

Tamiscal High School: Elective Offerings

Contemporary Literature is a course for students who wish to express their creativity in writing poetry, fiction, and other expressive forms. Students will learn to write narration, description, and dialogue, developing their ability to handle fiction techniques. They will work with imagery, sound, rhythm, and fiction techniques. They will study models of representative literature and will write analytic papers about them. It is a college prep elective (UC/CSU eligibility). (Juniors/Seniors)

Senior Project - Executive Functioning of the Brain is an elective course focusing on the human brain and its executive functions. Based on Dr. John Medina's *Brain Rules*, Dr. Judy Willis's neurological research and John Gardner's *Multiple Intelligences* as featured in the Rush Neurobehavioral Center's workbook, the course introduces students to their brains, executive functions and how to maximize brain health, enhance memory, and improve study skills. Textbooks and materials: *Brain Rules* by John Medina, *Executive Functions, A Blueprint for Success Guide*. Rush Neurobehavioral Center, various articles and slides from Dr. Judy Willis, TED talks, current articles magazines or newspapers, print or online, Annenberg Brain Series. (Juniors/Seniors)

Psychology is a rigorous one-semester elective course intended for students enrolled in grades eleven and twelve. This "survey" course provides students with an initial understanding of the basic principles of psychology, and students have input on the topics that they would like to cover. The class will have practical application in that it will relate psychological understandings to current student concerns. In addition, students interested in related career fields will find this course of interest. It is a college prep elective (UC/CSU eligibility).

History and Appreciation of Film is a one-semester course (Fall only) that offers a rigorous but accessible study of film history from the late 19th century to the present. The course provides a look at representative films for artistic, historical and cultural significance. Connections will be drawn between developments in different countries and times of film history. Students will acquire an understanding of the language and techniques of filmmaking while learning about important film styles associated with particular periods, genres, countries and directors. It is a college prep elective (UC/CSU eligibility).

Independent Living is a one-semester course (Spring only) is designed to prepare students to live on their own. Course topics: personal finance and budgeting, apartment shopping, menu planning, cooking, and monthly food budgeting, crafting a resume, and searching for a career. This course requires a two-month career internship (4 hours minimum per week) at a placement the student arranges. Class meets once a week for one hour. (Juniors/Seniors)

Art: We will continue to offer **Photo and Ceramics** on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-5:15pm. Photography is offered every fall semester, and Ceramics is offered every spring semester.

WEEP or Work Place Learning: WEEP is for students who have PAID jobs and want to earn credit while working. Work Place Learning is for students who have internships in an area of interest for a possible career & who are not Seniors. Seniors would take **Senior Project – Internships**.