



2019-2020 Curriculum Guide

GENERAL INFORMATION

This guide is published to acquaint students and parents with scheduling requirements, course offerings, and course descriptions at Greer Middle College Charter High School.

The following applies to all students:

1. Students are encouraged to review this curriculum guide carefully in order to make optimum choices for their course of study in grades 9-12. Teachers and counselors can be of invaluable assistance in directing students toward courses of study that will enable them to address their interests and abilities with regard to post-secondary education and/or career choices. Please review the program of studies with your parents and make thoughtful decisions prior to registering for specific courses each year.
2. Students earn units of credit upon successful completion of approved school courses. Students earn credit for each course if a minimum grade of **80** is achieved and the student is in attendance a minimum of 170 days. The exceptions to this are semester courses that will be offered for one half unit credits with required minimum attendance of 85 days.
3. To qualify for a state high school diploma, a student must meet minimum standards and earn unit credits distributed as follows:

SC DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS—GMC Diploma Requirements

English – 4 Units

Math – 4 Units

Science – 3 Units

US History – 1 Unit

Economics – ½ Unit

Government – ½ Unit

Other Social Studies – 1 Unit

Physical Education or ROTC – 1 Unit

Computer Science – 1 Unit

Foreign Language or Occupational Specialty – 1 Unit

Electives – 7 Units--** (*one of these units must be Senior Project*)

4. The state of South Carolina offers tuition assistance in the form of scholarships for South Carolina students. In order to receive the aid, the student must graduate from a high school in the state of South Carolina and must attend college or technical school in the state. Three different scholarships are offered. A student will be awarded the highest amount that he/she qualifies for. The criteria are as follows:

Palmetto Fellows - (\$6700) student must meet all 3 of the following: 1200 SAT or 27 ACT, 3.5 GPA, top 6% of class

during 10th or 11th grade or 1400 SAT/32 ACT by November test administration and minimum 4.0 GPA

Life Scholarship - (\$5000) student must meet 2 out of the following three: 1100 SAT or 24 ACT, 3.00 GPA, top 30% of

graduating class

Hope Scholarship - (\$2800) one time only scholarship for students who have 3.00 GPA and a. Have no felony convictions.

Students receiving any of the scholarships listed above can have no drug or alcohol convictions.

5. In addition to the regular SC diploma, a student may qualify for the Academic Achievement Honors Award. Of the 24 units earned for the diploma, 18 must be college preparatory units, 4 may be electives, and 2 additional units must be earned in English, science, social studies, or mathematics. College preparatory units are defined as English I or above (4 units), Algebra I and above (4 units), lab sciences (3 units), social studies (3 units) chosen from US history, economics, government, world history, world geography, or western civilization, computer science (1 unit), PE (1 unit), and foreign language (2 units). In addition to these requirements, a student must receive a minimum final grade of B in all course-work and achieve a score of 710 on SAT verbal/30 on ACT English OR a score of 690 on SAT Math/33 on ACT math. A student receiving a combined score of 1400 on the SAT or 31 on the ACT automatically qualifies for this award with no other criteria.

6. Unit Requirements for Grade Advancement

24 Units of Credit are required to obtain a SC High School Diploma.

Grade 9

Successful completion of eighth grade

Grade 10

5 units (must include English 1, one unit of mathematics and three other units)

Grade 11

11 units (must include English 1 and 2, two units of mathematics, one science, and six other units)

