

UME Elective Course Descriptions

Advanced Journalism: Yearbook I & II (business & industry endorsement pathway; 1 - 2 credits)

prerequisite: Principles of Information Technology **and/or** Professional Communications
Students enrolled in Advanced Journalism communicate in a variety of forms such as print, digital, or online media for a variety of audiences and purposes. Students are expected to plan, draft, and complete written and visual communications. Students will apply journalistic ethics and standards to produce school publications.

Art I & II (arts & humanities endorsement pathway; 1 - 2 credits)

The following knowledge and skills will be incorporated: perception, creative expression, historical & cultural heritage, and critical evaluation. Students will express ideas through original artworks, using a variety of media.

Athletics (1 required PE credit; up to 3 elective credits)

Participation in athletics will be based on a decision by the coach(es) and/or a tryout when appropriate. Students receiving credit for athletics should be playing on a team during the season of the sport or sports. When the sport is in off-season, students should be conditioning and working on skills related to the sport for which they are receiving athletic credit.

Bible (1 elective credit)

Students will study Old Testament and New Testament from the perspective of their impact on the history and literature of western civilization. Students will examine biblical content, characters, poetry, and narratives.

Cheerleading (up to 1 required PE credit)

Participation in cheerleading will be based on a decision by the coach(es) and/or a tryout.

Debate (1 elective credit)

Students will examine historical and contemporary contributions of debate in decision-making and democratic processes. Students will analyze controversial issues while developing and applying skills related to formal argumentation.

Digital & Interactive Media (business & industry endorsement pathway; 1 credit)*

prerequisite: Principles of Information Technology

Through a study of digital and interactive media and its application in information technology, students will analyze and assess customer needs and resolve a problem. Students implement personal and interpersonal skills to prepare for a rapidly evolving workplace environment. The knowledge and skills acquired and practiced will enable students to successfully perform and interact in a technology-driven society. Students enhance reading, writing, computing, communication, and critical thinking and apply them to the information technology.

Journalism (1 elective credit)

Students will become analytical consumers of media and technology to enhance their communications skills. Published work of professional journalists, technology, and visual and electronic media are used as tools for learning as students create, clarify, write, and produce effective communications. Students will learn journalistic traditions, research self-selected topics, write journalistic texts, and learn the principles of publishing.

Money Matters (business & industry endorsement pathway; 1 credit)*

prerequisite: Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance

Students will investigate global economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its impact on consumers and businesses. Students apply critical-thinking skills to analyze financial options based on current and projected economic factors. Students will gain knowledge and skills necessary to set long-term financial goals based on those options. Students will determine methods of achieving long-term financial goals through investment, tax planning, asset allocation, risk management, retirement planning, and estate planning.

Musical Theater I & II (arts and humanities endorsement pathway; 1 - 2 credits)*

Students will be exposed to a wide range of on-stage performance disciplines, including acting performance, vocal performance, and dance performance. The course will enable students to study and perform the varied styles of musical theater with special attention to the principles of stage movement, stage vocal techniques, stage choreography, acting, characterization, and other aspects of a musical production.

Principles of Business, Marketing, & Finance (business & industry endorsement pathway; 1 credit)

Students gain knowledge and skills in economies and private enterprise systems, the impact of global business, marketing of goods and services, advertising, and product pricing. Students analyze the sales process and financial management principles.

Principles of Information Technology (business & industry endorsement pathway; 1 credit)

Students develop computer literacy skills to adapt to emerging technologies used in the global marketplace. Students implement personal and interpersonal skills to prepare for a rapidly evolving workplace environment. Students enhance reading, writing, computing, communications, and reasoning skills and apply them to the information technology environment.

Professional Communications (business & industry endorsement pathway; 1 credit)

Students will practice written, oral, and graphic communication in a career-based environment. Within this context; students will demonstrate proficiency in professional oral and written communication, apply software applications, manipulate computer graphics, and conduct Internet research.

Statistics & Risk Management (business & industry endorsement pathway; STEM endorsement pathway; meets advanced math requirement; 1 credit)

prerequisite: Algebra II

Students will use a variety of graphical and numerical techniques to analyze patterns and departures from patterns to identify and manage risk that could impact an organization. Students will use probability as a tool for anticipating and forecasting data within business models to make decisions. Students will determine the appropriateness of methods used to collect data to ensure conclusions are valid.

Theatre I & II (arts & humanities endorsement pathway; 1 - 2 credits)*

Through a variety of theatrical experiences, students communicate in a dramatic form, make artistic choices, solve problems, build positive self-concepts, and relate interpersonally. Students interpret characters using voice and body expressively, as well as apply design, directing, and theatre production concepts and skills. Students increase their understanding of heritage and traditions through historical and cultural studies in theatre.

*These courses will be offered every other year.