

# General Electives

## Botany

Prerequisite: Biology 1  
Grade: 11  
Credit: 1 unit  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll study fungi, algae, lichens, mosses, ferns, conifers and flowering plants. You'll learn how genetic information in DNA controls plant development and how plants grow in different conditions.

Public health and environmental protection professionals need to understand plant science to help them solve pollution problems.

## College Orientation COL 101 - York Tech

Prerequisite: At least a B average in college prep courses. Ask your guidance counselor about other prerequisites.  
Grades: 11-12  
Credit: 1 unit/3 hours college credit through York Tech  
Offered: York Tech campus  
Fees: You may be required to purchase textbooks or materials

You'll study career planning, study skills, stress management, tutoring, group guidance and other subjects to help you succeed in college and life.

## Comprehensive Health Education

Prerequisite: None  
Grades: 10-12  
Credit: 1/2 unit or 1 unit  
Offered: Indian Land, Lancaster

You'll cover all S.C. requirements for health-related areas – personal, dental, human growth and development, consumer, reproductive, sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS, pregnancy prevention, disease and disorder prevention and control, safety and accident prevention, mental and emotional health, substance use and abuse, nutritional health, sexual harassment issues, CPR and environmental and community health.

## Driver Education

Prerequisite: Must be 15 & have driver's permit by 15th day of class  
Grades: 10-12  
Credit: 1/2 unit  
Offered: Andrew Jackson, Buford, Indian Land, Lancaster

Fee: \$50 (subject to increase as fuel costs change) fee involved paid in advance

You'll use videos, simulation, wheel experience in a dual-controlled car and textbooks to gain the knowledge, skills and attitude to be a competent, safe driver.

Enrollment is limited, and attendance is very important to meet course requirements.

Ninety minutes of class time is equivalent to two hours of instructional time.

## English for Speakers of Other Languages

Prerequisite: Standardized test scores, grades, teacher recommendation  
Grades: 9-12  
Credit: 1 unit  
Offered: Indian Land, Lancaster

If English isn't your first language, you may be placed in this course to improve your conversational English and developing skills and school vocabulary to help you in other classes.

## High School 101

Prerequisite: None  
Grade: 9  
Credit: 1 unit  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll find High School 101 very helpful as you make the transition to high school.

You'll learn about conflict management, careers, service learning and study skills. It also includes comprehensive health topics required for graduation.

## High School 101 – Females

Prerequisites: None  
Grades: 9-12  
Credit: Elective  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll learn positive self identity and self esteem,

personal vision and goals, social and emotional skills, moral character, academic success and work ethic.

## High School Writing 101

Prerequisite: English 1  
Grades: 10-11  
Credit: 1 unit  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll be immersed in sound writing structures in a writer's workshop format that focuses on skills you need for sound writing in all subjects including English language arts, social studies, science and math.

## Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

Prerequisite: None  
Grades 9-12  
Credit: 1 unit per level  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll be prepared for the world of work through JAG.

You'll learn what goes into making informed career choices, and you'll learn that a successful career involves continually examining your goals.

- You'll also learn to
- identify your interests, skills and values
  - build skills to research and acquire a job
  - build skills for decision-making and goal-setting
  - use information, resources and tools to identify your strengths and weaknesses
  - develop strong study habits for school and the real world
  - analyze internal and external obstacles that prevent academic success
  - practice accepting responsibility for your decisions and your behavior.

## Multicultural Studies

Prerequisite: None  
Grades: 10-12  
Credit: 1 unit  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll learn to see yourself and others in a new way.

You'll be introduced to cultures of the world to explore differences and commonalities while focusing on the importance of appreciating, accepting and tolerating people from other areas.

You'll take the course at your school with a facilitator as your professor teaches by distance education from another site.

You and your parents should attend an USCL orientation as part of registration.

**This course will not count as the required government unit.**

## SAT Prep – Verbal/Math

Prerequisite: English 1 and Algebra 1 recommended  
Grades: 10-12  
Credit: 1/2 unit or 1 unit  
Offered: Andrew Jackson, Buford, Indian Land, Lancaster  
Fees: Textbook must be paid for in advance at Lancaster and Indian Land

You'll build confidence and prepare for the SAT or the ACT.

A series of context-related vocabulary lessons and word-attack skills is integrated with SAT verbal practice lessons.

You'll also develop strategies for language use through critical thinking and reading comprehension techniques and strategies for solving math problems in algebra and geometry.

Problem-solving activities will improve SAT/ACT scores.

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## Service Learning (Volunteer class)

Prerequisite: None  
Grades: 9-12  
Credit: 1/2 or 1 unit  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll earn high school credit as you help your community.

You'll attend class meetings and volunteer in the community to learn more about yourself and careers in volunteer service.

## Survey of Plants & Animals

Prerequisites: Biology 1, Chemistry 1  
Grades: 11-12  
Credit: 1 unit  
Offered: Lancaster

You'll begin with Kingdom Animalia and study representatives of invertebrates through vertebrates.

You'll also study the Plant Kingdom, learn botany basics and use a dichotomous key.