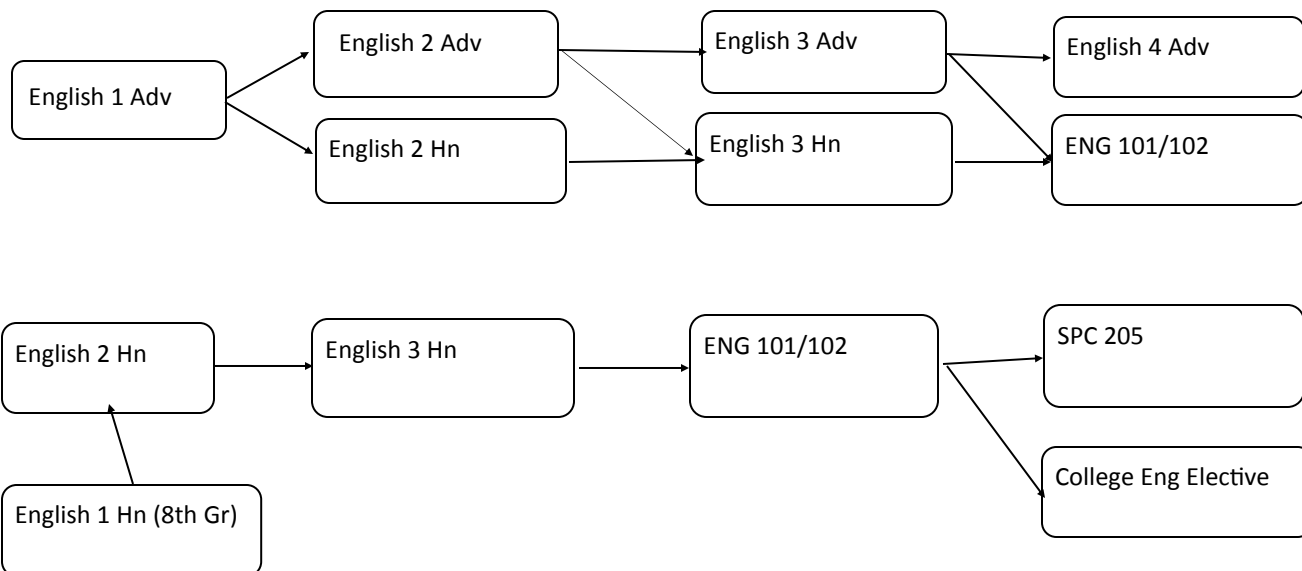
Grade 12

17 units (must include English 1, 2, and 3, three units of mathematics, two units of science, and nine other units)

7. The courses listed in the curriculum guide will be offered only if a sufficient number of students register for these courses. New courses may be added provided there is adequate student demand and there are adequate resources available to teach these courses.

8. College Admission Requirements

Students who plan to attend college should consult catalogs of colleges to assure that they are choosing the right courses. Colleges also look at the GPA and class rank as well as College Entrance Exam scores such as the SAT or ACT for admission. Public colleges and universities in South Carolina require that applicants for freshmen admission must complete certain high school courses before being admitted. Typically, colleges expect students to take as many academic courses in English, social studies, mathematics, and science as possible.



ENGLISH

Title: English 1 CP Advanced

Unit Credit: 1.00

English 1 is designed to prepare students for College and Career readiness as required by the South Carolina State Standards and the End of Course exam. The curriculum exposes students to a variety of genres, both literary and informational. The grade on the end-of-course test will count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Title: English 2 CP Advanced

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 1

English 2 introduces literary and informational texts that create awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity. The course is designed to prepare students for the rigor of the South Carolina State Standards for College and Career Readiness.

Title: English 2 Honors

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 1 Honors, Teacher recommendation

English 2 Honors introduces students to a survey of World Literature, ancient to modern. The course is designed to prepare students for the rigor of the South Carolina State Standards for College and Career Readiness. Note: this course carries Honors GPA weighting. PRE-REQUISITE: Earned 95 or above in English 1 Honors or in English 1 CP; High level of performance in reading and writing skills; Ability to think critically and demonstrated enthusiasm for language arts.

Title: English 3CPAdvanced

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 2

English 3 introduces literary and informational texts reflecting a broad range of writing by American authors. The course is designed to prepare students for the rigor of the South Carolina State Standards for College and Career Readiness.

Title: English 3 Honors

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 2 Honors, Tchr Rec.

English 3 Honors is an in-depth study of United States literature and literary nonfiction, especially foundational works and documents from the 17th century through the early 20th century. The course is designed to prepare students for the rigor of the South Carolina State Standards for College and Career Readiness.

Title: English 4CP: Brit Lit Studies Adv

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: English 3

English 4 introduces literary and informational texts reflecting a broad range of writing by authors outside the United States. The course is designed to prepare students for the rigor of the South Carolina State Standards for College and Career Readiness.

Title: Youn Adult LiteratureLiterature

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course is designed for students who enjoy reading and desire an opportunity to strengthen their skills in comprehension and literary analysis. Students will study character development, theme, symbolism, conflict, irony, setting, style and point of view. Young adult novels will be used to increase students' ability to compare and contrast, and to understand the author's perspective. Oral and written communication skills will be reinforced. This course does not take the place of any required English course.

Journalism 2: Yearbook

Unit Credit:1.00

This is an elective course for students who show outstanding skills in writing, design, or photography. The program includes staff organization, ad sales and business management, feature writing, layout and design, photography, and the publication process. Students will refine skills and will complete a practicum involving the publication of the school yearbook. This course does not take the place of any required English course.

Yearbook Production Honors

Unit Credit:1.00

Prerequisite: Journalism 2 Yearbook, Teacher Rec

This is an elective course for students who have completed Journalism 2 Yearbook and who show outstanding skills in writing, design, or photography. The program includes staff organization, ad sales, and business management, feature writing, layout and design, photography, and the publication process. Students will refine skills as they produce a school yearbook. This course does not take the place of any required English course.

Yearbook Management Honors

Unit Credit:1.00

Prerequisite: Journalism 2 Yearbook, Yearbook Prod , Teacher Rec

This elective course is for students who have mastered the skills taught in Yearbook Production. The program includes experiences in soliciting and designing advertisements to underwrite the production costs of publishing the yearbook, as well as management of yearbook sales. The focus of the course is to offer students exposure to the professional media by an advanced analysis of current trends in professional advertising, public relations and financial management. This course does not take the place of any required English course.

