

UPPER SCHOOL

SAMPLE COURSE OF STUDY, 2024-2025^

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	Notes
English 9 – Finding Our Voice	English 10 – Being Informed & Creating Change	English 11 – American Literature	English 12 – World Literature	
Algebra	Geometry	Algebra II	Trigonometry/ Pre-Calculus	This can vary based on student need. Other math courses include Pre Algebra, Probability & Statistics, Calculus, Applied Math and Science Seminar, and Financial Literacy.
Ancient World History	Modern World History	US History	Government	If a student is placed by DCPS, they will also take one semester of DC History.
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Science Elective	All students take Biology and Chemistry. Students may take Earth Science or Environmental Science instead of/in addition to Physics and a Science Elective.
ASL I Spanish I	ASL II Spanish II	ASL III Spanish III	ASL IV Spanish IV	The vast majority of students complete at least two years of a language. Continued study depends upon student interest, teacher recommendation, and college requirements.
Elective*	Elective*	Elective*	Elective*	Students in Grade 9 who would benefit from a reading course but still want to enroll in a language may only have one elective. If a ninth grader is enrolled in reading and the decision is made to postpone a language until Grade 10, they could still have two electives.* Freshman Seminar supports students in developing organizational and task-management skills so that they can achieve their academic and personal goals. Students can choose between different Freshmen Seminar topics like DC History, Financial Literacy, Food, Identity, & Culture, and Academic Skill Development.
Elective*	Elective*	Internship	Elective*	
Freshman Seminar	Elective*	Internship	Elective*	
Advisory/ Community Activities	Advisory/ Community Activities	Advisory/ Community Activities	Advisory/ Community Activities	Advisory offers students time to meet with teachers and related service providers, prioritize and begin schoolwork, and prepare for upcoming assessments. Students also engage weekly in social emotional learning, community building and belonging work, and participation in student led clubs.

*^Eight classes meet on an A/B-rotation block schedule, with four 80-minute blocks and a 40 minute rotating block of advisory, belonging time, clubs, and community meeting. *Electives include: digital arts, performing arts, visual arts, PE/Conditioning, The History of People of Color of America, History vs. Hollywood, Principles of Engineering, Robotics, Computer Science, Forensics and Rhetoric.*