# **Agriculture Electives**

# ANIMAL SCIENCE

### 5008 (ANML SCI)

Animal Science is a two semester program that provides students with an overview of the field of animal science. Students participate in a large variety of activities and laboratory work including real and simulated animal science experiences and projects. All areas that the students study can be applied to both large and small animals. Topics to be addressed include: anatomy and physiology, genetics, reproduction, nutrition, common diseases and parasites, social and political issues related to the industry and management practices for the care and maintenance of animals while incorporating leadership development, supervised agricultural experience and learning about career opportunities in the area of animal science.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9-12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Credits: 1-3 credit(s) per semester, maximum of 2 semesters, maximum of 6 credits

• Fulfills a Life Science or Physical Science requirement for the General Diploma only or counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# HORTICULTURE SCIENCE

### 5132 (HORT SCI)

Horticulture Science is designed to give students a background in the field of horticulture and its many career opportunities. It addresses the biology and technology involved in the production, processing and marketing of plants and its products. Topics covered include: reproduction and propagation of plants, plant growth, growth media, management practices for field and greenhouse production, marketing concepts, production of plants of local interest and pest management. Students participate in a variety of activities to include extensive laboratory work usually in a school greenhouse, leadership development, supervised agricultural experience and learning about career opportunities in the area of horticulture science.

- Recommended Grade Level: 10, 11
- Recommended Prerequisites: Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Credits: 2 semester course, 2 semesters required, 1-3 credit(s) per semester, 6 credits maximum
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills a Life Science or Physical Science requirement for the General Diploma

### LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT I

### 5136 (LAND MGMT I)

Landscape Management provides the student with an overview of the many career opportunities in the diverse field of landscape management. Students are introduced to the procedures used in the planning and design of a landscape using current technology practices, the principles and procedures of landscape construction, the determination of maintenance schedules, communications and management skills necessary in landscape operations and the care and use of equipment utilized by landscapers. Students will also participate in leadership development, supervised agricultural experience and career exploration activities in the area of landscape management. Upon completion of the program, students have the opportunity to become Indiana Landscape Industry Certified through a state approved program.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Credits: 2 semester course, 2 semesters required, 1-3 credit(s) per semester, 6 credits maximum
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for all diplomas
- Qualifies as a quantitative reasoning course

# **Business Electives**

# DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

### 4530 (DIGI CITI)

Digital Citizenship prepares students to use computer technology in an effective and appropriate manner. Students develop knowledge of word processing, spreadsheets, presentation and communications software. Students establish what it means to be a good digital citizen and how to use technology appropriately.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 1 semester, maximum of 1 credit

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# INTERACTIVE MEDIA

#### 5232 (INT MEDIA)

Interactive Media prepares students for careers in business and industry working with interactive media products and services; which includes the entertainment industries. This course emphasizes the development of digitally generated or computer-enhanced products using multimedia technologies. Students will develop an understanding of professional business practices including the importance of ethics, communication skills, and knowledge of the "virtual workplace".

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 11-12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Information Communications and Technology or Introduction to Communications
- Credits: 1-3 credits per semester, maximum of 2 semesters, maximum of 6 credits
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas
- This course is aligned with postsecondary courses for Dual Credit

### INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS

### 4518 (INTO BUSS)

Business, Marketing and Entrepreneurship introduces students to the world of business, including the concepts, functions, and skills required for meeting the challenges of operating a business in the twenty-first century on a local, national, and/or international scale. The course covers business management, entrepreneurship, marketing fundamentals, and business ethics and law. The course further develops business vocabulary and provides an overview of business and the role that business plays in economic, social, and political environments.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9-10
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 2 semester, maximum of 2 credit

# PERSONAL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

4540 (PRS FIN RSP)

Personal Financial Responsibility addresses the identification and management of personal financial resources to meet the financial needs and wants of individuals and families, considering a broad range of economic, social, cultural, technological, environmental, and maintenance factors. This course helps students build skills in financial responsibility and decision making; analyze personal standards, needs, wants, and goals; identify sources of income, saving and investing; understand banking, budgeting, record-keeping and managing risk, insurance and credit card debt. A project based approach and applications through authentic settings such as work based observations and service learning experiences are appropriate. Direct, concrete applications of mathematics proficiencies in projects are encouraged.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 1 semester, maximum 1 credit

