

# BUSINESS EDUCATION

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## 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

In today's society, to remain competitive in an increasingly global, knowledge-based economy, today's employers need graduates who are adept at "21st Century Skills". These skills include strong academic skills, thinking, reasoning, communicating, teamwork skills, and proficiency in using technology. Business Marketing Education courses are appropriate not only for business majors, but for those students who wish to acquire skills, which will enable them to be eligible for a greater variety of part-time job opportunities. College bound students can gain an insight into the many kinds of careers in the business world as well as acquire skills for their own personal use and transferable skills. Additionally the Business Marketing Department has broadened its horizons to include Career and Technical Education Certification (CTE). CTE is an area of study that includes rigorous academic content closely aligned with career and technical subjects. It provides students with knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to succeed in a collegiate business program and in a business career. Business and Marketing Education will help students develop skills in finance, information systems, entrepreneurship, marketing, management, and international trade.

In the Business Education department, the following courses can be taken for college credit through Farmingdale State College:

- Accounting
- Personal Financial Literacy
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Business Math
- Business Ownership and Management

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## CAREER AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**Course No. 3255**

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Credit: 0.5**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

This course emphasizes the importance of the business and economic system's evolving role within our society. The course examines the relationship between career planning, life-long goals, and the skills necessary for researching and selecting the appropriate careers. Career and Financial Management examine factors that influence economic decisions relating to financial management while understanding the relevance of fiscal responsibilities.

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## MICROSOFT OFFICE APPLICATIONS

**Course No. 3131**

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

This year long course includes the principles of keyboarding while ensuring that our students are able to utilize aspects of Microsoft Office. Students will become equipped with the necessary skills to successfully meet the challenges of post-secondary studies and the work world. They will receive hands-on training while learning to utilize the Microsoft Office 2013 software package consisting of Microsoft Word (Word Processing), Microsoft Excel (spreadsheets), Microsoft Publisher (desktop publishing), and Microsoft PowerPoint (presentations).

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## **ENL MICROSOFT OFFICE APPLICATIONS**

**Course No. 3129**

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: For ENL students on the Emerging Level or Higher**

ENL Microsoft Office is a one credit course designed to provide students with opportunities to develop computer skills for everyday life. The focus of this course will be to develop more effective communicators through the use of technology. In today's world, the use of the computers has become a common means of communication. Students will be able to type reports, letters, business forms, presentations, and organize data with the use of all Microsoft software throughout this course. The ultimate goal of this course is to maximize your productivity and extend your computer knowledge during our lab time together.

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## **ADVANCED MICROSOFT OFFICE APPLICATIONS**

**Course No. 3132**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: 90 or above in Microsoft Office Applications**

Advanced Microsoft Office Applications allows students to further their base knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite program with advanced development of the fundamental principles, concepts, and procedures of Microsoft Word (word processing), Microsoft Excel (spreadsheet), and Microsoft PowerPoint (presentations). In addition, students will be introduced to the powerful database program Microsoft Access. Integrated Projects such as business schedules, business cards, sales letters, brochures, budgets, sales projections, charts, lecture presentations, and much more will be created using analytical thinking skills with the assistance of the software. This course will offer students the chance to develop the necessary skills for success in future business courses, the business industry, post-secondary education, and at home on their own computer.

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## **ACCOUNTING**

**Course No. 3020**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

This is a course designed to develop occupational competencies in bookkeeping. It is also recommended for students interested in studying accounting after high school. Course content includes the complete accounting cycle but major emphasis is placed on the bookkeeping process through the trial balance. All students who are following a business course of any kind should include this course in their program.

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**PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY****Course No. 3081/3082****Grades Offered: 11-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

Personal Financial Literacy is a hands-on course designed to teach students how to be on their own financially and appreciate the importance of investing for their future. Students will learn a step-by-step method of approaching smart saving and investing and how to “plan for life” to protect themselves from excess debt and bankruptcy by completing simulations and hands-on lessons. Different money management strategies will be introduced so that students understand that money management may change depending on lifestyle, family circumstances and stage of life teaching young adults to prepare for retirement.

Students have the ability to earn 3 Farmingdale State College credits for this course.

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**ENL PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY****Course No. 3083****Grades Offered: 11-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: For ENL students that are on the Transitional Level or Higher**

Personal Finance is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop skills for solving real-world problems. The curriculum focuses on areas of study that address personal finance planning, financial services, budgeting, investments, insurance protection, credit management, consumer purchases, and consumer rights and responsibilities. Another integral component of the curriculum is the application of decision-making skills that enables students to become more responsible consumers, producers, or business entrepreneurs.

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**SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING****Course No. 3300****Grades Offered: 11-12****Credit: 1.0****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

This course will help students develop a thorough understanding of the marketing concepts and theories that apply to sports and entertainment events. The areas this course will cover include basic marketing, target marketing and segmentation, sponsorship, event marketing, promotions, sponsorship proposals, and implementation of sports and entertainment marketing plans. This course will also delve into promotion plans, sponsorship proposals, sports and entertainment marketing plans, and event evaluation and management techniques.

Students have the ability to earn 3 Farmingdale State College Credits for this course.

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**BUSINESS MATH****Course No. 3160****Grades Offered: 11-12****Credit: 1.0****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: Two credits of high school mathematics**

This course is designed to develop within the student the ability to solve real world problems in order to become productive citizens and workers in a technological society. It will also help students to understand the complex financial world they will encounter during their lives. It is designed to increase skills in arithmetic and introductory algebra. This course should help develop the necessary skills required to solve a wide range of mathematical problems commonly found in everyday business situations. The ability to solve these problems, through knowledge of business operations and the application of problem solving skills, should prepare the student for gainful employment, as well as create a strong foundation for the continuation of a business major in college. It should also better prepare them for their own personal financial management, business operations, and banking and finance for business and personal use. The students who have successfully passed this course may use it to satisfy a math and/or business requirement and counts as an elective credit for graduation.

Students have the ability to earn 3 Farmingdale State College Credits for this course.

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**BUSINESS AND PERSONAL LAW****Course No. 3030****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 1.0****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

This course provides a solid foundation in understanding legal issues and an important familiarity with the core topics of law integrated within the course. The essence of the course addresses legal topics ranging from the U.S. Constitution to corporate expansion and regulation; coupled with the examination of citizen's legal rights and obligations relating to such. Business Law can be used as the 5th unit of Social Studies for a 5-unit sequence

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**MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW****Course No. 3303****Grades Offered: 11-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: Business and Personal Law**

The music and entertainment industries are comprised of multi-billion dollar global businesses. This course will focus on all of the legal, business and financial issues that go on "behind the scenes" in these industries including publishing, recording, promotion, sponsorships, artist management, merchandising, producing and legal counsel. The roles of agents, business managers and attorneys in these industries will be examined also. The topical approach to these concepts will address the state-of-the-art with regard to beginning artists as well as established stars. Additionally, students will view films, videos, and landmark cases related to the topics discussed.

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**CRIMINAL LAW****Course No. 3310/3310A****Grades Offered: 11-12****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: Business and Personal Law****Credit: 0.5**

Criminal Law seminars will focus on the module of the law: Criminal Law that relates to wrongs committed against society, punishable by fines or imprisonment. Criminal Law is designed to prepare students for taking responsibility for their actions, knowing their rights as a minor, and to understand laws effectively and function within the system. The content of the course will cover criminal, civil, juvenile, and family laws in the United States. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Hofstra Law School, and have guest speakers that may include, local attorneys, Corrections Officers, and/or Police Officers. Additionally, students will view films, videos, and landmark cases related to the topics discussed.

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**BUSINESS OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT****Course No. 3040****Grades Offered: 11-12****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None****Credit: 1.0**

Business Ownership and Management is designed to provide the students with a background in becoming an entrepreneur and managing a small business. The skills necessary to start your business such a writing a business plan will be part of this course as well as learning marketing, management and financial skills which relate to the operation of a business. In addition, students will be able to participate in virtual reality internships which will allow them to obtain real world workplace skills.

Students have the ability to earn 3 Farmingdale State College credits for this course.

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**MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING****Course No. 3304****Grades Offered: 10-12****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None****Credit: 1.0**

Students will learn about the manufacturing and marketing industry in this collaborative class that joins the UHS Business and Technology departments together. From a Business perspective, students will learn about marketing including new product development, research, data collection, sales, overhead cost evaluation, and pricing/promotion. From a Technology standpoint, students will learn about engineering and design. They will learn about tools, technique, materials study (metals, woods, plastics), and much more. Together the goal will be to unite these two departments in a common goal of giving students a realistic experience of what it takes to develop a product from pre to post production.

