve skills in writing the essay. This course, which is open to 11th and 12th grade students, has preparation for the Advanced Placement examination as one of its objectives. However, students electing the course are not obligated to take the examination.

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02427	American Government and Politics AP	Semester	11	12	

This course is equivalent to a one semester college introductory course in government or politics. Content areas will include Constitutional underpinnings of the United States Government; Political Beliefs and Behaviors; Political Parties and Interest Groups; Institutions and Policy Processes of National Government, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Students will develop an analytical perspective of our government through lectures, discussions, class projects and guest speakers. Emphasis will be placed on the skills and content necessary to succeed on the AP exam.

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester

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02444	Western Civilizations	Semester	10	11	12	None
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Through an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating history, art, and music, the course will examine the major influences in the development of Western Civilizations. Students will examine the impact of geography, significant people, economic and political forces, religion, art, folk traditions, science and technology on the development of Western Civilization. Reading, note-taking, listening, writing, and critical thinking are important for success in the course.

*Note: This required course is usually taken by 10th graders.
Western Civ S1 studies the early times, Western Civ 2 studies the modern times*

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester

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02445	Humanities 1, 2			12	None
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This is a double-credit course, meeting for two hours each day. The course covers masterpieces of art, music, literature, and economic and political philosophers central to Western Civilization. An attempt is made to integrate these disciplines chronologically in order to make the student aware of the impact of one discipline upon the other. Slides and records are used for art and music. Readings include Plato, Cicero, St. Augustine, Chaucer, Shakespeare, St. Thomas Aquinas, Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau, Goethe, Ibsen, Virgil, Voltaire, Freud, Marx, and many others. Eight themes are required each semester, as well as essay tests. The formal lecture is used extensively, together with small group discussions. Students receive two grades—one in English and one in Humanities. Students enrolling are expected to take both semesters. There is no prerequisite to enrolling in Humanities, but it is recommended that students planning to elect it take at least one literature course. Successful completion of a full year of Humanities will fulfill the Western Civilization requirement. See also Language Arts 01445/01446.

CREDIT(S) 1.0 unit per year

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02450	<u>Philosophy</u>	Semester	11	12	Seniors; Juniors with recommendation of instructor only

This course will examine some of the traditional and contemporary issues and problems of philosophy. Areas of consideration will include ethics, aesthetics, theories of knowledge, logic, freedom, responsibility, and the role of the individual in society. Students will read selections relating to these topics and analyze and assess their relative merits and flaws. Students will draft their own responses/arguments to the various philosophical issues raised. Critical thinking will be the focus.

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester

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02460	<u>Current History</u>	Semester	10	11	12	None
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Too often we are inclined to look at history without assessing its relationship to current events from a global perspective. Conversely, we often experience and witness current events without understanding their roots and history. This course will allow seniors to investigate the historical roots of contemporary issues found in the realms of politics, economics, the media, popular culture, education and race and gender issues.

Note: At Pioneer, this course is open only to Seniors.

CREDIT(S) .50 unit per semester

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14101	<u>Interdisciplinary Block</u>	Year	9
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IDB 460 is a unique, full-year program open to all 9th graders at Huron. The program consists of a three-hour block of classes: English, Earth Science, and Social Studies in consecutive hours. Three teachers share the same students and teach the curriculum for each course through "thematically connected" (interdisciplinary) units of study. Students learn to see and use these connections among subjects in a thoroughly academic approach to exploring and learning. Specifically, the individual courses are: 9th grade English (both "Intensive" and "Regular" students are welcome); Earth Science 431-432; Law 211 (first semester); and African & Middle Eastern Civilizations (second semester).

IDB 460 teachers believe that students learn more and learn better when they study subjects in association with each other—when they understand that all knowledge is related. Throughout the year parents receive frequent informational letters from the teachers and study guides for each unit.

CREDIT(S) 1.0 per year English; 1.0 per year Science; 1.0 per year Social Studies

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