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING

5914 (PRN MRKT)

Principles of Marketing provides a basic introduction to the scope and importance of marketing in the global economy. Emphasis is placed on oral and written communications, mathematical applications, problem solving, and critical thinking skills as they relate to advertising/promotion/selling, distribution, financing, marketing information management, pricing, and product/service management.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 11-12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 2 semesters, maximum of 2 credits
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas
- This course is aligned with postsecondary courses for Dual Credit

# **Technology Electives**

# INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATIONS

### 4790 (INT COMM)

Introduction to Communications is a course that specializes in identifying and using modern communication to exchange messages and information. This course explores the application of the tools, materials, and techniques used to design, produce, use, and asses systems of communication. Students will produce graphic and electronic media as they apply communication technologies. This course will also explore the various technical processes used to link ideas and people through the use of electronic and graphic media. Major goals of this course include an overview of communication technology; the way it has evolved, how messages are designed and produced, and how people may profit from creating information services and products. Students will explore mass media communication processes including radio and television broadcasting, publishing and printing activities, telecommunication networks, recording services, computer and data processing networks, and other related systems. Using the base knowledge student will use the design process to solve design projects in each communication area. Indiana Department of Education 72 June 14, 2013 State Approved Course Titles & Descriptions High School

• Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9-12

- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 2 semesters, maximum of 2 credits

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION

### 4792 (INT CONST)

Introduction to Construction is a course that will offer hands-on activities and real world experiences related to the skills essential in residential, commercial and civil building construction. During the course students will be introduced to the history and traditions of construction trades. The student will also learn and apply knowledge of the care and safe use of hand and power tools as related to each trade. In addition, students are introduced to blueprint reading, applied math, basic tools and equipment, and safety. Students will demonstrate building construction techniques, including concrete and masonry, framing, electrical, plumbing, dry walling, HVAC, and painting as developed locally in accordance with available space and technologies. Students learn how architectural ideas are converted into projects and how projects are managed during a construction project in this course. Students study construction technology topics such as preparing a site, doing earthwork, setting footings and foundations, building the superstructure, enclosing the structure, installing systems, finishing the structure, and completing the site. Students also investigate topics related to the purchasing and maintenance of structures, special purpose facilities, green construction and construction careers.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 10
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, 2 semester maximum, maximum of 2 credit

# INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN PROCESSES

### 4794 (INT DES PRO)

Introduction to Design Processes is a course that specializes in modern design and engineering processes with a focus on creative problem solving in developing, testing, communicating, and presenting post-evaluation of products. Students use the design process to analyze research, develop ideas, and produce products solutions. This process gives a framework through which they design, manufacture tests present their ideas. Students will demonstrate and utilize design principles and elements for visual presentation. Designing aspects will also cover aesthetics, ergonomics, the environment, safety, and production. The design process is a core-learning tool for many courses enabling the student to solve problems in a systematic, logical and creative manner. Students develop a good understanding of the way the process helps them think creatively and developing aesthetic ideas. The design process encourages the students to engage in higher level thinking to create solutions for many types of problems.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9-12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 2 semesters, maximum of 1-2 credits

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas Indiana Department of Education 73 June 14, 2013 State Approved Course Titles & Descriptions High School

# INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING DESIGN (Non-PLTW and PLTW)

### 4812 PLTW (IED) 4802 non-PLTW (INT ENG DES)

Introduction to Engineering Design is an introductory course which develops student problem solving skills using the design process. Students document their progress of solutions as they move through the design process. Students develop solutions using elements of design and manufacturability concepts. They develop hand sketches using 2D and 3D drawing techniques. Computer Aided Design (CAD). NOTE: Use of the PLTW Course number is limited to schools that have agreed to be part of the Project Lead the Way network and follow all training and data collection requirements.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9-12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, 2 semesters maximum, maximum of 2 credits

