

**St. Benedict Preparatory Schools
Course Offerings
2010-2011**



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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Benedict Preparatory Schools, a Catholic, college preparatory community, inspires and cultivates a balance of faith, academic excellence, and individual talent in a diverse, personalized setting. The St. Benedict is a well-rounded, dedicated to the service of others and prepared for the future.

PHILOSOPHY

St. Benedict Preparatory School is a Catholic co-educational school of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Administration, faculty, and students proclaim the Gospel of Christ and strive to live as Christ would. It is a school committed to teaching students to give service to the family, school, and larger community. St. Benedict is a school committed to the total person: Body, Mind, and Spirit. It is a multi-cultural, multi-racial, multi-ethnic school whose administration and faculty prepare students for continuous educational growth.

ACCREDITATION

The Illinois State Board of Education and the North Central Association of Colleges.

GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Benedict High School's curriculum offers honors, college preparatory, and support courses. Graduation requirements as stated fulfill requirements for state colleges, but the college admissions process is strengthened by additional courses in math, science, social studies, and foreign language. Guidance counselors, administrators and teachers are available, along with a student's parents, to help plan a student's program of study. It is the student's responsibility to check the required courses and credits, both for graduation and for admission to a college under consideration. College entrance requirements are found in the student handbook. A minimum of 24 credits is needed for graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduation, all students must earn at least 24 credits. All students must earn:

4 credits in Theology	3 credits in Mathematics
3 credits in Social Studies**	2.5 credits in P.E./Health (.5 credit per school year)*
4.5 credits in English***	1 credit in Fine Arts
3 credits in Science	1 credit in Digital Technology Application
2 credits in the same Foreign Language	
10 hours of service yearly	
"Pass" on U.S. and Illinois Constitution Tests	

**to include 1 in U.S. History and 1 in World History

2.5 credits **required** in Social Studies are **United States History, World History, and American Government and Constitution** plus .5 Social Studies elective for three credits.

*****Beginning with the 2010 – 2011 school year Speech will be listed as an English credit and must be taken by all students as a Graduation requirement.**

* **Every student will need to take at least 1 Trimester of PE.**

COLLEGE CREDIT OPTIONS

St. Mary's University of Winona, MN offers college credit for approved upper division and Advance Placement courses that are taught at St. Benedict High School. St. Mary's University charges an additional tuition of \$50 per semester hour for these classes. Students enrolled in these classes will receive high school credit from St. Benedict High School and college credit from St. Mary's University.

Student applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Be of junior or senior status
- Have at least a "B" (3.0) grade point average
- Score in the top 50th percentile on a standardized test
- Be motivated to work hard

These college credits are usually transferable to other colleges and universities. Most colleges will not accept any grade less than a C in a college credit transfer. The dual credit courses for 2010-2011 include:

AP Calculus	4 credits
AP U.S. History	4 credits
Anatomy/Physiology-Honors	4 credits

A student enrolled in an AP class and selecting the college credit option will not be required to take the AP exam for that class in May 2011. All AP class students must take the AP exam given in May.

AP Classes offered at St. Benedict Preparatory Schools.

AP Calculus	AP European History
AP Spanish	AP English
AP Studio Art	AP US History
AP British Literature	

All students taking an AP class will be required to take the AP Exam if they do not take do not take the College Credit option. All AP and College credit option classes are 3 trimesters.

GENERAL NOTES

Please read carefully.

- The Administration reserves the right to drop a course whose enrollment (upon the initial Spring registration) is below 10.
- Students whose registration fee is paid later than the designated due date may be placed on a waiting list in courses of their choice.
- When a student requests approval for placement in a course other than his/her academic recommendation, **ONLY** administrative review and parental permission gain authorization.
- Placement in courses is subject to department review and written approval.
- Every student initiated course change after the initial course selection costs \$75.00
Sample request: Drop Physics and add Physiology \$75.
- All students must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) courses per trimester.
- Credit is awarded on a trimester basis. However, if a student fails the first trimester of a foreign language or math course but passes the second semester with a “C” or better, he/she is given full credit for the course.
- **IF A STUDENT FAILS A REQUIRED COURSE, HE/SHE MUST MAKE UP THE COURSE BEFORE THE FOLLOWING FALL.**
- The Guidance Counselor or Administration must give prior approval for any courses taken for credit during summer school.
- Assignment of student courses and schedule will be done when appropriate fees are paid.
- Lunch period will be assigned by the administration.
- Courses fees may be added to particular classes.
- Students enrolled in AP classes **are required** to take the AP exam in May unless they have registered for PACC.
- **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN COURSES SELECTED BY THEM.**

BUSINESS/COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- 153 Computer Applications 1**
Open to All CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
 Description: This course focuses on the skills necessary for all future academic and professional experience: digital literacy, software and hardware usage, and basic productivity programs. Group, individual, local and internet exercises and activities support the core curriculum of basic technological skills. These students will be taught to use the Google apps. systems to further educate them on computer basics. Students must take the skills tests to determine their level of computer knowledge if they wish to test out of Computer Applications 1.
- 154 Computer Applications 2**
Open to All CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: 153 or test equivalent
 This course an extension to the core skills taught in CS 153, this course will teach students more advanced use of input technologies, database and spreadsheet applications, presentations, and rudimentary website creation as well as explore the implications and uses of technology in today's academic and social environments.
- 170 Advanced Computer Applications**
Open to All CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: 153 and 154 or test equivalent
 In this course you will learn about acceptable computer use policies, login procedures, file management, the Windows operating system, basic application program commands and web research skills. You will also develop advanced work program commands and web research skills. You will also develop advanced work processing skills using Microsoft Word. This course will provide training in calculating, analyzing and managing data using the spreadsheet and database applications.
- 180 Multimedia-Design**
Open to All CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
 This class focuses on the use of tools and software for presenting and publishing engaging digital content. Topics include digital photography, graphic design, art theory, and web design. Media literacy, art theory and history knowledge are useful, but the course has no prerequisites.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- 210 Grammar/Literature**
Open to Freshmen Honors 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Department placement
 This course draws on advanced skills in reading comprehension, critical thinking, grammar usage and mechanics, and creative writing. Assigned readings include several novels, essays, epic poems, plays, and short stories. Students learn research skills and submit research papers in accordance with the MLA format. Quarter and semester projects are required.
- 212 Grammar/Literature**
Open to Freshmen College Prep 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Department Placement
 This course emphasizes elements of language and writing, including comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar. Students read and write short stories, play scenes, poems, essays, and informative speeches. Several individual and group projects are required per quarter.
- 220 World Literature**
Open to Sophomores Honors 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation
 This course provides an opportunity for students to deepen their analytical skills through in-depth examinations of selected World writings. This class will focus on understanding and responding critically to a variety of genres. Students also work intensively on their writing with focus on improving their skills in grammar and mechanics, support, elaboration, and organization.
- 222 World Literature**
Open to Sophomores College Prep 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
 This course focuses on understanding and responding to various selections of World Literature. Students improve expository skills through various writing exercises including journaling, editing, and forming five paragraph essays. Emphasis is placed on support, elaboration, organization, transitions, grammar and punctuation. Students compare and contrast various works of World Literature to explore cultural themes.
- 230 American Literature**
Open to Juniors Honors 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation
 This course is an in-depth study of American Literature. Students read, analyze, and interpret various selections of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. The class focuses on ACT preparation and improving test-taking and writing skills. A formal research paper using MLA format is required.
- 232 American Literature**
Open to Juniors College Prep 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
 This course includes ACT and college essay preparation. Writing prompts, personal statements and letters of application are required in preparation for college admission. In addition, students will explore the writings of a variety of American authors and their relationship to history and culture. A formal research paper using MLA format is required.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT (continued)

- 240 British Literature**
Open to Seniors **AP** **3 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation
 This course is designed to prepare students for college English course and the Advanced Placement Test. British Literature selections are the primary basis for reading and writing assignments. Special emphasis is placed on group and independent analysis of characterization, setting, point of view, tone, style, and the significance of individual elements in relation to each work as a whole. Supplemental materials and support are provided for students to prepare for the Advanced Placement Test in May.
- 242 British Literature**
Open to Seniors **College Prep** **2 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Prerequisite: English 232
 Focusing on works of British authors between the 14th and 20th centuries, this course studies the political, social, and moral concerns of the times.
- Sports Writing / Journalism**
Open to Grades 10 – 11 – 12 **College Prep** **1 Trimester** **.5 Credit**
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation
 This course will focus on the study of sports writing. Students will learn about sports journalism, with a focus on interviewing, writing sports columns, profiles, feature stories and news reports. Students will report on St. Benedict sports teams, update websites, and be required to interview students, teachers, coaches, and other members of the St. Benedict community as part of this class. Students will also be required to attend sporting events outside of class and school time.
- Creative Writing**
Open to Grades 10 – 11 – 12 **College Prep** **1 Trimester** **.5 Credit**
Prerequisite: Teacher approval
 This course will work on writing, revising, and editing our own poems and short stories.
- Introduction to Speech***
Open to All **College Prep** **1 Trimester** **.5 Credit**
 This course presents the study of the art of communication. Students explore all areas of communication through oral presentations, speeches, projects, and discussions. Students study the communication process and learn to listen critically, to interview others effectively, and explore the aspects of nonverbal communication.
- *Graduation requirement**

ARTS DEPARTMENT (continued)

342 Humanities
Open to Jr/Sr **2 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Prerequisite: Students should have at least a C+ average and teacher recommendation
 This course will focus on the forces that have shaped human nature from the perspectives of art, literature, drama, music, film and philosophy. The arts are one of the most important ways by which we understand the world and ourselves. The study of outstanding achievements in the humanities throughout history will be examined. By learning to think critically and becoming acquainted with the creative arts, students will also better understand themselves.

Beginning Choir
Open to Grades 7 – 12 **3 Trimesters** **.5 Credit for each Trimester**
Note: May be taken more than once for credit

This class will focus on the development of good singing habits, including posture, breath support and control, as well as basic musicianship, including music theory and note reading. Concurrently, students will learn necessary choral singing skills, including part singing and diction. Although previous singing experience is not required, placement in the choir is contingent on an audition, which will take place in August before the start of school. There will be at least two performances throughout the school year. Attendance at evening dress rehearsals and concerts is mandatory.

Music Technology
Open to Grades 7 – 12 **1 Trimester** **.5 Credit**
 This course is designed to offer students of varied musical backgrounds an opportunity to study creative music composition in a high tech arena. Students will learn how to arrange, compose, and record music using **MIDI** synthesizers and computers, as well as computer sequencing and digital audio editing techniques. Students will work both individually and in groups, and at the end of the trimester will be able to burn all their original compositions on an audio **CD**.

Contemporary Art
Open to all **1 Trimester** **.5 Credit**
Prerequisites: Introduction to Art and Teacher Recommendation

This course will provide an overview of artworks from 1960 to the present. The course will stress the interpretation of artistic production within its historical, political, social, cultural and theoretical frameworks, and the changing role of the artist in society. The course will give you an introduction to contemporary art, art terminology, philosophy, architecture, music, film, and politics. We will look at and discuss different art forms and create projects related to these discoveries.

Digital Photography
Open to all **1 Trimester** **.5 Credit**
 Students will learn fundamental photographic skills including digital capture, manipulation and output. We will explore digital photography in relation to fine art. For the processing and enhancement of digital photographs, students will learn the basics of Photoshop. These digital skills and tools for the making of photographs will be taught within the context of the aesthetics of photography and the creation of works of art.

ARTS DEPARTMENT (continued)**Ceramics****Open to all****1 Trimester****.5 Credit****Prerequisites: Introduction to Art and Teacher Recommendation**

This course develops basic skills in the creation of 3D forms and pottery from clay. With an emphasis on studio production, this course is designed to develop higher-level thinking, art-related technology skill, art criticism, art history, and aesthetics. Students will create projects using various techniques in this media.

Three-Dimensional Design**Open to all****1 Trimester****.5 Credit****Prerequisites: Art and Design and Teacher Recommendation**

This course is a study of basic principles of three-dimensional visual organization and skills. It includes line, value, texture, color, shape, and other elements of form as they relate to three-dimensional art and design. Students will use a variety of media from paper to clay to recycled materials to create sculptural art forms.

Band**Open to all****3 Trimesters****.5 Credit for each Trimester****Note: May be taken more than once for credit**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

- 450 Spanish I**
Open to FR/SO/JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
 Description: An introduction to learning conversational Spanish through everyday situations, vocabulary building, basic composition and grammar. Students will also examine different aspects of Hispanic cultures.
- 463 Spanish II**
Open to FR/SO/JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Spanish I or successful completion of a placement test
 Description: the emphasis of this course is speaking, reading, and writing with a continued development of grammatical structures and vocabulary. Cultural aspects are addressed in more depth.
- 470 Spanish III**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Spanish II with a C- or better. Teacher recommendation
 Description: Students are introduced to more complex grammatical structures. Emphasis is placed on speaking and reading. Reading assignments and projects broaden knowledge and appreciation of Hispanic cultures.
- 483 Spanish IV/Advanced Placement Spanish Language**
Open to JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: 470 with a C-. Teacher recommendation
 Description: This course is designed to prepare students for college and the advanced placement test. All grammatical structures will be studied or reviewed. The development of reading and writing skills prepares students to study Spanish academically. Latin American and Peninsular literature will be introduced.
- 454 French I**
Open to FR/SO/JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
 Description: An introduction to learning conversational French through everyday situations, vocabulary building, basic composition and grammar. Students will also examine different aspects of Francophone cultures.
- 457 French II**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: French I
 Description: The emphasis of this course is speaking, reading, and writing with a continued development of grammatical structures and vocabulary. Cultural aspects are addressed in more depth.
- 465 French III**
Open to JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: French II with a C- or better. Teacher recommendation
 Description: Students are introduced to more complex grammatical structures. Emphasis is placed on speaking and reading. Reading assignments and projects broaden knowledge and appreciation of Francophone cultures.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT (continued)

- 482 French IV**
Open to JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: French III with a C- or better. Teacher recommendation
Description: Students learn to use complex grammatical structures and expressions. They achieve a more advanced level of oral proficiency and develop accuracy in written expression. Students also expand their reading skills by being exposed to a variety of cultural and literary texts.

MATH DEPARTMENT

- 510 Honors Algebra I**
Open to 8th/FR **H** **2 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Prerequisite: Department placement
Description: This year-long course covers topics studied in a traditional Algebra I course. More challenging exercises are assigned; additional topics may be covered. A Texas Instrument scientific calculator is required. Students participate in a state Algebra I contest.
- 512 Algebra I**
Open to 8th/FR **CP** **2 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Calculator requirement: scientific TI-30
Prerequisites: Department placement
Description: This year-long course covers topics studied in a traditional Algebra I course. A Texas Instruments scientific calculator is required. Students participate in a state Algebra I contest.
- 520 Honors Geometry**
Open to SO/JR **H** **3 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Prerequisite: B- or better in Honors Algebra I or Honors Algebra II; A- or better in Algebra I or Algebra II and Teacher recommendation
Description: This course will provide the student with an in-depth study of the vocabulary, postulates, and theorems of Euclidean geometry. Methods of proof will be emphasized. Students will explore topics inductively using the software program “Geometer’s Sketchpad.” A Texas Instruments scientific calculator or TI-83 graphing calculator is required. All students participate in the Illinois Mathematics League contests.
- 522 Geometry**
Open to SO/JR **CP** **2 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Prerequisite: C- or better in Algebra I or Algebra II
Description: This course will provide the student with an informal study of the vocabulary; postulates and theorems of Euclidean geometry. Students will explore geometric topics inductively using the software program “Geometer’s Sketchpad.” A Texas Instruments scientific calculator is required.
- 530 Honors Algebra II**
Open to FR/SO/JR **H** **2 Trimesters** **1 Credit**
Prerequisite: B- or better in Honors Algebra I and/or Geometry Honors; 9th grade placement by department recommendation
Description: This year-long course strengthens skills studied in a traditional Algebra I course and introduces new topics from analytic geometry and linear algebra. More challenging exercises are assigned. ACT type questions will be explored. A graphing calculator is required. (Texas Instruments TI-83 or TI-83 Plus are the recommended models.) All students participate in the Illinois Mathematics League contests. Select students are invited to participate in the American Mathematics Competition.

MATH DEPARTMENT (continued)

- 532 Algebra II**
Open to FR/SO/JR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: C- or better in Algebra I or Geometry
 Description: This year-long course strengthens skills studied in a traditional Algebra I course and introduces new topics from analytic geometry and linear algebra. ACT type questions will be explored. A graphing calculator is required. (Texas Instruments TI-83 or TI-83 Plus are the recommended models.)
- 538B Probability and Statistics CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit**
Open to SR
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra II and Geometry
 This semester course provides seniors who choose Trigonometry to complete a full year of Mathematics. It explores the application of probability theory and data analysis to various concrete applications in business and economics, science and the social sciences. Graphing or scientific calculator recommended.
- 538 Trigonometry CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit**
Open to SR
Prerequisite: Algebra II and Geometry
 Description: Introduction to trigonometric function, graphing, trigonometric equations, and application of trigonometry. A graphing calculator is required. (Texas Instruments TI-83 or TI-83 Plus are recommended models.)
- 540 Precalculus Honors H 2 Trimesters 1 Credit**
Open to JR/SR
Prerequisite: B- or better in Honors Algebra II. Teacher recommendation
 Operations with a wide variety of functions: polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric. Functions are studied analytically as well as graphically. More challenging exercises are assigned. A graphing calculator is required. (Texas Instruments TI-83 or TI-83 Plus are recommended models.) All students participate in the Illinois Mathematics League contests.
- 541 Advanced Placement Calculus PACC H 3 Trimesters 1 Credit**
Open to SR
Prerequisites: Precalculus and Teacher recommendation
Calculator requirement: graphing TI-83 Plus
 Description: An introduction to college level calculus including the study of functions involving one independent variable, limits, derivatives, and integral. Including heavy emphasis on advanced graphing calculator activities.
N.B. Students are required either to elect the college credit option through St. Mary's University or AP Test
- Economics and Statistics**
Open to Grades 11 – 12
Prerequisite: None
 This course is designed to facilitate student's abilities to organize, describe and summarize data. Important elements in the pursuit of these goals involve familiarity with the central concepts of shape, center and spread. Students will encounter for example, normal and bimodal distributions, means and medians, and standard deviations and 5 point summaries. Knowledge of statistics will be applied to better understand topics in consumer economics and macroeconomics.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- 612 Physical Education I**
Open to FR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
 Description: An introductory course focusing on team sports, cardiovascular fitness, and recreational games. Skills, drills, and rules will be emphasized. Fundamentals in all activities will be stressed. Physical fitness testing will consist of a variety of endurance, strength, and flexibility skills. Physical education uniform is required.
- 615 Health***
Open to FR/SO CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
 Description: The s of student will receive one semester of health, including basic knowledge of first aid skills. The Health Education unit will cover topics such as nutrition, personal hygiene, drug alcohol and tobacco abuse, public health and AIDS. CPR training will be provided.
***Graduation requirement**
- 620 Foundation of Personal Fitness**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
 Description: An individualized approach for the assessment, analysis, and understanding of a lifetime of wellness through fitness. The course includes a thorough physical fitness/risk factor assessment.
- 622 Physical Education II**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: PE I.
 Description: A course designed to review skills with an emphasis on team drills and team play through coverage of rules, mechanics of officiating, team tournaments, and one-on-one tournaments. Students will be taught the importance of teamwork in sports as well as in everyday life. Physical education uniform is required.
- 632 Physical Education III**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: PE II.
 Description: This course focuses on leadership, dual, and team sports, along with life-long athletic activities. Other aspects of the course are fitness, flexibility, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning, bodybuilding, weight training, and athletic training. Students will be taught the importance of teamwork in sports as well as in everyday life. Physical education uniform is required.
- 634 Weight Training**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: PE I or Foundation of Personal Fitness
 Description: This course provides an opportunity for students to develop and increase their physical capabilities. Emphasis will be on muscular efficiency and muscular development.
- Soccer Skills and Conditioning**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: Athletic Department Approval – 1st Trimester only
 Description: This course provides an opportunity for those students who are or will be participating on the team to work on the conditioning and skills which are needed to compete at a higher level.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- 810 World History**
Open to FR/SO/JR H 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation.
 Description: The course is a comprehensive e study of the historical development from early river civilizations of Eastern and Western cultures through the twentieth century. Major objectives are to examine the diversity and similarity of world cultures of focusing on peoples and events with: geography, economic organization, politics and law, war and diplomacy, religion, technology, philosophy, science and art. An emphasis is placed on developing student writing and critical thinking skills, and using primary and secondary sources.
- 812 World History**
Open to FR/SO/JR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
 Description: The course is a comprehensive study of the historical development from early river civilizations of Eastern and Western cultures through the twentieth century. Major objectives are to examine the diversity and similarity of world cultures by focusing on peoples and events within these categories: geography, economic organization, politics and law, war and diplomacy, religion, technology, philosophy, science and art.
- 820 Consumer Economics**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
 Description: The purpose of this course is to enable students to understand and to fit into, the economic world. Topics such as credit, wise buying, savings, checking accounts, economic structure, frauds, budgeting, taxes, advertising, automobile buying, housing contracts, insurance, gold and silver, and the stock market will be studied.
- 822 World Geography**
Open to FR/SO/JR 1 Trimester .5 Credit
 Description: The course is a comprehensive study of both physical and human geography focusing on the major regions of the world. Instruction is based on the five themes of geography with the emphasis on developing map skills, writing and a general knowledge of the world
- 829 Advanced Placement United States History (offered 2010-2011)**
Open to JR/SR H 3 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation
 Description: Advanced Placement United States History is designed to provide the student with comprehensive factual knowledge of United States history from European settlement of the Americas to the present; and to develop writing and analytical skills. It will include the study of the Illinois and United States Constitutions. The origins and application of these documents will be analyzed and examined to meet the responsibility requirements of citizens. The students will be asked to analyze historical evidence in an effort to understand the appropriate connections to other subjects and fields. A dramatically increased workload can be expected, with an emphasis on primary source material.
N.B. Students are required either to elect the college credit option through St. Mary's University or take the College Board Advanced Placement United States History test.
- 832 United States History**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: World History
 Description: A survey course that traces and examines the political, economic, social and cultural growth and development of the U.S. from the sixteenth century through modern times. Particular focus will be placed on: exploration and colonialism, War for Independence, Westward expansion, Civil War, Reconstruction, and Industrialization, World Wars and other 20th century military conflict, and the civil rights movement. The origins and application of these documents will be analyzed and examined to meet the responsibility requirements of citizens.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT (continued)

- 844 Advanced Placement European History PACC (Offered 2011-2012)**
Open to SO/JR/SR H 3 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation
 Description: This AP course offering covers European history with a focus on the Renaissance to the present. The class is designed to develop an understanding of the principal themes in modern European history. The students will be asked to analyze historical evidence in an effort to understand the appropriate connections to other subjects and fields. A dramatically increased workload can be expected, with an emphasis on primary source material.
N.B. Students are required either to elect the college credit option through St. Mary's University or take the College Board Advanced Placement Exam.
- 853 Psychology**
Open to JR/SR CP 2 Trimesters 1 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation.
 Description: Why do people do what they do? The course is an introduction to basic psychological processes such as learning, personality, child development, perception, drug abuse and abnormal behavior.
- 855 Facing History**
Open to JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: World History CP or Honors
 Description: This course uses the holocaust as a case study and examines human behavior in many situations of daily life. This study confronts such issues as racism, classism, elitism and other social problems.
- 857 American Government and the Constitution**
Open to SO/JR/SR CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: U.S. History or concurrent enrollment
 Description: This course is required for graduation starting with the Class of 2010. It will include the study of the Illinois and United States Constitutions. The origins and application of these documents will be analyzed and examined to meet the responsibility requirements of citizens. The course will focus on civil rights, political parties, elections and current events.
- Development of the Young Child**
Open to Grades 11 – 12 CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher approval / recommendation
 This course addresses the knowledge and skills related to child growth and development from prenatal to early school-age children. Students will learn about brain development, socio-emotional development and gross/fine motor development of small children. Also emphasized are legislation and public policies affecting young children. Students will have two formal classes a week, and three days of "lab experience" observing and assisting in the preschool and kindergarten classrooms at the elementary and preschool section of St. Benedict Prep. Students will learn how to complete a case study on one child as well as produce a portfolio to demonstrate knowledge learned.
- Sociology**
Open to Grades 11 – 12 CP 1 Trimester .5 Credit
Prerequisite: Teacher approval / recommendation

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

A service requirement of 10 hours is mandated on a yearly basis with grading implications. Forty (40) hours are required for graduation with documentation outlined by the theology department.

912 Theology I - Christian Scriptures

Open to FR

CP

2 Trimesters

1 Credit

Description: This first year course will cover one of the basic pillars of the Catholic Church, Scripture. Part of this course will focus on the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) with an intensive study of the major books: the Law, historical books, prophets and wisdom literature. We will also emphasize the New Testament with an in-depth look at the Gospels, Acts, Epistles and Revelation. **In addition to course work, ten hours of service are required each year.**

922 Theology II - Church History and Sacraments

Open to SO

CP

2 Trimesters

1 Credit

Description: During the second year of theology, courses will concentrate on the second pillar of the Catholic Church, namely Tradition. Picking up the church's story from its early foundation as witnessed in the New Testament, it will proceed with the development of the Church to the present day. In the second half of the year, the focus will be on a more mature understanding of the church's sacramental life with deeper insight into the role of ritual and community in the lives of its members. **In addition to course work, ten hours of service are required each year.**

932 Theology III - Moral Decision Making and Social Justice

Open to JR

CP

2 Trimesters

1 Credit

Description: The third year branches out into two major areas of study; in the first semester course preparation takes place for more mature conscience formation and learning how to use our conscience to form moral decisions. Once these decisions are made, conflict resolution skills are also taught as one means to assist in putting decisions into action. During the second half of the year, the Church's rich heritage in the area of social justice is explored; issues such as the sacredness of human life, human dignity, dignity of work, racial equality and world hunger are covered. **In addition to course work, ten hours of service are required each year.**

942 Theology IV - World Religions and An Overview of the Catholic Faith

Open to SR

CP

2 Trimesters

1 Credit

Description: Final year courses focus on preparing students for the adult world they are about to enter. World Religions studies nine major religions of the eastern and western world. This provides an excellent preparation for the various cultures and religions to which students will be exposed in college, work and everyday living. The last course will focus on an extensive coverage of all materials presented previously as well as provide a detailed, critical study of the Catholic faith. It is meant to provide seniors with a deeper understanding of concepts and truths and the lived experience of being an adult Catholic in today's world. **In addition to course work, ten hours of service are required each year.**

ACT PREP CLASS**ACT Preparation Class****Juniors (All)****2 Trimesters****1 Credit****Note: 1 Trimester is English****1 Trimester is Math**

Description: This course will focus on successfully preparing students for the ACT exam, which is needed for entrance into most colleges. The course will begin with very basic math principals like fractions and decimals and work through higher levels of Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry. The students will learn study skills, test-taking skills and reinforce current knowledge of math. Some of the topics students should be prepared to learn/reinforce are whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percents, integers, statistical operations (mean, median, mode), ratios and proportions, exponents and radicals, polynomials and operations with variables, equations and inequalities, basic geometry terms and operations, use coordinate geometry, problem solving and the three trigonometric formulas (sine, cosine, tangent). Students should be prepared for weekly tests, rigorous homework and high expectations.

BENGAL PREP CLASS**Bengal Prep Class****Freshman / Transfer students****1 Trimester****.5 Credit**

This course is will consist of the history of St. Benedict Schools as well as preparation for making high school a successful experience. You will learn how to format papers which will be used in all classes, study skills, research techniques, and test taking skills. You will also learn where and how to seek out assistance from academic help to becoming involved in school activities.