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**FASHION MARKETING AND MERCHANDISING****Course No. 3314****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 1.0****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

This course is designed to introduce students to the fashion industry. Focusing on current fashion trends, students will acquire an understanding of fashion terminology, the consumers of fashion, and the specific marketing strategies used to retail fashion in the new millennium. Fashion Marketing will introduce students to the marketing strategies used to develop, distribute and showcase today's fashion.

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**YEARBOOK PUBLISHING****Course No. 3313****Grades Offered: 11-12****Credit: 1.0****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: 85 or higher in Microsoft Office Applications**

In this course, students will gain skills in one or more of the following areas: page design, advanced publishing techniques, copy writing, editing and photography while producing a creative, innovative yearbook which records school memories and events. There is an emphasis on journalism skills in this class! Participants gain useful, real world skills in time management, marketing, teamwork, and design principles. Students will become active members of the Photography Club.

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**COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS****Course No. 3323A****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

Literacy for College and Career Readiness is a course designed to assist in the preparation associated with persuasive writing, college entry, and entry into the workforce. Business Literacy for College Readiness will provide the student with the opportunity to acquire the skills, concepts, and attitude essentials for understanding and functioning in a college setting and beyond. Students will gain the skills necessary for analyzing college applications and essays, writing professional documents such as personal business letters, creating cover letters, and most importantly creating a professional resume. All of the projects and written assignment must be created and cater to individual needs. Additionally, all work will require students to use the latest versions of Microsoft Office and to have a keen grasp of technology and the Internet.

# TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

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Technology students explore the ever-changing technological world we live in. Through designing, constructing and experimenting with processes, materials and products, students develop their own human potential. Courses are designed for personal development, preparation for further education, and future employment. Unless otherwise indicated, all courses are open to all students as electives or as part of an Occupational Education sequence.

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## PRINCIPLES OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

**Course No. 2421**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

Students who are not taking Technology Arts sequence will find it advisable to have a background in General Science or Algebra before taking this course. General electricity is a valuable aid to pre-engineering students as well as those who choose to plan a technical career in Electricity or Electronics. Areas studied are wiring, testing and measuring, lighting and heating systems, household appliances, magnets, generators, radio and electronic devices.

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## TV PRODUCTION/MEDIA PRODUCTION

**Course No. 2320**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 0.5**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

Explore the world of narrative and documentary filmmaking. Students are introduced to the basics of movie making including camera operations, lighting, sound capture, and video editing techniques for beginners. Instruction includes both lecture and “hands-on” learning in preparation of students creating their own short video projects. Students use AVID, professional editing software.

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## TECHNICAL DRAWING

**Course No. 2530**

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

This course provides an introduction to the world of technical drawing and should be taken by those students who are considering careers in fields requiring skills in reading and drawing technical drawings. A majority (75 percent or more) of the student’s class time will be spent working on drawing activities and solving drafting problems. Topics covered in this course include: drafting equipment, lettering, drawing techniques, geometric constructions, basic multi-view drawings, basic isometric drawings and an introduction to computer aided drafting using Auto CAD LT on DELL computers.

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## **CREATIVE WOODWORKING**

**Course No. 3127**

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this class students will learn how products are made in the industry of wood. Students will become involved in the making of individual items and then participate in the making of actual useful products, in the production industry, that are used every day in real life. This course also includes experiences in construction involving residential and commercial products. Through activities in manufacturing and construction, useful experience is gained in the proper use of many tools and power equipment with emphasis on safety and the economy with a consideration for minimal environmental disruption. Possible Projects/Areas Explored: Candle Sconces; Wall Shelves; Custom Picture Frames; Clocks; Box Building; Furniture & Cabinet Projects; Individual Projects of Students Choice.

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## **COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**

**Course No. 3231A**

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Credit: 0.5**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

This is an introductory level course that will enhance students' skills using computer-assisted design. Students will develop their drawing skills in residential planning and computer graphics. Units of study will include: computer aided design, computer graphics and architectural drafting. Taking this course will enhance students' knowledge of careers in the computer and design industry, which include engineering, architectural planning, and web design.



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**APP DEVELOPMENT****Course No. 2423****Grades Offered: 9-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

Students are more and more interested in the technology associated with their phones. With the invention of the smart phone, the world of app development has exploded. If you are able to create an app that sells for one dollar and millions of people buy it, you could be an overnight millionaire. In this course, students will be given the tools and resources to develop and create their own apps for their phones and computers. Students will learn how to organize their ideas for developing apps and will cover X-coding which is a free software that Apple Corporation provides. Illustrator will be used in this course to create original images that students will be able to use in their apps. By the end of the course, students will have basic language and skills to pursue a career in app development.

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**PHOTOGRAPHY 1 (Digital Photography & Adobe Photoshop)****Course No. 2250****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

The goal of this course is to provide an opportunity for students to gain an understanding, knowledge and skills in digital photography. Digital photography will permit the students to do their magic in the light, without chemicals! They will be able to correct and modify photographs on the computer screen. It provides a laboratory for synthesizing texture, patterns and special effects that are applied to photographs. Students will be introduced to digital photography and the Apple Macintosh computer; The Adobe Photoshop program will be learned and utilized in real world applications.

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**PHOTOGRAPHY 2 (Multimedia Production Technology)****Course No. 2270****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: Photography 1**

The multimedia business has become a trillion-dollar industry and is dramatically increasing beyond these calculations. This exciting course will help students to evaluate multimedia systems, as well as appreciate the production techniques used in different systems of communications. These systems include audio and video media. The students will use the Apple "iLife" Digital Hub programs to develop and create multimedia productions.

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## **ROBOTICS**

**Course No. 2420**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 0.5**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

This course is designed to build a multifunctional, programmable robotic machine. Robotics is an area of physics that combines the artificial intelligence of computer science with other systems through engineering methods to develop robots that develop a variety of functions. Success in robotics requires a creative mind and the ability to apply scientific principles so that intelligent machines can be produced. Each year students will participate in School- Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc. FIRST Regional Robotics Competition against high school students from other districts.

Students have the ability to earn 3 Farmingdale State College credits.

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## **THE WORLD OF MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Course No. 2615A – MST Mathematics**

**Course No. 2616 – MST Science**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: 1 Regents Science credit, 1 Math credit**

The World of Math, Science & Technology (MST) is a Technology Education course whereby, students can earn his/her 3rd unit science credit required for graduation. Students will focus on real-world scientific approaches and applications to help analyze and problem-solve human's past, present and future capacities to modify the natural world in the areas of Information/Communication and Bio Technologies. MST-science is designed to leverage students' technological literacy and expose them to a wider array of STEM-career opportunities. The following Digital media tools and resources (DMTR) are expected, provided and utilized to help successfully create project-based learning activities: Laptops; Learning Management Systems (eChalk features); web 2.0 websites; TED.com; and an online eTextbook companion are but a few, DMTR examples to be expected from this 21st century blended learning environment.

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## **LIFE SKILLS TECHNOLOGY**

**Course No. 4259**

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: None**

Students will gain knowledge of common tools and machines and how they operate. Students will learn both cognitive and motor skills needed to problem solve and create projects. Students will utilize both the technology lab and computer lab learning a variety of technologies available. The course will focus on educational technologies such as computers, iPads, email, various types of software in addition to motor skills and problem solving.

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**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY****Course No. 2422****Grades Offered: 9-12****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None****Credit 1.0**

Alternative Energy is becoming a significant part of our society today. We have come to a point where our natural resources are becoming scarce and far more expensive than ever before. Further awareness and changes are needed as our future in energy is inevitable. This course will be taught by a certified technology teacher. This class is intended to raise awareness throughout the new and future generations of students. This class will discuss, research and promote alternative energy as a viable solution to our world's energy crisis. We will also be discussing why alternative energy is not only a solution but also how it will benefit our atmosphere. Topics that will be discussed include solar, geothermal, wind, oceanic, and tidal methods of energy production. We will be working in the technology and computer laboratories to discuss, research and take a hands on approach to these topics. Before each project students will be given time to research and present on the given topic.

# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

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The courses in the Family and Consumer Science Department are designed to provide students with knowledge and skills necessary to make a successful transition from high school into adult life. Students will learn facts that can make their lives a much richer and fulfilling experience. Courses are available to all students whether they want to pick up one elective or form a sequence, whether they are bound for college or headed for the working world.

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## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT - PRE-KINDERGARTEN I**

**Course No. 2680**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 0.5**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: Human Development Core**

The aim of this course is to focus on child development through the following: Learn how a child develops from conception to five years of age; Recognize the importance of cognitive, social, emotional, physical developmental stages of children; Become aware of available careers working with children; Students that enter Child Development Pre-K I will use the skills they have acquired in Child Development Pre-K II.

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## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT - PRE-KINDERGARTEN II**

**Course No. 2710**

**Grades Offered: 10-12**

**Credit: 0.5**

**Examination: Class Final**

**Prerequisite: Child Development - Pre-Kindergarten I or with special permission of Chairperson**

This course continues the work started in Child Development Pre-K I by: Focusing on developmental needs of 4 and 5 year olds; Preparing the high school student to work successfully with Pre-Kindergarteners; Utilizing the individual assets of teenagers to conduct appropriate lessons for Pre-School children; Exploring Child Care Employment. 1 credit from C.W. Post College credit may be available.

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## **CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Course No. 2810**

**Grade Offered: 12**

**Credit: 0.5**

**Prerequisite: Successful Completion of Child Development Pre-K**

This course covers the developing child from age five to twelve. The focus will be on how the child learns in elementary school both academically and socially. Attention is given to special childhood problems, eating disorders, exceptional children and child abuse. The role of the teacher is also discussed. Fieldwork at the Walnut Street Elementary School helps students apply classroom theory.

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**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CORE****Course No. 2790****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

This course focuses on the adolescent, how he/she relates to others, i.e., peers, young children and adults. This course is recommended for someone interested in the fields of social work, mental health, psychology and education. Ethics and etiquette are introduced and it is designed to polish their skills, improve their professional image and help them to understand that their future success will depend on their respecting and interacting with people.

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**PARENTING****Course No. 2830****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisites: The Human Development core and the Food and Nutrition core are required for a sequence.**

This course is on identifying concepts of responsible childbearing that every young person should know. The potential parent will become aware of the need to begin caring for personal health, practicing informed decisions about personal lifestyle, forming positive ways to meet physical, psychological and emotional needs. The students will develop an awareness of the kind of parent he or she wants to be.

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**CAREERS IN HUMAN SERVICES****Course No: 2801****Grades Offered: 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Prerequisites: Human Development Core**

This course provides extensive examination of the human services field which will give each student a knowledge base for determining interest in pursuing a variety of career opportunities available in this field. The general role of human services agencies will be explored. The student will also study the needs of individuals and families, and how human services agencies help them fulfill those needs. Qualified practitioners will assist students in their explorations.

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**FOOD AND HUMAN NUTRITION CORE****Course No. 2770****Grades Offered: 9-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: None**

This course is required for all Food and Nutrition, Human Development and Home Personal Management sequences. Content of the course includes nutrition awareness, meal management and food purchasing, food preparation, meal service and related career exploration.

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**FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION****Course No. 2750****Grades Offered: 9-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: Food and Human Nutrition Core**

Helps to develop good attitudes towards eating right through the preparation of nutritious foods. The course also provides students with accurate information about a safe, healthy diet needed to have lifelong good health. C.W. Post College credit may be available

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**GOURMET FOODS****Course No. 2740****Grades Offered 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: Food and Human Nutrition Core or permission of department Director**

This course is designed to introduce students to Gourmet Foods. Students will identify and prepare foods that are high quality and require specialized skills. Students identify safety and sanitation procedures for working in a commercial kitchen. Students are afforded the opportunity to develop more of an understanding of food choices, kitchen management, and meal planning.

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**CULTURE AND FOODS****Course No. 2850****Grades Offered 10-12****Credit: 0.5****Examination: Class Final****Prerequisite: Food and Human Nutrition Core**

This course is designed to introduce students to various cultures in regards to foods and tradition. Students will identify and prepare high quality foods. Students will gain an understanding of cultural similarities and differences in relation to foods. Students taste their way around the world, preparing classic recipes that will give them a greater appreciation of other cultures. To conclude the course, students work in groups (with independent responsibilities) to research specific cultures and report as well as prepare a dish from that country.