Title: Literature and Film

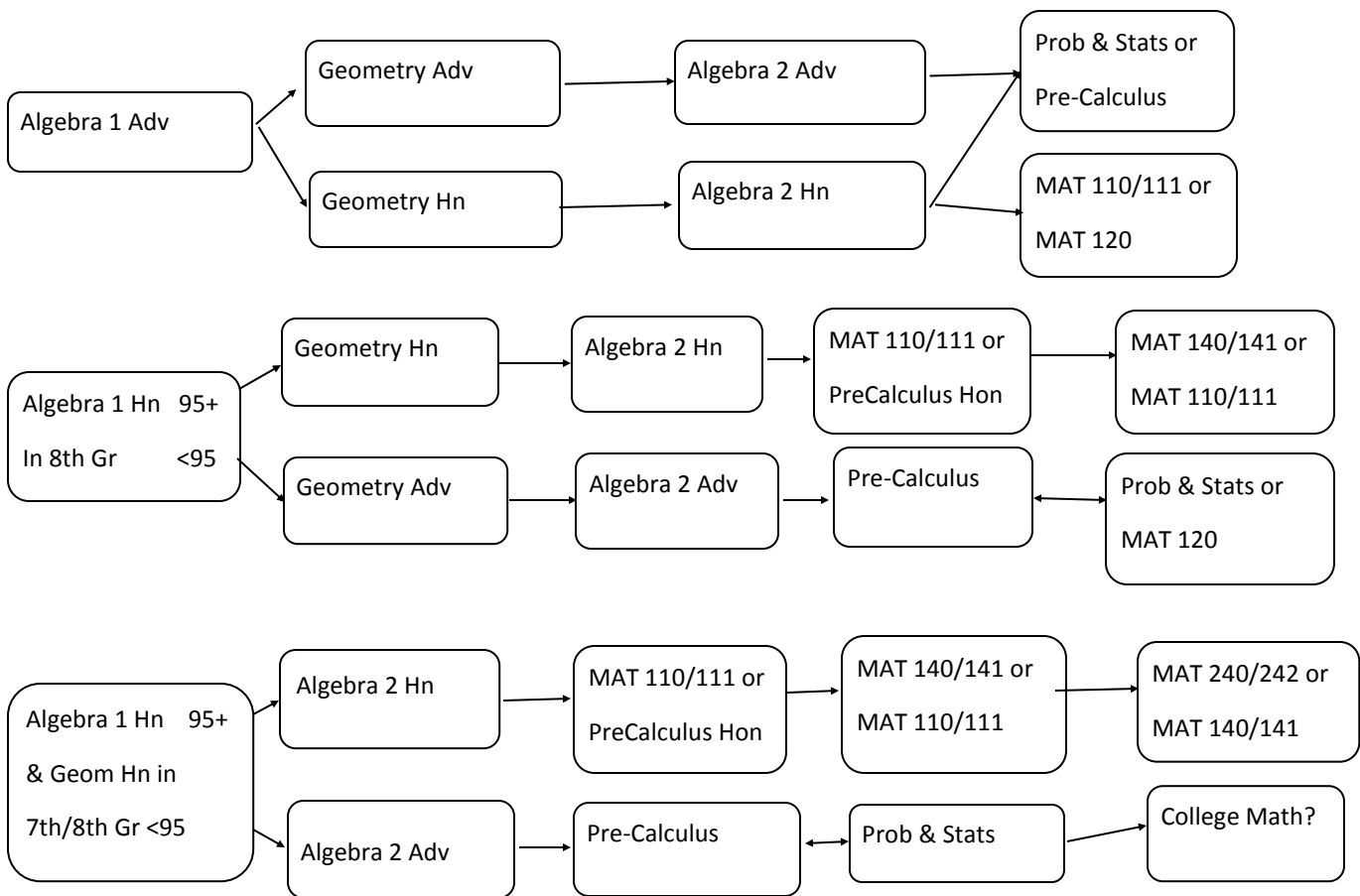
Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course will develop students' skills in reading, thinking, writing, listening, and speaking through in-depth study of films in a variety of genres. Students will be taught to analyze film in the same way that they study a literary text, by viewing and discussing classic movies.

Title: Journalism 1 Newspaper

Unit Credit: 1.0

This is an elective course designed to provide initial exposure to newspaper skills and to journalistic theory and history. Emphasizing sound journalistic principles, the program focuses on journalistic writing skills and information gathering techniques and introduces students to concepts of design and photojournalism. This course does not take the place of any required English course.



MATH

Title: Algebra 1 CP Adv

Unit Credit: 1.00

In Algebra 1 students develop fluency creating, interpreting, and translating between various forms of linear, quadratic, and exponential equations and functions. They will interpret functions graphically, numerically, symbolically, and verbally and use them to model real-world phenomenon. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful and logical subject. The grade on the end-of-course test will count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Title: Geometry CP Advanced

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: Algebra 1

Geometry students study congruence and similarity through analyses of transformations and formal constructions. They also study the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals, the Pythagorean Theorem, special right triangles, and right-triangle trigonometry.