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

• This course is aligned with the following Post-Secondary courses for Dual Credit

# INTRODUCTION TO MANUFACTURING

### 4784 (INT MAN)

Introduction to Manufacturing is a course that specializes in how people use modern manufacturing systems with an introduction to manufacturing technology and its relationship to society, individuals, and the environment. An understanding of manufacturing provides a background toward developing engineering & technological literacy. This understanding is developed through the study of the two major technologies, material processing and management technology, used by all manufacturing enterprises. Students will apply the skills and knowledge of using modern manufacturing processes to obtain resources and change them into industrial materials, industrial products and consumer products Students will investigate the properties of engineered materials such as: metallics; polymers; ceramics; and composites. After gaining a working knowledge of these materials, students will study six major types of material processes: casting and molding; forming; separating; conditioning; finishing; and assembling.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9-12
- Recommended Prerequisites:
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, 2 semesters maximum, maximum of 2 credits

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# INTRODUCTION TO TRANSPORTATION

### 4798 (INT TRANS)

Introduction to Transportation is an introductory course designed to help students become familiar with fundamental principles in modes of land, sea, air, and space transportation, including basic mechanical skills and processes involved in transportation of people, cargo and goods. Students will gain and apply knowledge and skills in the safe application, design, production, and assessment of products, services, and systems as it relates to the transportation industries. Content of this course includes the study of how transportation impacts individuals, society, and the environment. This course allows students to reinforce, apply, and transfer their academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant transportation related activities, problems, and settings. Indiana Department of Education 74 June 14, 2013 State Approved Course Titles & Descriptions High School

- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 9-12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, 2 semesters maximum, maximum of 2 credits

# Family & Consumer Science Electives ADULT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 5330 (ADULTEROLES)

Adult Roles and Responsibilities is recommended for all students as life foundations and academic enrichment, and as a career sequence course for students with interest in family and community services, personal and family finance, and similar areas. This course builds knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors that students will need as they complete high school and prepare to take the next steps toward adulthood in today's society. The course includes the study of interpersonal standards, lifespan roles and responsibilities, individual and family resource management, and financial responsibility and resources. A project-based approach that utilizes higher order thinking, communication, leadership, management processes, and fundamentals to college and career success is recommended in order to integrate these topics into the study of adult roles and responsibilities. Direct, concrete mathematics and language arts proficiencies will be applied. Service learning and other Indiana Department of Education 100 June 14, 2013 State Approved Course Titles & Descriptions High School authentic applications are strongly recommended. This course provides the foundation for continuing and postsecondary education in all career areas related to individual and family life.

• Recommended Grade Level: 10, 11, 12

- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 2 semesters, 2 credits maximum

• Qualifies as one of the F&CS courses a student can take to waive the Heath & Wellness graduation requirement. To qualify for a waiver, a student must take three of the approved courses. For more information, please see 511 IAC 6-7.1-4(c)(6).

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

### ADVANCED CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### 5360 (ADVCHLDDEV)

Advanced Child Development is for those students interested in life foundations, academic enrichment, and/or careers related to knowledge of children, child development, and nurturing of children. This course addresses issues of child development from age 4 through age 8 (grade 3). It builds on the Child Development course, which is a prerequisite. Advanced Child Development includes the study of professional and ethical issues in child development; child growth and development; child development theories, research, and best practices; child health and wellness; teaching and guiding children; special conditions affecting children; and career exploration in child development and nurturing. A project-based approach that utilizes higher order thinking, communication, leadership, management, and fundamentals to college and career success is recommended in order to integrate these topics into the study of child development. Direct, concrete mathematics and language arts proficiencies will be applied. Service learning, introductory laboratory/field experiences with children in preschool and early elementary school settings, and other authentic applications are strongly recommended. This course provides a foundation for continuing and post-secondary education in all career areas related to children, child development, and nurturing of children.

