

Tuesday/Thursday DVC Seminar Course Descriptions – Spring 2016



Course	Description
Foreign Language Lab	Rosetta Stone foreign language course. You will be taking your language online using Rosetta Stone with the support of a teacher in the classroom. You must complete 2 years of foreign language (3 recommended) to complete your graduation requirement, and should make this your selection for either M/W or T/Th unless you have made other arrangements with Nathan.
Work Experience	For 11th graders, or 10th graders with administrator's approval: Da Vinci Communications students have the opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program, where they spend a semester working after school at a local business two days a week (unpaid). This assignment teaches students the discipline and professionalism needed to seek and succeed in a first-time job, and gives students real world learning to include on their college applications and resumes. The 45 businesses that host Da Vinci students are large corporations, retail stores, hotels, small businesses, medical facilities, schools, and non-profit organizations.
Yearbook	<p>Be a member of DVC's yearbook staff for our groundbreaking DVC-only yearbook!</p> <p>Have Fun: Take photos, Write, Be a part of a great community.</p> <p>Get Creative: Design, Imagine, Create.</p> <p>Gain Experience: Lead, Strengthen your college application, Influence how students remember the school year for decades to come.</p> <p>Join yearbook!</p>
Science Fiction and Society	Are you interested in reading Science Fiction? With new technology being developed every day, our society could be changed dramatically in even the next few years. In "Science Fiction and Society" we will explore everything from Dune, Foundation, to Ender's game. The class will primarily focused on reading and discussing science fiction short stories and films. If you enjoy reading, writing and discussing in a Socratic Seminar format, this class is for you!
Peer Mentors	<p>Join peer mentors to grow as an individual and help our students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn organizational skills for yourself • Mentor peers and guide them through academic content • Build DVC culture through academic success • Learn leadership skills
ACT Prep	Students will prepare for taking the ACT through taking practice tests, doing practice problems and reviewing testing strategies throughout the semester. This ACT prep class covers all sections of the ACT: English, math, reading and science.

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Introduction to Speech and Debate (College Course, 4 day seminar)	<p>This course introduces students to key skills and techniques in public speaking and provides experience in a variety of speaking styles. While the course is performance-based, theory is introduced for each type of speaking, and skills of critical listening, flowcharting, and analysis are developed in addition to presentation skills.</p> <p>This is a college course offered through Antioch University Los Angeles. You will receive a college transcript with this course listed after successful completion.</p> <p>11th graders and 10th graders with administrative approval.</p>
Music Production	<p>"Music Production" is a seminar where students with no prior musical experience can acquire a basic musical understanding, and generate original music for commercials, soundtracks, and songs. More advanced students will have access to Apple Logic Pro X, a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) widely used by professionals in the audio recording, television, and film industries.</p>
CSUDH College Courses	<p>If you are a junior who signed up for one or multiple CSUDH Young Scholars classes, you will be enrolled in this seminar where you will watch your college lectures and complete your assignments for the film, health or politics college course.</p>
Cake Decorating	<p>In this seminar students will learn the art of frosting and fondant. Students will learn the difference between American Butter cream, Swiss Meringue, Italian Meringue, Royal Icing, Fondant and Gumpaste and their purpose on a cake. A wide range of piping skills will be taught, from simple borders to decorative writing to complex rose and flower formations. Students will get the opportunity to make a variety of themed cakes including holiday, celebration, children, and wedding cakes.</p>
SAT Prep (Math)	<p>This seminar will focus on preparing students for the Math section of the SAT/ACT. We will discuss test-taking strategies, complete practice tests, and build overall math skills. Open to 11th graders and 10th graders with teacher/admin approval.</p>
Lyrical Legacy	<p>This class is for those who are interested in combining both poetry and the style of hip-hop through various exercises and creative writing techniques. This class will also delve deep into the music production aspect of modern day Hip-Hop, stretching content over DJ-ing and mixing Hip-Hop songs plus various other genres on a live turntable; and the production side to beat making, sampling and much more on sophisticated programs i.e. Serato DJ, FL Studio 12, Audacity and more! Curriculum includes: Creative Writing/Poetry, Music Production Mastery, DJ Mastery, Song Structure/Creation, Music Promotion, and Performance Practice</p>
Girls Club	<p>This seminar is dedicated to the ladies of Da Vinci Design. We will discuss gender-specific issues including health, social, academic, and emotional topics.</p>