Title: Geometry Honors

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: 95 or above in Algebra I, Teacher Recommendation

Geometry Honors students study all of the topics included in CP Geometry. Honors students will study additional topics including truth tables, triangle centers, Euler's line, Law of Sines, Law of Cosines, and Cavalieri's Principle. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations.

Title: Algebra 2 CP Adv**Unit Credit:** 1.00**Prerequisite:** Algebra 1

In Algebra 2 students extend their repertoire of functions to include polynomial, rational, and radical functions. Students expand their abilities to model real-world situations, including solving quadratic equations involving complex numbers and solving exponential equations by using logarithms. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful and logical subject.

Title: Algebra 2 Hon**Unit Credit:** 1.00**Prerequisite:** 95 or above in Geometry Honors and Algebra 1 Honors, Teacher Recommendation

Algebra 2 Honors students study all topics included Algebra 2 CP. They also study additional topics including the Binomial Theorem, operations with complex numbers, graphs of rational functions, solutions of logarithmic equations, synthetic division of polynomials, function composition and inverses. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject.

Title: Pre Calculus CP Advanced**Unit Credit:** 1.00**Prerequisite:** Geometry & Algebra 2 Adv

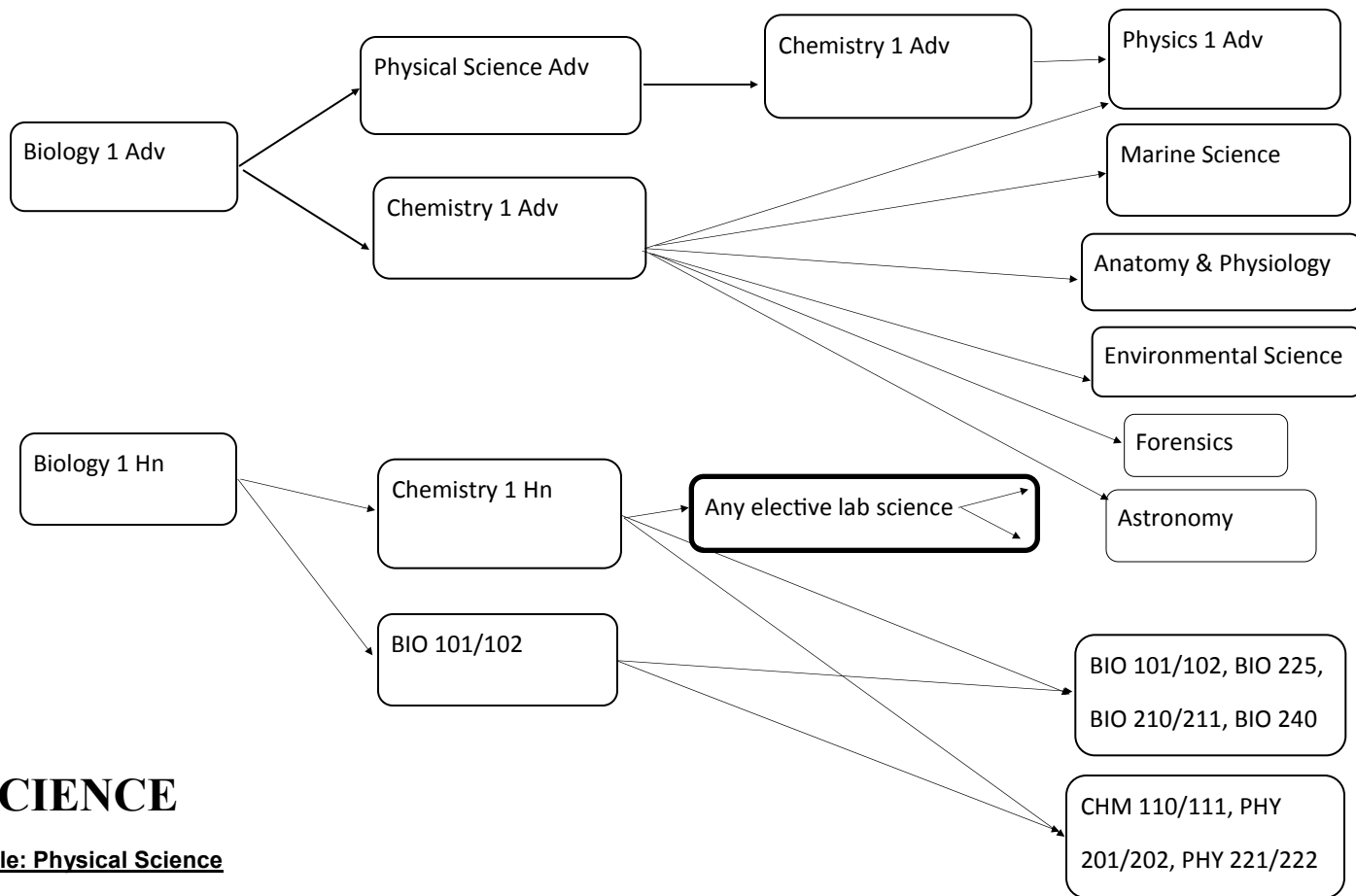
This course is a program of mathematical studies focusing on the development of the student's ability to understand and apply the study of functions and advanced mathematics concepts to solve problems. The course will include a study of polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. Emphasis is placed on active participation through modeling, technology lab activities, group activities, and communication in mathematics. Students are expected to use technology, including graphing calculators, computers, and data-gathering equipment throughout the course. Advanced courses are appropriate for students who are prepared to move through the CP curriculum at an accelerated pace.

Title: Pre Calculus Honors**Unit Credit:** 1.00**Prerequisite:** Geometry Hn & Algebra 2 Hn (95 or above), Teacher recommendation

This honors-level course is a program of mathematical studies focusing on the development of the student's ability to understand and apply the study of functions and advanced mathematics concepts to solve problems. The course will include a study of polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. Emphasis is placed on active participation through modeling, technology lab activities, group activities, and communication in mathematics. Students are expected to use technology, including graphing calculators, computers, and data-gathering equipment throughout the course. Students will be required to work with more intensity, at a deeper level, and produce a wider range of more complex and difficult material.

Title: Prob and Stats CP**Unit Credit:** 1.00**Prerequisite:** Geometry and Algebra 2

This course is a broad introduction to the concepts of probability and statistics. Topics will include probability; collection display, and analysis of data; permutations and combinations; binomial normal and t-distributions.



SCIENCE

Title: Physical Science

Unit credit 1.00

Prerequisite Teacher recommendation

This course will serve as a foundation for students wishing to study chemistry or physics. Concepts include measurements, matter, simple forms of energy, magnetism, light, sound, heat and electricity. This course is heavily oriented towards laboratory investigations.

The course is not accepted as a laboratory science by South Carolina public colleges and universities.

Title: Biology 1 Advanced

Unit credit 1.00

This course includes laboratory work and extensive study of specimens. Course content encompasses interrelationships of living things, levels of biological organization, human biology, social implications, biochemistry, and genetics. Advanced courses are appropriate for students who are prepared to move through the CP curriculum at an accelerated pace. The state required end-of-course test in Biology will be administered as the final exam for this class and the class will be required for graduation. The grade on the end-of-course test will count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Title: Biology 1 H

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: 95 in Algebra 1 and previous science course, Application and science teacher recommendation

This honors-level course encompasses interrelationships of living things, levels of biological organization, human biology, social implications, biochemistry, and genetics. Extensive laboratory work and problem-solving are essential components. The state required end-of-course test in Biology will be administered as the final exam for this class and the class will be required for graduation. The grade on the end-of-course test will count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Title: Chemistry 1 CP Adv

Unit credit 1.00

Prerequisite 1 unit of science, concurrent Algebra 2 and/or teacher recommendation

This course is rigorous and demands a high level of abstract thinking, memorization, working with symbols, and application of knowledge to problem-solving. Advanced courses are appropriate for students who are prepared to move through the CP curriculum at an accelerated pace. Student participation in laboratory activities is essential for success in this course. The course content includes organization of matter, chemical bonding, atomic structure, gases, states of matter, nomenclature, and skill development.

Title: Chemistry 1 H

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: Biology 1 H, concurrent Algebra 2 H, Science teacher recommendation

This honors-level course is a prerequisite for Advanced Placement Chemistry. This course is rigorous and demands a high level of abstract thinking, working with symbols, and application of knowledge to problem-solving. Students will study atomic structure, quantum mechanical theory, bonding, shapes of molecules, gases, thermochemistry, electrochemistry, oxidation reduction, nuclear chemistry, acids and bases. The course contains a major laboratory component.

Title: Anatomy and Physiology CP (Lab)

Unit credit 1.00

Prerequisite Biology 1 and Chemistry 1

This course is designed for those students interested in pursuing a career in a health field. Students will learn about human cells, tissue, organs and systems. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education accepts this course as a science course for college admission with the prerequisites of Biology 1 CP and Chemistry 1 CP.

Title: Marine Science (Lab)

Unit Credit: 1.0

This course promotes an awareness of coastal and marine systems. This includes the physical and chemical properties living systems and interrelationships. This course provides opportunities for student participation in research, experimentation, dissection, field studies and decision-making. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education accepts this course as a science course for college admission with the prerequisites of Biology 1 CP and Chemistry 1 CP.

Title: Physics 1 CP

Unit Credit: 1.0

This course familiarizes students with fundamental principles of physics and their applications. The course includes topics on mechanics, electricity, magnetism, thermodynamics, optics, sound and an introduction to quantum physics. Math, graphing, and problem-solving skills will comprise the basis of instruction. Advanced courses are appropriate for students who are prepared to move through the CP curriculum at an accelerated pace.

