

Senior Course Selection

2024-2025



Graduation Requirements

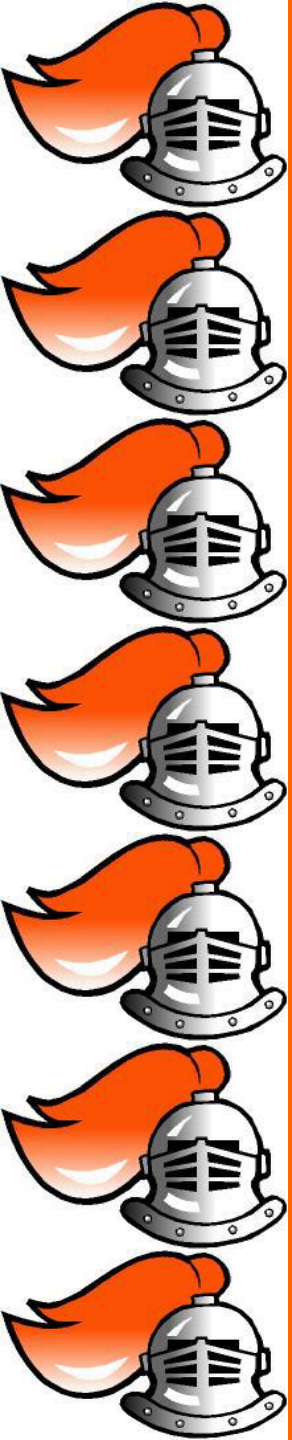
- English 4.0 credits
- Math 3.0 credits
 - Algebra I and Geometry Content
- Health/PE 3.5 credits
- Social Science 2.0 credits
 - US History
 - Civics or AP Gov't (Constitution test)
- Science 2.0 credits
- Consumer Ed .5 credits
- Electives 9.0 credits

24 Total Credits



CREDITS

To be a...	You must have...	It's recommended you have...
Sophomore	5 Credits	6 credits
Junior	11 Credits	12 credits
Senior	17 Credits	18 credits
HS graduate	24 Credits	REQUIRED TO HAVE 24 CREDITS!!!



Available Options

- Zero Hour
- BL - Blended Classes
- [H] - Honors Classes
- [DC] - Dual Credit
- [AP] - Advanced Placement
- NCAA Eligible Classes
- STEM Designation
- Seal of Biliteracy
- Education Pathway

*Check the Course to Career Guide & Programs of Study booklet for additional information and course prerequisites.



Available Zero Hour Courses 2024-25

Sports & Fitness

Personal Development

BL Physics

English 3

Culinary Arts 1

Culinary Arts 2

*Course will have 0HR in Academic Planner
when selecting the course



Blended Courses [BL]

- Organization, communication skills, and self-advocacy are required for these courses.
- Similar to college classes - a significant amount of work completed outside of classroom.
- Select [BL] option through Infinite Campus.
- You cannot leave the building on a flex day, unless your blended course backs up to a study hall, or is scheduled 1st or 8th period. You also cannot request specific periods for classes.

****If your grade is below a C, you will be required to attend classes all days in order to get the assistance you need.****



Dual Credit [DC]

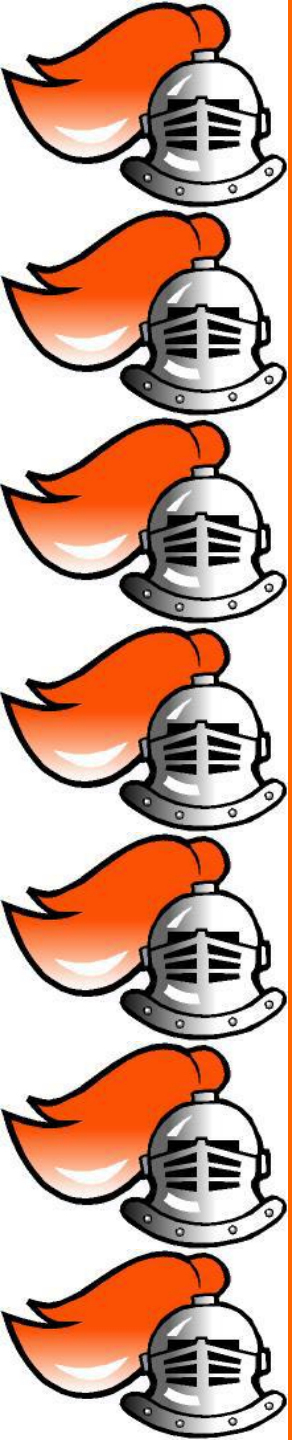
College NOW Program

If you are interested in earning college credit as a high school student, you've come to the right place!