- Recommended Grade Level: 10, 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Child Development
- Credits: 1 Credit per Semester, maximum of 2 semesters, 2 credits maximum

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### 5362 (CHLD DEV)

Child Development is an introductory course that is especially relevant for students interested in careers that draw on knowledge of children, child development, and nurturing of children. This course addresses issues of child development from conception/prenatal through age 3. It includes the study of prenatal development and birth; growth and development of children; child care giving and nurturing; and support systems for parents and caregivers. A project-based approach that utilizes higher order thinking, communication, leadership, management processes, and fundamentals to college and career success is recommended in order to integrate these topics into the study of child development. Direct, concrete mathematics and language arts proficiencies will be applied. Authentic applications such as introductory laboratory/field experiences with young children and/or service learning that build knowledge of children, child development, and nurturing of children are strongly recommended. This course provides the foundation for continuing and post-secondary education in all career areas related to children, child development, and nurturing of children.

- Recommended Grade Level: 10, 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 1 semester, 1 credit maximum

• Qualifies as one of the F&CS courses a student can take to waive the Heath & Wellness graduation requirement. To qualify for a waiver, a student must take three of the approved courses. For more information, please see 511 IAC 6-7.1-4(c)(6).

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

### INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

### 5364 (INTRP RLT)

Interpersonal Relationships is an introductory course that is especially relevant for students interested in careers that involve interacting with people. It is also valuable for all students as a life foundation and academic enrichment. This course addresses knowledge and skills needed for positive and productive relationships in career, community, and family settings. Major course topics include communication skills; leadership, teamwork, and collaboration; conflict prevention, resolution, and management; building and maintaining relationships; and individual needs and characteristics and their impacts on relationships. A project-based approach that utilizes higher order thinking, communication, leadership, and management processes, and fundamentals to college and career success is recommended in order to integrate these topics into the study of interpersonal relationships. Direct, concrete language arts proficiencies will be applied. Service learning and other authentic applications are strongly recommended. This course provides a foundation for continuing and post-secondary education for all career areas that involve interacting with people both inside and outside of a business/organization, including team members, clients, patients, customers, and the general public.

- Recommended Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 1 semester, 1 credit maximum (except as noted below)

• Qualifies as one of the F&CS courses a student can take to waive the Heath & Wellness graduation requirement. To qualify for a waiver, a student must take three of the approved courses. For more information, please see 511 IAC 6-7.1-4(c)(6). Indiana Department of Education 110 June 14, 2013 State Approved Course Titles & Descriptions High School

# INTRODUCTION TO CULINARY ARTS AND HOSPITALITY

### 5438 (INT CUL HOS)

Introduction to Culinary Arts and Hospitality is recommended for all students regardless of their career cluster or pathway, in order to build basic culinary arts knowledge and skills. It is especially appropriate for students with an interest in careers related to Hospitality, Tourism, and Culinary Arts. A project-based approach that utilizes higher order thinking, communication, leadership, and management processes is recommended. Topics include basic culinary skills in the foodservice industry, safety and sanitation, nutrition, customer relations and career investigation. Students are able to explore this industry and examine their own career goals in light of their findings. Laboratory experiences that emphasize industry practices and develop basic skills are required components of this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: 9, 10
- Recommended Prerequisites: Nutrition and Wellness, Advanced Nutrition and Wellness
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 2 semester, 2 credits maximum

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

## INTRODUCTION TO FASHION AND TEXTILES

### 5380 (FSHNTX)

Introduction to Fashion and Textiles is an introductory course for those students interested in academic enrichment or a career in the fashion, textile, and apparel industry. This course addresses knowledge and skills related to design, production, acquisition, and distribution in the fashion, textile, and apparel arena. The course includes the study of personal, academic, and career success; careers in the fashion, textile, and apparel industry; factors influencing the merchandising and selection of fashion, textile, and apparel goods and their properties, design, and production; and consumer skills. A project-based approach integrates instruction and laboratory experiences including application of the elements and principles of design; selection, production, alteration, repair, and maintenance of apparel and textile products; product research, development, and testing; and application of technical tools and equipment utilized in the industry. Visual arts concepts will be addressed. Direct, concrete mathematics proficiencies will be applied. Service learning and other authentic applications are strongly recommended. This course provides the foundation for continuing and post-secondary education in fashion, textile, and apparel-related careers.