Title: Environmental Studies CP (Lab)

Unit Credit: 1.0

Prerequisite: Biology 1 CP and Chemistry 1 CP

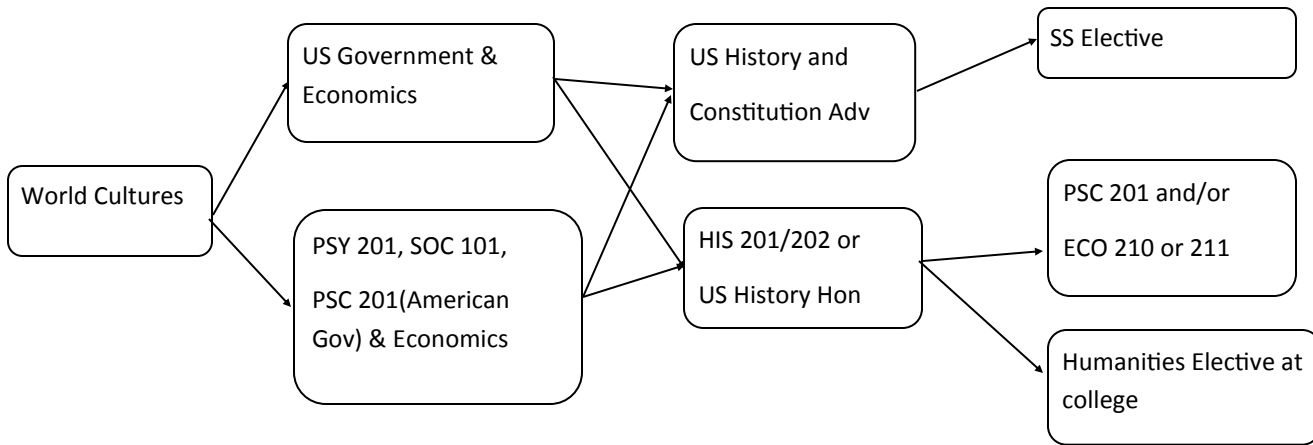
This course is designed to promote an understanding of human impact on the environment. The course includes physical and chemical properties, living systems and interrelationships. The course provides opportunities for student participation, research, field testing, experimentation, and decision-making. The SC Commission on Higher Education accepts this course as a science course for college admission with the prerequisites of Biology 1 CP and/or Chemistry 1 CP. Please note the Commission on Higher Education considers this a rigorous, upper level course and not an introductory class. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education accepts this course as a science course for college admission with the prerequisites of Biology 1 CP and Chemistry 1 CP.

Title: Forensic Science CP (Lab)

Unit Credit: 1.0

Prerequisite: Biology 1 CP and Chemistry 1 CP

Forensic science is the application of basic biological, chemical and physical science principles and technological practices to the purposes of justice in the study of criminal and civil issues. Students will learn the methodology needed to evaluate a crime scene, the proper lab mechanics needed to evaluate evidence, and how to compare between a known and unknown. Students will learn how DNA, fingerprinting, and other forensic tests can be used to solve a crime.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Title: World Cultures

Unit Credit: 1.00

This elective course is designed to highlight the historical world events, geography and current issues that have had a significant political, social or economic impact. Students will examine how the many unique cultures that exist around the world developed over time.

Title: Geography and the Cinema

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course offers the advanced study of cultural and physical geography through the use of film, lecture, and research. The use and impact of geography on plot and characters will be examined.

Title: US History & Constitution CP Adv

Unit Credit 1.00

United States History is a survey course tracing the history of our country. Approximately one fourth of the course includes early history through the Civil War, with course emphasis on the years from Reconstruction to the present. Advanced courses are appropriate for students who are prepared to move through the CP curriculum at an accelerated pace. Topics studied in depth include western migration and immigration from the end of Reconstruction through the first part of the 20th century, the Industrial Age and urbanization, America as a world power, progressivism, World War I, the Great Depression and New Deal, World War II, domestic issues and policies from World War II to the present, and international issues, policies, and involvement from the Cold War to the present. U.S. History is required for graduation. The grade on the end-of-course test will count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Title: US History & Constitution Honors

Unit Credit 1.00

United States History Honors is an in-depth study of the impact and implications of decisions made throughout the history of our country. Approximately one fourth of the course includes early history through the Civil War with course emphasis on the years from Reconstruction to the present. Topics studied in depth include western migration and immigration from the end of Reconstruction through the first part of the 20th century the Industrial Age and urbanization America as a world power progressivism World War I the Great Depression and New Deal World War II domestic issues and policies from World War II to the present and international issues policies and involvement from the Cold War to the present. This course will entail a rigorous program of reading, research and writing. It is strongly recommended that students have Honors English placement. U.S. History is required for graduation. The grade on the end-of-course test will count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Title: US Government CP Adv

Unit Credit 0.5

U.S. Government incorporates the structure, organization, and function of the American political system. Topics studied include: foundations of U.S. government, the three major branches of government, and the Constitution. Students will study the details of the political system at the national, state, and local levels. Comparisons will be made between American government and other political systems. U.S. Government is required for graduation.

Title: Economics

Unit Credit 0.5

Economics is the standards-based study of the overall economy, including both macroeconomics and microeconomics, with an emphasis on using, refining, applying and enhancing social studies skills and concepts to the content under study. Advanced courses are appropriate for students who are prepared to move through the CP curriculum at an accelerated pace. These skills and concepts include the Social Studies Literacy Elements and the Knowledge and Cognitive Process Dimensions of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy. Students will focus on topics such as money and banking, competition, supply and demand, factors of production, consumer rights and responsibilities, and personal financial literacy. Economics is required for graduation.

Title: History of Minorities

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course allows students to increase their depth of knowledge about the backgrounds, contributions, conflicts, and successes of the United States minority cultures throughout American history. Course emphasis will be determined by the teacher.

Title: Vietnam Conflict

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course will examine the U.S. role in the Vietnam conflict from 1945-1975. It will analyze the strategic and diplomatic decisions of each president during that period within the context of the global struggle against communism, decolonization, and domestic politics and culture in both Vietnam and the United States.

Title: Current Events/Foreign Policy

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course enables students to examine timely topics using various current resources and media forms. Students will analyze recent events in an historical context and consider their impact on the world and their lives.

Title: Modern World History

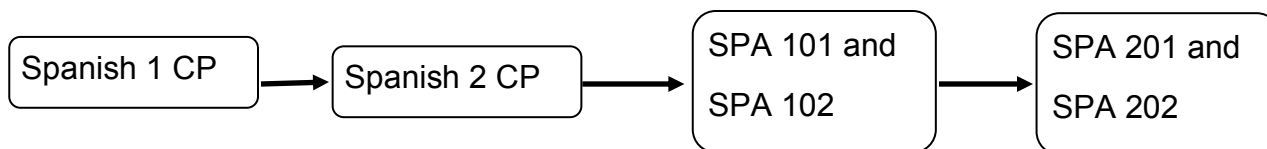
Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course begins with the Renaissance in Western Europe and proceeds through the Cold War. The course emphasizes the relationship between global events, the interconnectedness of belief, political, social and economic systems, and other elements of culture including technology, conflict, environment, and modes of expression. The course will approach topics from a global perspective and will devote some time to both current events and geography.

Title: Multicultural Studies

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course challenges students to examine key events in history from the perspective of non-dominant cultures. In the course students will analyze the causes and effects of events, focusing on the historical background to current diversity issues. Students will come to have a better understanding of the diverse ethnicities which have contributed to American history and contemporary American culture.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE

1. Students at GMC are required to take 1 unit of foreign language.
2. Public universities and colleges in South Carolina require at least two units of credit in a single foreign language for admission. Students need to check with individual colleges for specific requirements.

Title: Spanish 1

Unit Credit: 1.00

This course prepares students to: perform interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communicative tasks within the novice high to intermediate low range on the ACTFL Proficiency scale; interpret, exchange, and present, information, concepts and ideas both within the classroom and beyond on a variety of topics including connections to other subject areas; and understand the relationship among the products, practices and perspectives of other cultures. In addition, students develop insight into their own language and culture.

Title: Spanish 2 CP Adv

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: Spanish 1

This course prepares students to: perform interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communicative tasks within the novice high to intermediate low range on the ACTFL Proficiency scale; interpret, exchange, and present, information, concepts and ideas both within the classroom and beyond on a variety of topics including connections to other subject areas; and understand the relationship among the products, practices and perspectives of other cultures. In addition, students develop insight into their own language and culture.

BUSINESS/COMPUTER

Title: Integrated Business Apps 1

Unit Credit: 1.00

This course is designed to teach students software applications that are necessary to live and work in a technological society. The applications covered include word processing, database, spreadsheet, and presentation. Other content areas may include computer hardware, terminology, and concepts.

Title: Business Finance

Unit Credit: 1.00

This course is designed to provide students with a foundation in corporate business finance concepts and applications including fundamentals, financial environment, management planning, maintenance and analysis of financial records, long and short term financial activities, financial business activities, financial institutions and banking services, consumer credit, business insurance, technology and financial management, and international finance.

Title: Personal Finance

Unit Credit: 1.00

This course is designed to introduce the student to basic financial literacy skills which includes budgeting, obtaining credit, maintaining checking accounts, analyzing the basic elements of finance, computing payroll, recording business transactions, and applying computer operations to financial management.