Become a College NOW student

**COLLEGE
NOW**

- Apply by December 21, 2023
 - www.heartland.edu/collegenow
- Meet placement criteria by December 21, 2023
 - Literacy placement required for all [DC] classes
 - PSAT/SAT score of 480 (literacy) / 500 (math)
or
 - Assess with HCC
- Eligible Last Year but not enroll in [DC] classes this year
 - No further action needed
- Current [DC] student
 - No further action needed
- [DC] Intro to Statistics and Fundamentals of Chemistry
 - requires math placement or PSAT/SAT math score 500
- [DC] Finite
 - requires math placement or PSAT/SAT math score of 620



[AP] Course Exams

Optional

Full year & Semester 1 AP Courses:

Exam registration and payment due by October 31st

Semester 2 only AP Courses: (Psych, Comp. Gov, Human Geography, some US Govt)

Exam registration and payment due by February 28th (opens February 1st)

*AP exams are required for potential college credit

Cost to take AP Exams = \$100/exam

Visit the NCHS [AP] website for more information

<https://www.unit5.org/Page/7863>

English

Seniors are required to take 1 of the following*:

- English 4 (semester long)
- *Composition 1 (semester long)
- AP English Lit. (yearlong)
- College English Bridge (yearlong)
- Journalism II or III

Semester-Long Courses:

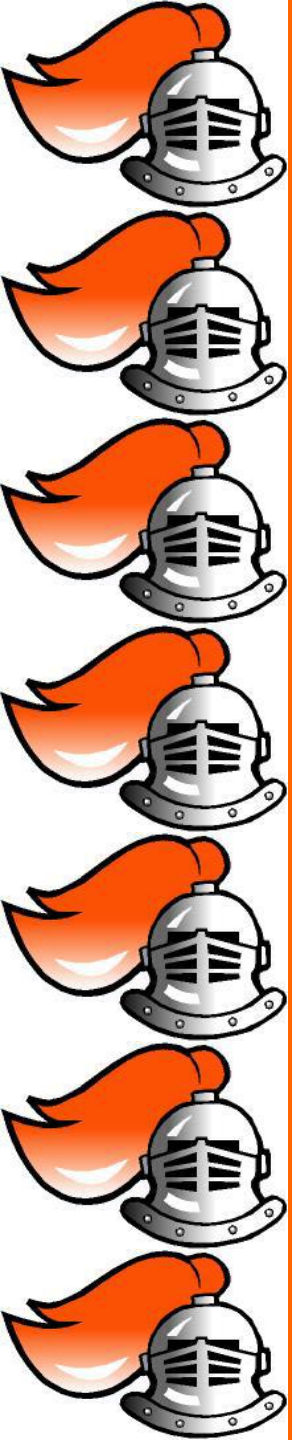
English 4
Senior Literature
*Composition I [DC]
Composition II [DC]
Introduction to Oral Comm [DC]
Introduction to Humanities [DC]
Creative Writing
Theater I
Theater II
Advanced Acting & Directing
Film as Literature
Philosophy & Literary Criticism

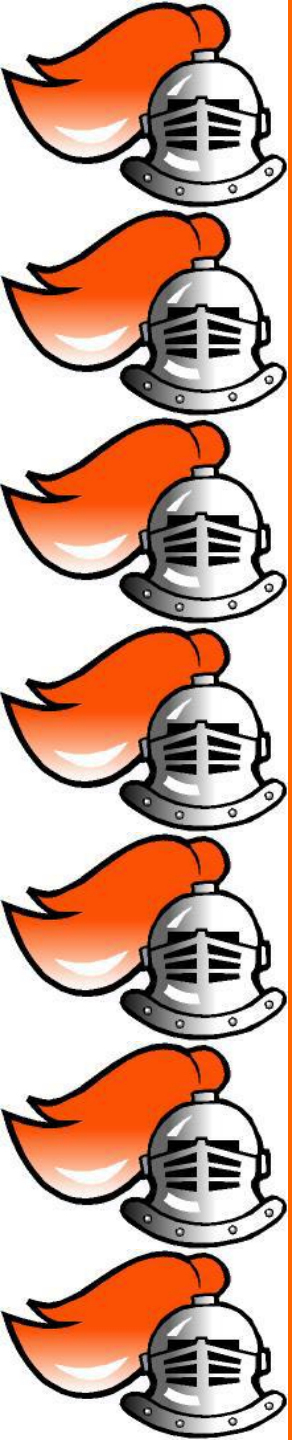
Year-Long Courses:

