

# DVD SEMINAR DESCRIPTION LIST – SPRING 2018

## MONDAY/WEDNESDAY SEMINARS

Course Title	Description
<b>Art Exposure</b>	Do you love visual arts? Are you interested in exploring a new material or continuing to explore something you are already interested in? Are you interested in winning cash prizes for your artwork? If so then this is the seminar for you. In this seminar you will create an original work of art using various materials. You will get to enter one art contest of your choice. You will also have the opportunity to organize an art show here at Da Vinci to showcase your amazing work.
<b>The Fate of Two Worlds: Marvel vs DC Comics Through the Camera Lens</b>	When it comes to American comic book brands, two names stand out above the rest: Marvel and DC. Each one has its fans and critics, but others are undecided and wonder: which one is the best? Is it Marvel? DC? Or both? In this seminar, participants will compare the most iconic characters as portrayed in the movie versions of DC and Marvel stories, learning who they are and what they represent. They will decide who is the best representation of each character type. Ultimately, they will also decide, based on these films, what makes a true hero in this battle of the ages and which is the superior brand: Marvel or DC?
<b>High School and Pop Culture</b>	We will be watching TV shows and films that portray the American high school experience. Students will be analyzing the portrayals and comparing them to their own experiences as high school students. Students will be required to write a short paper at the end of the semester.
<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>For 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders only:</b> Da Vinci Design students have the opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program, whereby 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. Businesses include large corporations, retail stores, hotels, small businesses, medical facilities, schools, and non-profit organizations.
<b>Hip Hip Inspired Cardio Workout</b>	CIZE: hip-hop inspired cardio routines that will get you dancing to great choreographies while having a great workout! Moves are broken down step-by-step, as you go, so you can learn them, repeat until you are comfortable, put a sequence together then dance it out in a full routine to a great song!
<b>Harry Potter and the Teacher at Da Vinci</b>	Harry Potter might just be a fantasy series, but it's also the book that got a generation of children reading again! In this course, we'll read the first three novels of the HP series, watch the movies, and create an art piece to present and display. Are you cool enough to be this nerdy?

<b>Senior Seminar</b>	A space for seniors to apply for scholarships, have extra time to collaborate on and work through projects, get support on their work, connect with their counselors, etc. This is a seminar dedicated to students who need additional support that otherwise would be difficult to achieve outside of school campus. This seminar will be selective and only for serious 12th grade students who need assistance.
<b>Cake Decorating</b>	This class is about the art of cake decorating (not cake eating or baking). Students will learn how to frost and decorate a cake using buttercream and fondant. Students will learn how to pipe borders and patterns. Cakes throughout the semester will be styrofoam cakes and will decorate a real cake as their final assessment. <b>Only students who HAVE NOT taken this seminar before will be allowed admittance.</b>
<b>Insanity Workout</b>	In this seminar, we will follow the Insanity workout videos. Insanity is a cardio-based program that focuses on total body conditioning. It requires no equipment and is designed to give participants a safe, challenging, and results-driven experience. Be ready to work out, sweat, and have fun. Requirements include mandatory participation, appropriate attire, and a positive attitude.
<b>The Stares</b>	Your friends will stare in wonder at your chiseled calves and your thighs of steel. Climb the stairs and be awesome. Again and again.
<b>Oddly Obscura</b>	Are “scary” things just not that scary to you? Do you love old horror films? Find fascination in the occult? If you answered yes to any of these then this seminar may be your tomb away from tomb. In this class you will have the opportunity to watch horror films from some of the greats, and maybe even discover a few cult classics you’ve never heard of! Participate in discussions on all things horror, taboo, occult, and dark. And potentially take a field trip at the end of the year! In oddly obscura - every day is Halloween. And although everyone is welcome please heed this warning - It is not for the faint of heart...
<b>Film &amp; Documentary</b>	In this seminar, students watch films and documentaries that range a variety of themes. The objective is to spur a conversation on various cultural, social, political, and economic topics.
<b>Rock Band</b>	In "Rock Band," students ranging from absolute beginners to budding rock stars, will be provided group instruction on the various instruments comprising the modern rock band-guitar, bass, drums, vocals, and keyboards. Students will garner and understanding of basic music theory and technique, as well as participate in regular classroom and public performance showcases.
<b>MakerSpace</b>	Students have opportunity to make or take apart virtually whatever can fit in the Fab-Lab. They have access to a wide variety of tools including a laser cutter & 3D printer.