Title: Image Editing

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: Keyboarding and Comp Apps or Int Bus Apps

This course brings together graphics and text to create professional level publications. Students create, format, illustrate, design, edit/revise, and print publications. Improved productivity of digitally produced newsletters, flyers, brochures, reports, advertising materials, and other publications is emphasized. Proofreading, document composition, and communication competencies are also included. This course can count as the computer science requirement.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Title: Physical Education 1

Unit Credit: 1.00

Physical Education 1 provides opportunities for students to become competent and proficient in two movement forms selected from a variety of choices (selected from: net/racket, target, team, outdoor pursuits, individual, and dance). Students will also be able to design and develop a personalized physical fitness program, participate regularly in health-enhancing physical activity beyond the physical education class, and meet the gender and age group health-related physical fitness standards. PE 1 is required for graduation.

Title: Leisure Sports

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective is designed to teach skills necessary to enjoy a lifetime of activity in sports that will enhance the student's health and personal fitness. This course does not take the place of the required PE 1 for graduation.

Title: Team Sports

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: PE 1

This elective course is designed to enhance the skills necessary to compete in a variety of athletic events on the high school level. This course does not take the place of the required PE 1 for graduation.

FINE ARTS

Title: Art 1

Unit Credit: 1.00

This introductory course provides students with problem-solving experiences in two- and three-dimensional media, stressing design elements (line, shape, form, value, color, space, and texture), and design principles (proportion, emphasis, Harmony/unity, balance, rhythm/movement, contrast, repetition/pattern, and variety.) Emphasis is on the development of basic skills.

Title: Art 2

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: Art 1 and teacher approval

This course provides students with two and three-dimensional design experiences and opportunities to apply these principles in individual artistic expressions. Drawing from observation and developing technical competency are emphasized. Periodic class critiques and the maintenance of a sketchbook and portfolio are required. Topics covered include but are not limited to portraiture, graphics, advertising, and display techniques.

Title: Art 3

Unit Credit: 1.00

Prerequisite: Art 2 and teacher approval

This is an advanced-level course for in-depth approaches to solving two and three-dimensional design problems. Emphasis is on the individual development of craftsmanship and personal expression. Advanced approaches to drawing are stressed. Other techniques and media explored may include but are not limited to painting, printmaking, design, mixed media, ceramics, and sculpture.

Title: Crafts 1

Unit Credit: 1.00

This is an introductory course in crafts. The language and history of crafts are emphasized as well as the relationship between the craft object and the elements and principles of design. A variety of craft tools, materials, and techniques are explored. A sketchbook and periodic critiques are required.

MISCELLANEOUS

Title: Leadership

Unit Credit: 0.5

This elective course deals with developing skills in effective communication, identifying the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and learning the information necessary to organize, conduct, and participate in meetings. In addition, the characteristics of effective leadership will be studied and developed by participation in educational, civic, and social activities. Student leaders, as well as those interested in becoming leaders, are encouraged to enroll in this course.

Title: Service Learning

Unit Credit: 1.00

Service Learning is a course designed for participants to learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service experiences that meet community needs through a collaboration between the school and community. It provides students with opportunities to use newly acquired skills and knowledge in real-life situations in their own communities. The course emphasizes essential life skills such as effective communication, problem solving, goal setting, and teamwork. Students will address real-life problems and make meaningful contributions to the school and community. The emphasis will be on planning, serving, and evaluating. Time will be spent in class and at service sites.

Title: Teacher Cadet Dual Credit

Unit Credit: 1.00

This course is supervised by the South Carolina Center for Teacher Recruitment. This program is considered an introduction to the teaching profession. Its main purpose is to encourage students who possess a high level of academic achievement and the personality traits found in good teachers to consider teaching as a career. The course is taught at a college freshman level and the curriculum includes activities designed to excite students about teaching. Students are introduced to the teaching profession and the educational field through class discussions, observation and participation in public school classrooms, and interactions with successful professional educators. Whether or not a student is interested in teaching, this program will provide talented future community leaders with insights into public education. This course carries dual credit weighting. Application required.

Title: Food and Nutrition

Unit Credit: 0.50

Students will study the principles of nutrition and the relationship of nutrition to individual health, fitness and wellness.

Title: Mythology

Unit Credit: 0.50

Students will investigate ancient Greek and Roman mythology. These stories from antiquity, which explained the inexplicable—the fates of humans and the mysteries of the natural world—are the foundation of Western art and literature and have been studied and reinterpreted over the centuries.

Title: Freshman Success

Unit Credit: 1.00

This elective course is designed to give the student an extensive orientation to high school and to provide the student with the necessary knowledge skills and resources to have a rewarding and successful high school experience. In addition to the orientation to high school, major topics will include: classroom procedures and management, self-awareness, goal setting, time management, conflict resolution, communication skills, study habits, and test-taking strategies. Students will also spend time studying their career planners (sent from the middle schools), planning future course selection and discussing career plans.

Title: Senior Project

Unit Credit: 1.00

Students complete a year-long project on a topic related to their post-secondary plans as documented by their school/ career planner. It will be a three-phase project, consisting of a portfolio, a product and a presentation. Students will be assisted by a mentor and by their classroom teacher.