College English Bridge
AP English Literature
Journalism & Newspaper

May be automatically enrolled based on IAR scores. Talk to your parents regarding the survey they filled out.

*Unless you score a 3 or higher on the AP English Language exam this May, as that covers the same credit as Composition 1





Math

Year-Long Courses:

Algebra 2 (slowed down version)
Algebra 2 w/ Trig (Standard level)
Honors Algebra 2
STEM Trig
QL Transitional Math
Pre-Calculus
Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Honors Calculus 3

Semester-Long Courses:

Finite
Probability & Statistics
Finite Math for Business & Soc.
Science [DC]
Intro to Statistics [DC]

Computer Science Options:

AP Computer Science*
AP Computer Science
Principles*

*1 CS course can count towards
math credit requirement

****Talk to your math teacher for recommendations****

Science



BSAA

PSAA

Earth & Space Science

Biological Engineering

Molecular & Structural Biology

Environment Earth

Environment Earth [DC]

Fundamentals of Chem [DC]

Physics

Courses with Physics Prerequisite:

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Physics C

*****Talk to your science teacher for recommendations*****



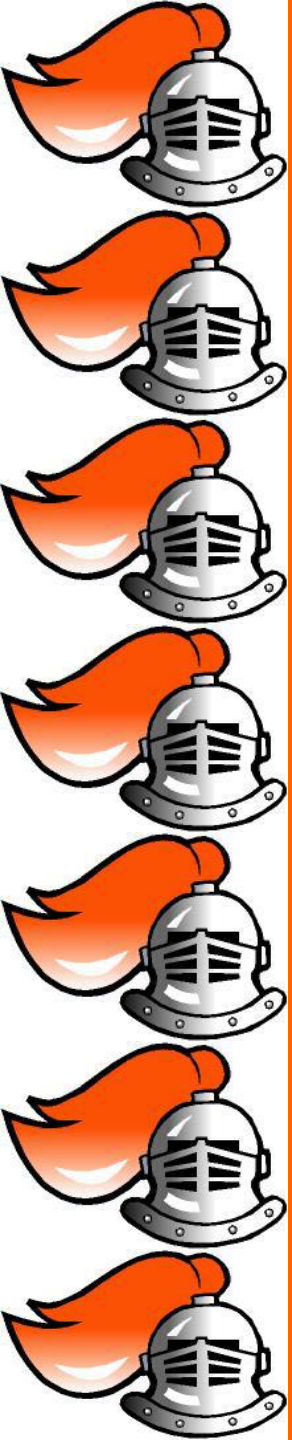
Social Studies Electives

ONE SEMESTER each

- Civics (meets graduation requirement)
- Economics
- Human Geography
- International Relations
- Introduction to Logic
- Multicultural Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- AP Psychology (After taking Psych)
- AP Government & Politics (meets Civics graduation requirement)
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Human Geography (after taking Human Geog)
- Western Civilization to 1500 [DC]
- Western Civilization since 1500 [DC]

PE

- PE Exemption
 - IHSA activity/sport including Marching Band
 - Only for semester you are in the activity/sport
 - Winter sports - choose which semester (not both)
 - **List Exemption in Non-Credit Section of IC Academic Planner**
- Options:
 - Sports & Fitness
 - Lifetime Fitness
 - Personal Development
 - Dance Fitness
 - Water & Land Activities
 - Advanced Aquatics
 - Swim Guard
 - Lifestyle Management
 - Unified Physical Education (C or higher in all PE courses)





Consumer Education

Pass one of the below options to fulfill the State of Illinois' Consumer Education requirement for high school graduation:

- Introduction to Business (9, 10) - 1 year
- Consumer Education (11, 12) - 1 semester
- BL Personal Investment & Finance (11, 12) - 1 semester
- Agribusiness Management (11, 12) - 1 year
- Work Program Class/Work Program (11,12) – 1 year



Elective Options

- Agriscience & Technology
- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- English
- Family and Consumer Science
- Foreign Language (FL Dept Info to Consider)
- Music
- Technology
- Work/Career Exposure
- BACC - Bloomington Area Career Center

***Consider your college/career path when selecting electives! Use the Programs of Study book for assistance!**



Internship Program

- Application required ([Application Link](#))
 - Due January 9, 2024
- Explore 1 or more careers
- 1 - 2 hours of your day
- ½ or 1 credits/semester
 - ½ credit = 4 hours/week at internship site
 - 1 credit = 8 hours/week at internship site
- One or both semesters
- Usually scheduled 0, 7th, and/or 8th hours
- Monday - Thursday: Intern with mentor
- Friday - Internship Class at School
- Must have own transportation



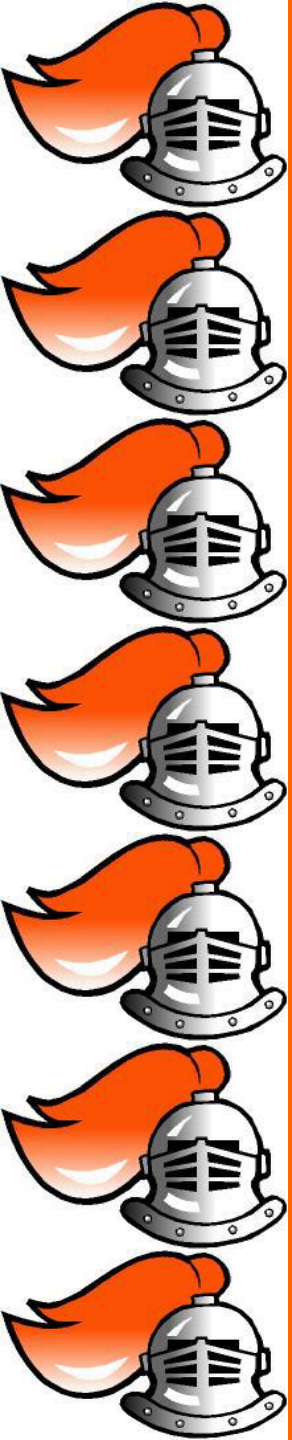
Work Program

- 2-4 hours of your day
- 1 credit/year for Work class
 - Required for 1st year only
- 2 credits/year for Work Program
- Must have a job by the start of school, working 15-20 hours per week, some hours during the week.
- Must have own transportation
- Meets Consumer Ed. Requirement

Application & Information:

<https://www.teamunit5.com/workprogram>

Don't need to apply to get in, but need to complete application by first day of school.



BACC

Bloomington Area Career Center

- 3 hours of your day
- 2 credits/year
- Variety of vocational courses
 - Listed in Course to Career Guide
- Applications required/Acceptance in March
 - [Click Here for Online Application](#)
 - Apply NOW - programs are first come, first served
- Bus transportation provided
 - Zero hour must provide own transportation
- Watch for prerequisites
 - Culinary, Metalworking, Construction, Computer Technology & Networking, Robotics

Do not select BACC when requesting your classes in IC! Put in a full NCHS schedule. Your counselor will meet individually with you when we get BACC rosters.



Innovative Entrepreneur

- Application required ([online- u5ie.org](https://u5ie.org))
 - Application deadline January 8, 2024
 - Contact Mrs. Hinman directly with further questions hinmanjf@unit5.org
- 2 hours of your day
- 2 credits/year
- Scheduled 1st/2nd hours
- Must have own transportation
- Visit unique businesses
- Work with their innovative owners
- Create your own start-up business




Typical Senior Schedule

Core Courses	BACC	Work Program
*English	*English	*English
Math	Math	Math
*PE	*PE	*PE
Science	Elective	Work Program Class
Social Studies	BACC course	Work
Elective	BACC course	Work
Elective or SH	BACC course	Work

