

Geneva High School

Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Doug Drexler – GHS, Andy Barrett – Learning and Teaching
Date: November 14th, 2022
Re: GHS New and Modified Courses for 2023-2024
Cc: Dr. Mutchler

Although it seems as if the current school year is just getting underway, we have already been planning for the 2023-2024 school year. We are recommending three new courses as well as modifications to three existing courses. These recommendations are unlikely to require significant changes in staffing, space, or materials. All of these changes will better enable us to meet the continually evolving needs of our students.

To date, these new and modified course proposals have been reviewed by the GHS Department Chairs, Building Leadership Team, Building Administration, Secondary Principals, and the Administrative Cabinet. We await your approval before allowing students to register for these courses.

Just to keep you informed, we have been engaged in ongoing conversations with both Waubensee Community College and College of DuPage regarding aligning some existing GHS courses with their counterparts at the community college level. We will keep you informed if and when these come to fruition.

These proposed changes were presented at the the October 24th Board of Education meeting, and formal approval is required for these changes to be incorporated into our course selection documents. Approval is recommended.

Proposals for New Courses

Department:	Course:	Description:	Anticipated Materials and Training Costs:
Business	Investment Management	<p>This semester-long elective course is designed to introduce juniors and seniors to the world of personal investment management. Beginning to think about retirement planning at an early age is increasingly important, and students will develop an understanding of investment philosophy, the stock market, bonds & mutual funds, financial statements, and a variety of other investment tools that will better prepare them for a secure financial future. This course is appropriate for students with a strong interest in the business field as well as those who are motivated to learn more about this area. Students successfully completing this course will also satisfy the Illinois Consumer Education requirement, as a portion of the course will be devoted to topics such as budgeting, comparison shopping, credit, installment buying, consumer taxes, and insurance. Because this course covers material from both Investment Management and Personal Finance, the pace of the course is significantly faster than the standard Personal Finance course.</p>	<p>\$2,500 for course development, textbooks and supplementary materials</p>
English	Modern Mass Media	<p>This course surveys the nature and impact of media on contemporary society. Students will evaluate national and international media content and analyze trends in information, persuasion, and entertainment. Students will also study the impact that mass communication has on the decision-making processes of individuals and groups. Other areas of emphasis include mass communication theory and research, ethics and social responsibility, historical development, communication technologies, business practices, and media regulation. This course will be designated as a dual credit course with Waubensee Community College.</p>	<p>\$5,500 for texts and faculty development</p>
Social Studies	AP Macroeconomics	<p>Offered during first semester, this course will provide juniors and seniors with an understanding of the principles of economics that apply to economic systems as a whole. Particular emphasis will be placed on aggregate supply and demand, economic indicators, business cycles, government intervention, and the global economy. Historically, many students who are enrolled in AP Government (only offered second semester) have elected to take the existing Economics course first semester. The addition of AP Macroeconomics during first semester will provide students with another pathway for a year-long Advanced Placement Social Studies experience.</p>	<p>\$1,500 for faculty development</p>

Proposals to Modify Existing Courses

Department:	Course:	Summary of Proposed Change:	Anticipated Materials and Training Costs:
Art	Yearbook Production	Two changes: * Open up this course to sophomores. * Allow juniors and seniors to take this course a second time as "Advanced Yearbook Production" for students who take on a leadership role within the program	None
Math	Honors Precalculus	The College Board is rolling out a AP Precalculus course beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The existing Honors Precalculus course is already very closely aligned to the AP curriculum, so this is more of a course title change with the addition of an AP exam in May.	\$1,500 for faculty development
Teacher Education	Teaching Internship	Allow students to repeat this internship experience if the student is in a different grade level and/or subject area.	None