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<b>Da Vinci Functional Fitness</b>	In Da Vinci Functional Fitness you will learn how to move safely while relieving stress, building muscle, stamina, and discipline. This program is based off of Brand X model which is the kids version of Crossfit. We will cover how to maintain a healthy lifestyle through exercise and diet. Beginners and Intermediate students are welcome. Students who show dedication and perfect form will advance to using light weights and more advanced movements. We will play some fitness related games and learn how to stretch efficiently. You must dress out in fitness attire for this seminar. You will work up a sweat and a smile.
<b>College Readiness for Juniors</b>	This seminar is for JUNIORS who know WHAT they need to do to get into college, but aren't sure HOW to do it. If you are planning on enrolling in college after graduating from Da Vinci and want a space to learn about the different types of colleges that are out there, join this seminar! Students will learn how to use life inside and outside of high school to demonstrate their both their potential and their interests. This seminar requires students who are motivated to do college research, engage in reflection, and commit to self-discovery! We will primarily focus on 4-year colleges, but this seminar can also be helpful for students who plan to transfer to a 4-year college at a later date.
<b>WLA College Class - Music Appreciation</b>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders only. If space, 10<sup>th</sup> graders approved by admin/counselors.</i> Offered via West Los Angeles college. Designed for non-Music majors, this course meets Humanities/Fine Arts requirements by surveying a wide variety of musical styles and periods past and present. The emphasis is on perceptive listening along with expository readings.
<b>Integrated Math 1 Support</b>	Extra support for the Integrated 1 math class specifically. Time to practice your skills and get help on current assignments and topics so that you can be successful.
<b>Integrated Math 2 Support</b>	Extra support for the Integrated 1 math class specifically. Time to practice your skills and get help on current assignments and topics so that you can be successful.
<b>Dance Team</b>	This seminar offers a healthy, fun, energetic way to express yourself and let off some steam! It will boost your confidence, and you'll be part of a team of skilled performers. Be prepared to perform at CD and other community events! Bring water and clothes you can move in.
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<b>Cultural Films</b>	Students will watch and analyze cultural movies/documentaries and participate in class discussions.

<b>Knitting for Beginners</b>	Do you have patience? Do you love making mistakes? Do you need an old-school skill? If so, this class is for you! In knitting, we'll go over the basics of reading a pattern, understanding needle and yarn sizes, and creating small, handmade items like tiny stuffed animals, washcloths, headbands, and if you're brave enough...a class quilt.
<b>Basketball 101</b>	The fundamentals and basics of basketball will be reviewed and practiced. Students will get the opportunity to apply these fundamentals in the majority of the seminar sessions.
<b>Navigation: Life &amp; Wilderness</b>	Life and Wilderness is a seminar focused on getting Da Vinci students out of the city and into the woods. Or at least, providing you with the skills and knowledge you'll need to handle a multi-day backpacking trip in the wilderness. What will this seminar include? More like what WON'T it include! Map and compass skills: check. Survival skills: yup. Yoga: ohm my god, yes. Food: obviously. Math: asymp-totally! General health and wellness: you better believe it. Fun: YAAAAAAS. This seminar will be co-taught by an accredited wilderness and rafting guide and a certified, professional yoga instructor. All 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, whether you've never stepped foot on a trail or have spent several nights under the stars, are eligible to sign up!
<b>Television of the Ancients</b>	Take a journey back in time to a history incomprehensible--a time before televisions, YouTubes, and cinema picture shows--a time of books. Your job is to illustrate a book. Read for fun. Draw for funner.
<b>Patch Your Heart Out</b>	In this seminar students will have the opportunity to modify clothing in a variety of ways. Either by cutting and hand sewing old clothes that they were tired of and bored with - or stitching words and designs on any clothing or accessory to give their outfits a personal touch. Students will also have the opportunity to look at different contemporary artists who are creating patches, and pins and other clothing modifying accessories. If they wish to purchase these students can also learn how to properly apply and create new/unique looks in many different ways.
<b>Social Justice: Inquiry, Design and Action</b>	In this seminar, students will focus on exposing and ending social inequalities by learning about the intersections of identity which may include gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, race, nationality, and/or disabilities. In fostering a better understanding of social inequality, students will dive into their own inquiry of how they could design and implement social change.
<b>Music Production</b>	"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.
<b>Archery</b>	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.