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Krav Maga and Self Defense	Teen program - learn Krav Maga and Self-Defense offered by the owner of Systems Training Center right here in Hawthorne! Visit http://systemstrainingcenter.com/classes/Krav-Maga for more detailed information on owner Marcus Kowal and his programs.
Spanish Support	The goal of this seminar is to provide support for students' core English course. Students may find extra work time for homework or projects, organization, peer support, or extra lessons/practice. This will be a small group of students, allowing one-on-one attention between the teacher and student.
Walkercise	The Walkercise seminar will incorporate various methods of fitness such as walking exercises, body weight fitness, and yoga. Participation and dressing appropriately for this seminar is mandatory.
Ceramics	Handbuilding is the oldest and most primitive form of working with clay. Long before the invention of the pottery wheel, these ancient techniques were employed to create the necessary tools for everyday living. With a rich history stretching back to the beginning of the civilized world, hand built ceramics are amongst the earliest artifacts found on earth. Explore all aspects of creating with clay off the wheel. You'll become very comfortable working with coils, pinch pots and slabs, then using these techniques in combination to model your work. Learn to use underglazes and color additives for decoration. *Suggested Lab Donation of \$20 for cost of clay.
Cross Country	This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of track & field. Students also learn the rules, strategies, and proper etiquette as well as an appreciation for a lifetime activity. The scientific foundations of strength training will also be included in this course. The ability to perform the fundamentals will be demonstrated in competitive situations.
SAT II Spanish Prep	Taking the Spanish Subject Test is a great way to highlight your knowledge of Spanish and demonstrate your interest in the Spanish language during the college-admission process. Plus, it could give you a head start in college by allowing you to fulfill basic language competency requirements or place out of introductory-level Spanish courses.
Design Forward	This seminar will delve deeper into the world of Graphic Design and utilizes software like Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign to complete design projects with a higher proficiency and design fluency. Students will create designs for magazine, apparel, and print application!
Archery	In the seminar you will learn how to participate in Archery. The fundamentals of archery and how to use and care for equipment, basic safety, techniques and fundamentals of shooting but best of all have fun.

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Jewelry Making and Metals	<p>In this seminar, students will learn an introduction to jewelry making using cold connections. Taught by two up-and-coming jewelry designers, this class will explore the step-by-step process of taking a concept and bringing it to fruition. Students will gain familiarity and expertise in a variety of hand tooling techniques, such as sawing, riveting, texturing, filing, and chain making. There will be a semester long project where students will create a necklace and gain an understanding of the design process from start to finish</p>
Latino Film	<p>This course will offer students an opportunity to be involved in discussions and conversations emphasizing cultural components of countries of the Hispanic world. Selected films from the Spanish-speaking world are used as starting points for Spanish-language classroom discussion. Countries explored through film include Mexico, Cuba, Spain, Argentina, Chile, and Colombia. Films viewed for this course present a wide variety of themes, genres, and the day-to-day cultural experiences. It also offers participants an opportunity to view expression of affection, feelings, nonverbal communication, and body language of the Hispanic world through the lens of film. Some films will be rated R so parent consent is required.</p>
Basketball	<p>This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of basketball - passing, dribbling, shooting, and communication. Students also learn the rules, strategies, and proper etiquette as well as an appreciation for a lifetime activity. The scientific foundations of strength training will also be included in this course. The ability to perform the fundamentals will be demonstrated in game situations.</p>