

UPPER SCHOOL

SAMPLE COURSE OF STUDY, 2023-2024[^]

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/ PreCalculus	This can vary based on student need. Other math courses include Pre-Algebra, Probability & Statistics, and Calculus.
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.
Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	All students take Physical Science and Biology. Students may take Earth Science or Environmental Science instead of/in addition to Chemistry and Physics.
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.
Electives*	Electives*	Electives*	Electives*	Students in Grade 9 who would benefit from a reading course but still want to enroll in a language may only have one optional course. 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 optional courses.* #Freshman Seminar supports students in developing organizational and task-management skills so that they can achieve their academic and personal goals. Food, Identity, and Culture supports students in their growth as global citizens, as they look at food as a way to analyze and understand the culture and history of different racial, ethnic, and national groups.
Electives*	Electives*	Internship	Electives*	
Freshman Seminar/ Food, Identity & Culture#	Electives*	Internship	Electives*	
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 in weekly social emotional learning, community building and belonging work, and participate 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, SEL advisory, clubs, and community meeting. *Electives include: digital arts, performing arts, visual arts, conditioning, *The History of People of Color of America*, *History vs. Hollywood*, *Principles of Engineering*, *Robotics*, *Forensics*, and *Rhetoric*.