- Recommended Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, 2 semesters maximum, 2 credits maximum

# INTRODUCTION TO HOUSING AND INTERIOR DESIGN

### 5350 (INT HSINT DES)

Indiana Department of Education 111 June 14, 2013 State Approved Course Titles & Descriptions High School Introduction to Housing and Interior Design is an introductory course essential for those students interested in academic enrichment or a career within the housing, interior design, or furnishings industry. This course addresses the selection and planning of designed spaces to meet the needs, wants, values and lifestyles of individuals, families, clients, and communities. Housing decisions, resources and options will be explored including factors affecting housing choices and the types of housing available. Developmental influences on housing and interior environments will also be considered. Basic historical architectural styling and basic furniture styles will be explored as well as basic identification of the elements and principles of design. Design and space planning involves evaluating floor plans and reading construction documents while learning to create safe, functional, and aesthetic spaces. Presentation techniques will be practiced to thoroughly communicate design ideas. Visual arts concepts will be addressed. Direct, concrete mathematics proficiencies will be applied. A project based approach will be utilized requiring higher-order thinking, communication, leadership and management processes as housing and interior design content is integrated into the design of interior spaces while meeting specific project criteria. This course provides the foundation for further study and careers in the architecture, construction, housing, interior design, and furnishings industries.

- Recommended Grade Level: 10
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 2 semesters, 2 credits maximum

• Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

### NUTRITION AND WELLNESS

### 5342 (NTRN WLNS)

Nutrition and Wellness is an introductory course valuable for all students as a life foundation and academic enrichment; it is especially relevant for students interested in careers related to nutrition, food, and wellness. This is a nutrition class that introduces students to only the basics of food preparation so they can become self-sufficient in accessing healthy and nutritious foods. Major course topics include nutrition principles and applications; influences on nutrition and wellness; food preparation, safety, and sanitation; and science, technology, and careers in nutrition and wellness. A project-based approach that utilizes higher order thinking, communication, leadership, management processes, and fundamentals to college and career success is recommended in order to integrate these topics into the study of nutrition, food, and wellness. Food preparation experiences are a required component. Direct, concrete mathematics and language arts proficiencies will be applied. This course is the first in a sequence of courses that provide a foundation for continuing and post-secondary education in all career areas related to nutrition, food, and wellness.

- Recommended Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 credit per semester, maximum of 1 semester, 1 credit maximum (except as noted below)
- Qualifies as one of the F&CS courses a student can take to waive the Heath & Wellness graduation requirement. To qualify for a waiver, a student must take three of the approved courses. For more information, please see 511 IAC 6-7.1-4(c)(6)

# ADVANCED NUTRITION AND WELLNESS

### 5340 (ADV NTRN WEL)

Advanced Nutrition and Wellness is a course which provides an extensive study of nutrition. This course is recommended for all students wanting to improve their nutrition and learn how nutrition affects the body across the lifespan. Advanced Nutrition and Wellness is an especially appropriate course for students interested in careers in the medical field, athletic training and dietetics. This course builds on the foundation established in Nutrition and Wellness, which is a required prerequisite. This is a project-based course; utilizing higher-order thinking, communication, leadership and management processes. Topics include extensive study of major nutrients, nutritional standards across the lifespan, influences on nutrition/food choices, technological and scientific influences, and career exploration in this field. Laboratory experiences will be utilized to develop food handling and preparation skills; attention will be given to nutrition, food safety and sanitation. This course is the second in a sequence of courses that provide a foundation for continuing and post-secondary education in all career areas related to nutrition, food, and wellness.

- Recommended Grade Level: 10, 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Nutrition and Wellness
- Credits: 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester, 2 credits maximum
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for all diplomas

# EDUCATION PROFESSIONSI

5408 (ED PROF I)

Education Professions I provides the foundation for employment in education and related careers and prepares students for study in higher education. An active learning approach that utilizes higher order thinking, communication, leadership, and management processes is recommended in order to integrate suggested topics into the study of education and related careers. The course of study includes, but is not limited to: the teaching profession, the learner and the learning process, planning instruction, learning environment, and instructional and assessment strategies. Exploratory field experiences in classroom settings and career portfolios are required components. A standards-based plan guides the students' field experiences. Students are monitored in their field experiences by the Education Professionals I teacher. Articulation with postsecondary programs is encouraged.

