

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Please Note: The even course numbers are for first semester. The odd numbers are for second semester.

IN1800, IN1801 Philosophy

Prerequisite: None Credit: 1/2

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

This course studies existence, knowledge, ethics and aesthetics, as discovered by the student and confirmed by the philosophers of many cultures. The course includes study of philosophy including the nature of being, the nature of knowledge, the nature of aesthetics (beauty), the nature of ethics (morality) and political philosophy.

IN1804, IN1805 Student Leadership in the School and Community

Prerequisite: None Credit: 1/2

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

Students in this course learn about various leadership styles and strategies, reflect on their own developing leadership abilities and apply various strategies to real life leadership experiences in school and community settings. The course focuses on:

- Critically evaluating contemporary and historical leadership concepts and theories;
- Applying critical/creative thinking skills to the study and practice of leadership;
- Describing the fundamental concepts of leadership competencies;
- Describing the effects of contextual variables on the practice of leadership in various settings;
- Communicating effectively, orally and in writing, what is learned about leadership;
- Describing the fundamental concepts that enable one to understand and lead individuals and groups;
- Understanding community and fostering volunteerism.

IN1810, IN1811 ACT/SAT Test Preparation

Prerequisite: None Credit: 1/2

Grade: 10, 11, 12 Fee: \$100.00

SAT/ACT Test Preparation is a course designed to teach strategies that can enable a student to improve SAT and ACT test scores. Content is not taught although some is reviewed. An additional area of focus is on the study of vocabulary words commonly used in these specific tests. One practice SAT and three practice ACT tests are required. All or some of these are administered outside of the class period so that exact testing conditions can be simulated. Fees cover the cost of materials used.

IN1812, IN1813 Peer Tutoring

Prerequisite: None Teacher and counselor approval needed

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: 1/2

This course is designed for students who are interested in helping and/or tutoring semi-independent Learners or the English Language Learners. Students work independently as well as cooperatively in either or both programs. Students are expected to assist in academic areas and help encourage a positive learning environment. Students are expected to complete a journal sharing new learning on a weekly basis for a grade as well as plan ways to aid their tutees.

IN1820, IN1821

Truth, Reality and the Self

Prerequisite: Philosophy

Credit: ½

Offered at BVN only

Grade: 10, 11, 12

This course studies the philosophies of science, art, language, and ethics. The student gains a workable understanding of the underlying assumptions of the nature of knowledge using materials such as Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig and the deep map knowledge of William Least Heat Moon. Questions addressed are—What is truth? What is knowledge? How can we say that we know anything? What is the basis of knowledge of mathematics and science? What is the basis of knowledge? What is the connection between knowledge and ethics? What is the relationship of language and knowledge?