*Typically required credit for graduation

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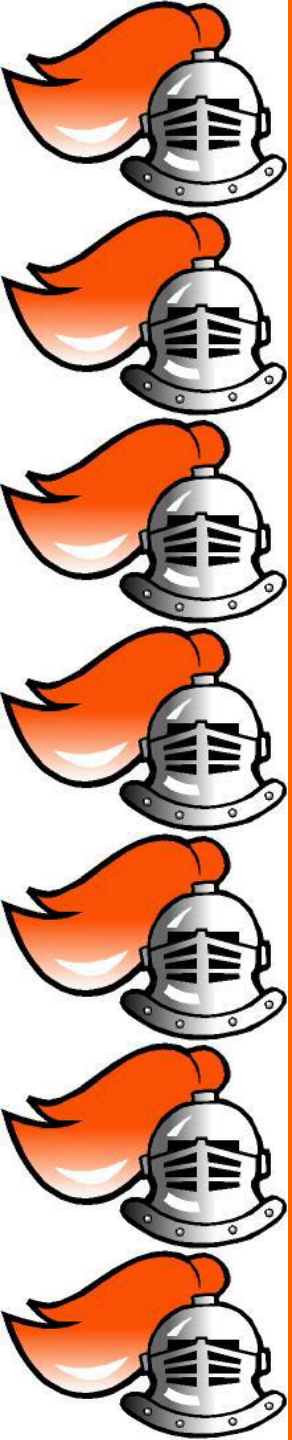


Internship	Innov Entrepreneur
*English	IE Experience
Elective	IE Experience
*PE	*PE
Math	*English
Elective/SH	Math
Internship	Elective
Internship	Elective/SH

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Next Steps...

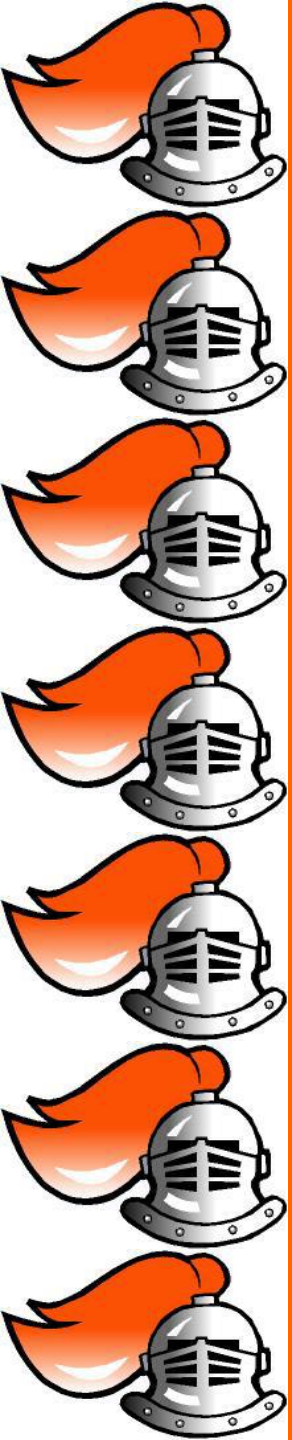
- Use Infinite Campus to select your classes
 - Deadline - Friday, January 12, 2024
- Contact your counselor with questions.
 - Email
 - In-person appointment
 - Counselors do not work during Winter Break
- No schedule changes after Spring Break!





Exceptions for Course Selection Changes

- Conflicts that your counselor will discuss with you
- Successful completion of summer school courses
- To meet graduation requirements
- Failure to meet course prerequisite
- Missing requirement for university admission
- Move to higher weighted course
- Change Study Hall to course (1st 5 days of semester)
- Drop 7th course for study hall (within first 4 weeks)
- Change a second semester course within first 9 weeks of semester 1 only



Level Changes

For Next Semester and Next Year....

- May request within first 4 weeks of semester,
 - If you have D or F
 - Year long must be submitted within 1st week of 2nd semester
- When moving down a level, must show interventions have been implemented
- Completion of level change form

How to Select Your Courses



[Click here to view the Infinite Campus Academic Planner video](#)

[Click here](#) for text instructions on entering courses in your Academic Planner

[Click here](#) for Course to Career Guide (descriptions and course information)

[Course Selection Website - Resources](#)