• Recommended Grade Level: 11,12

• Recommended Prerequisites: Nutrition and Wellness, Child Development, Advanced Child Development, and Interpersonal Relationships

- Credits: 2 semester course, 2 semesters required, 1-3 credits per semester, 6 credits maximum
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for all diplomas

# Math Electives

# **PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS**

2546 (PROB/STAT)

Probability and Statistics includes the concepts and skills needed to apply statistical techniques in the decision making process. Topics include: (1) descriptive statistics, (2) probability, and (3) statistical inference. Practical examples based on real experimental data are used throughout. Students plan and conduct experiments or surveys and analyze the resulting data. The use of graphing calculators and computer programs is encouraged.

• Recommended Prerequisite: Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III Indiana Department of Education 187 June 14, 2013 State Approved Course Titles & Descriptions High School

Credits: A one credit course

• Counts as a Mathematics Course for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# Social Studies Electives

# SOCIOLOGY

### 1534 (SOCIOLOGY)

Sociology allows students to study human social behavior from a group perspective. The sociological perspective is a method of studying recurring patterns in people's attitudes and actions and how these patterns vary across time, cultures, and in social settings and groups. Students will describe the development of sociology as a social science and identify methods of research. Through research methods such as scientific inquiry students will examine society, group behavior, and social structures. The influence of culture on group behavior is addressed through institutions such as the family, religion, education, economics, community organizations, government, and political and social groups. The impact of social groups and institutions on group and individual behavior and the changing nature of society will be examined. Influences on group behavior and social problems are included in the course. Students will also analyze the role of individuals in the community and social problems in today's world.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# CURRENT PROBLEMS, ISSUES, AND EVENTS

### 1512 (CPIE)

Current Problems, Issues, and Events gives students the opportunity to apply investigative and inquiry techniques to the study of significant problems or issues. Students develop competence in (1) recognizing cause and effect relationships, (2) recognizing fallacies in reasoning and propaganda devices, (3) synthesizing knowledge into useful patterns, (4) stating and testing hypotheses, and (5) generalizing based on evidence. Problems or issues selected will have contemporary historical significance and will be studies from the viewpoint of the social science disciplines. Community service programs and internships within the community may be included.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester. Course may be repeated for credit if the content of the course changes.
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **TOPICS IN HISTORY**

### 1538 (TOP HIST)

Topics In History provides students the opportunity to study specific historical eras, events, or concepts. Development of historical research skills using primary and secondary sources is emphasized. The course focuses on one or more topics or themes related to United States or world history. Examples of topics might include: (1) twentieth- century conflict, (2) the American West, (3) the history of the United States Constitution, and (4) democracy in history.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States History or History and World Civilizations
- Credits: 1 semester/1 credit. This course may be repeated if the material in the course is different from one semester to the next. Topics in History can address different topics in World History or U.S. History.
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

# WORLD GEOGRAPHY

1546 (WORLD GEO)

World Geography allows students to study the interaction of humans and their environments in a world setting. Students study global patterns of physical and cultural characteristics, including the Earth/sun relationship, atmospheric and oceanic circulation, landforms, climate, vegetation, population, economic and political structures, culture, cultural diffusion, and international and interregional connections. Using maps, geographic representations and technology such as geographic information systems (GIS) students will examine spatial relationships, the interaction of physical and cultural characteristics of designated places, areas, or regions. Students are expected to apply knowledge of geographic concepts and uses of geography to inquiry, research, and participatory processes. Guiding course content are the themes of location, characteristic of place, human/environmental interaction, movement between places, and regions. Emphasized are elements of the National Geography Standards: The World in Spatial Terms, Places and Regions, Physical Systems, Human Systems and Environment and Society.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas