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# **Course Offerings & Registration Guide Update**

February 2025

The following are the proposed changes to the 2025-2026 Course Offerings & Registration Guide. A final draft of this handbook will be constructed upon board approval of this proposal with an anticipated date for the beginning of course registration of March 4, 2025.

# Proposal:

Change the name of this guide to - "Academic & Career Planning Guide"

# **Proposal:**

# **Agricultural Science**

- Add course Agriculture Trades & Careers
  - Get ready to roll up your sleeves and dive into the exciting world of agriculture trades! In this class, you'll learn how to tie knots like a pro, perfect your tie-tying skills, and tackle hands-on projects in concrete, masonry, electrical work, and welding. Discover the skills that make agriculture run while building, creating, and exploring awesome career opportunities along the way!

This class will serve as a prerequisite to Agricultural Welding.

- Change the name of Principles of Welding for Agriculture to Agricultural Welding
- Change the name of Horticulture/Greenhouse Management to Horticulture
- Change the name of Large Animal Science to Livestock Production
- Change the name of Small Animal Science to Pet Care Management Change the name of Small Engines to Ag Mechanics
- Add course Plant, Animals & You

A little bit of everything! This course will study an array of agriculture, ranging from agriculture careers, animals, plants, natural resources, food processing, biotechnology, business and FFA! Throughout the semester, we will be working hands-on with labs, visit production facilities, and getting firsthand experience of opportunities in the agriculture industry.

• Add course - Veterinary Science

If you're passionate about animals, medicine, or veterinary care, this class is for you! Explore the amazing systems that keep animals thriving, dive into the world of nutrition, genetics, reproduction, and health, and get hands-on with labs like organ studies and dissections. Whether you're curious about how animals work or dreaming of a future in veterinary science, this course is packed with exciting discoveries and opportunities!

- Remove the following courses-
  - Agriculture Construction alternating year offering
  - Agriculture, Food Products & Processing (Food Science)

#### Proposal: Art

#### • Add course - Independent Art

Independent Art is for students who are passionate about art but cannot fit one of the offered courses into their schedule. Students who take this class must be in 10th grade or higher, and have earned a C or better in previous art classes. Students must be self-motivated and have goals in mind to grow as an artist. This course is shaped to each student and their individual strengths and interests, be it drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture etc. Independent Art students need to submit the art they've created into the Festival of the Arts Spring Art Show.

#### **Proposal:**

# **Business & Marketing Education**

Change the name of Workplace Basics to Business Communications
 This course provides essential knowledge and skills for navigating the modern
 workplace. Students will explore fundamental business concepts, including
 organizational structure, company culture, and professional etiquette. Additionally, the
 course explores effective communication strategies, emphasizing written and verbal
 communication techniques. Students will learn to compose professional emails, write
 clear and concise reports, and deliver effective presentations. By the end of the course,
 students will be well-prepared to succeed in various professional settings.

This class will serve as a prerequisite to Work Release and Youth Apprenticeship.

- Add course Business Management
  - This course provides a comprehensive overview of fundamental business management principles. Students will learn about planning, organizing, leading, and controlling; various forms of business ownership and management levels; and personal management skills like time management, stress management, communication, and conflict resolution. The course also covers ethics and social responsibility, human resource management, and the role of technology in business.
- Change the name of Principles of Business to Principles of Marketing (CVTC)
- Add course Multimedia Communications This course will further the student's computer literacy skills and understanding of principles, procedures and techniques of multimedia production. The course involves practical applications of planning, designing, and production of multimedia projects such as web pages, computer animations, videos and audio presentations. Hands-on operation of the technical equipment is a key element in the production of these
- Add course Social Media Marketing
   This course explores the strategic use of social media platforms to achieve business
   goals. Students will learn key digital marketing principles, including SEO, digital
   analytics, social media marketing, e-commerce, digital advertising, content marketing,
   video and website marketing, email and mobile marketing. By the end of this course,
   students will be able to develop comprehensive digital marketing plans and create
   professional e-portfolios.
- Remove the following courses-

projects.

- Accounting I alternating year offering
- Accounting II alternating year offering
- Graphic Design

#### **Proposal:**

### English

- Add course Communications
   In this course, students will engage in an array of communications-based projects to develop, strengthen, curate, and formalize skills in public speaking and performance. By integrating skills in writing and language, students will produce culturally-sustaining communication both individually and collaboratively for varied purposes and audiences.
- Remove Advanced Literature & Composition
- Add course Advanced Language & Composition

### Proposal:

# Family & Consumer Science

- Change the name of Family Relations to Family & Community Relations (CVTC) This course will examine the role of relationships with family and community in early childhood education for children from birth to 8 years of age. In this course, students will complete the Strengthening Families Training; this training is designed to help families improve communication, parenting skills, and family relationships.
- Change the name of Taste of Home to Culinary Creations.

### Proposal:

### Science

• Add course - College Chemistry I (CHEM 135 - UW-Stout) Analytic Reasoning and Natural Sciences - Natural Science with Lab This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the foundational principles of chemistry, emphasizing both theoretical concepts and practical applications. Topics include atomic structure, periodic trends, chemical bonding, molecular geometry, stoichiometry, states of matter, thermochemistry, and the behavior of gases. The course also explores fundamental concepts of solutions and intermolecular forces.

Students will develop strong problem-solving and critical-thinking skills through quantitative and qualitative analysis of chemical phenomena. The integrated laboratory component reinforces theoretical knowledge through hands-on experiments, including techniques for precise measurement, chemical synthesis, reaction analysis, and data interpretation.

- Change AP Biology remove the "alternating year" designation
- Remove the following courses -
  - College Physics (Physics CIS) alternating year offering
  - Forensic Science alternating year offering
  - Local Wildlife Biology alternating year offering

#### Proposal:

### **Technology Education**

- Add course Principles of Engineering alternating year offering
- Remove the following course -

• Electronics - alternating year offering