

Monday/Wednesday DVD Seminar Course Descriptions – Fall 2017



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Senior Seminar	In the Senior Seminar, 12th grade students will be able to use the seminar time for additional college applications work time, one on one meetings with counselors, and support for personal statements and college prompts. 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.
Basketball	Students will have the opportunity to engage in basketball - related activities on a weekly basis, workout with fellow peers and undergo important and consistent physical exercise. Students will also have the opportunity to learn basic, fundamental basketball techniques, plays, and strategies. Signing up and gaining entry into this seminar requires you to participate. Points will be deducted from your total grade each class session you do not participate.
Furniture Refurbishment	Furniture Refurbishment: Learn to strip, sand, stain, poly, paint, and wax furniture and give it new life! Furniture will be found/purchased at local thrift stores, reworked, and then sold (for student profit? School profit?), contributed to classrooms, or taken home.
Soccer	Students will have the opportunity to engage in soccer-related activities on a weekly basis, workout with fellow peers and undergo important and consistent physical exercise. Students will also have the opportunity to learn basic, fundamental soccer techniques, plays, and strategies. Signing up and gaining entry into this seminar requires you to participate. Points will be deducted from your total grade each class session you do not participate.
Ethnic Studies College Class (3:00-5:15)	<i>11th and 12th graders only.</i> Offered via El Camino College, this course provides a multidisciplinary introduction and analysis of ethnic groups in the United States. Various theories and perspectives will be examined to better comprehend the effects of institutional racism, marginalization, socio-economic and political discrimination, and ethnocentrism on American ethnic and racial groups.
Disney Magic	This semester in Disney Magic, we will be focusing on the literature that inspired the Disney movies we have come to love. Students will be reading the works of Hans Christian Andersen, Brothers Grimm, and others, in addition to watching Disney movies.
Math Support (IM3+)	You need extra time to get math help and organize your life. This is the seminar for you. Korey will support students in IM3 and above.

Veg Out	This seminar is designed for vegan, vegetarian or vegan-curious students. We will watch documentaries, listen to guest speakers, learn about vegan nutrition, and maybe even cook some vegan food!
Art Portfolio Development	This class will focus on the rigorous task of submitting an Art portfolio for the AP exam. Students should know that they must also be willing to meet with me outside of class for one on one mentoring. This seminar will be used for critique so that students can get feedback from their peers. The timeline for seniors who want to create a portfolio from scratch is roughly one per week. Students should note that this course takes an extensive amount of time outside of class since most work is very time consuming and they will not have time to produce in school. Due dates are very strict and if students fall too far behind they risk the chance of not submitting to the AP exam or the Art schools they are applying for. Open to 11th and 12th graders only.
Integrated Math 1 Support	Extra support for the Integrated 1 math class specifically. Time to practice your skills so that you can be successful in math your freshman year!
Fab Lab- Makerspace	Provide students a safe space with tools to explore making, tinkering and taking things apart to strengthen their 21st century skills, particularly problem-solving and collaboration, curiosity & investigation.
Film & Documentary	Explore social, cultural, historical, political, and economic issues of the world through thought provoking film and documentary. Each week we will explore and critique various topics of the world.
Rock Band	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.
Country Heat – Cardio Dance	It is a high-energy, low-impact, country dance-inspired workout that's so simple anyone can do it, and so much fun you'll barely notice you're getting a great total-body workout! All Country Heat songs are set to the hottest country music, with songs that you've probably heard on the radio! Bring water and clothes you can move in.
Fitness	Body weight workings, walking, jogging and more! If you want to get a workout in during school, this class is for you!
Study Hall	QUIET study hall space to get your work done, study, or complete projects. Please note this is a quiet study hall and any socializing, talking or fooling around will result in removal from the seminar.

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It's Not a Perfect World	Students will be introduced to dystopian characteristics through film and text. Following each film, students will respond to several prompts and participate in discussion forums. Seminar assessed through participation in discussions, active engagement in film and/or text, and written responses.
Dance Team	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.
Ultimate Frisbee	Some people just call it "Ultimate," as they consider it the greatest game in existence. If you've never played it, you may not realize that it's much more than just tossing around a frisbee. Students in this seminar will learn the rules and basic strategies of this sport and will play in small groups during the seminar session. This is a very active sport with a lot of running, so participants should be prepared for an intense, fun athletic experience.
A Galaxy Far, Far Away	This semester we will be analyzing the themes, motifs, and symbolism within the Star Wars franchise.
Integrated Math 2 Support	Extra support for Integrated 2 math class specifically. Time to practice your skills so that you can be successful in math your sophomore year!
Explorations of the Deep...	Highly interactive class about marine ecosystems and how to carry out scientific investigations of the coastal waters surrounding Los Angeles. At the end of the semester, students will be able to go on a boat trip led by trained marine science professionals, that gives students the chance to become a Marine Biologist for the day and to carry out scientific tests in Marina del Rey's marina and out in the open ocean. This class hopes to raise awareness about the value of ocean resources, threats to ocean health and solutions to these problems.
Music Appreciation 111 (College Course)	<i>11th and 12th graders only.</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.
Ceramics & Sculpture	Hand building 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. Students will also use the laser cutter for some projects. *Suggested Lab Donation of \$20
Yoga for Athletes	We work out to work in. This class is designed to help all athletes improve their flexibility, balance, joint mobility, and breath awareness. If you'd like to be less sore after games and gain some self-awareness along the way, this class is for you. Yoga props are used to release tight muscles and to assist in deepening the poses.
Cultural Films	In this seminar we will be analyzing cultural aspects of films/documentaries, both foreign and domestic. Students will be exposed to international issues, traditions, and people in general. The films will also be accompanied by class discussions to address what they learned, found interesting or simply comparisons between the film and their personal lives.
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.
Social Justice: Inquiry, Design and Action	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, socio-economic 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.
Heavy Metal Knot Tying	We crank up the metal and practice tying knots--just like the title says! The head-banging is just for fun. Your grade will be based on practicing and learning to tie practical knots.
Video Games	Video game seminar is a time and space for Da Vinci students to be exposed to a variety of games, platforms, and gaming knowledge. In this class, we want to explore design aspects of video games and analyze how intentional design affects the experience of the player. We want to open the class to all platforms of gaming such as the computer, consoles, handheld consoles, and etcetera. Additionally, we want to introduce aspects of the gaming community to the class, such as interesting gaming history, icons in the community, and the style of design widely used in the community. As for the activities planned for the class, the students will, of course, play video games and will be asked to share their reviews of that game in regard to its design and overall appeal. Furthermore, we will provide the students with lectures of certain gaming topics and possibly bring in a guest speaker who is experienced in the subject of design aspects. The grading of the class will be focused on their participation and commitment to learn. To show their mastery in the class, the students will be presenting their thoughts and knowledge on games and gaming history and creating a conceptual video game idea based on what they have learned.
Music Production	"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.
Yearbook	Are you a photographer? An artist? A writer? A creative person? WE WANT YOU! We are Yearbook. We are readers, writers, athletes, artists, musicians. We come together to run a business and create a lasting memory of the Da Vinci Experience each year. The yearbook brings us together, and the time we spend working and collaborating makes us family. This is also a great addition to your college application and resume! Please note: this is a YEAR LONG seminar.