

Ulysses Courses

Advanced Research A/B

Required for Ulysses juniors, this semester course in research design prepares students for their senior research projects. Students will hone their writing and organizational skills while exploring the essential components of research methodology, sophisticated technology and professional presentations.

Ulysses Senior Research Project A/B

Required for Ulysses seniors, this semester course provides students with the structure and guidance necessary to complete their senior Ulysses Projects. All projects are presented to the community at the Ulysses Fair in January or April.

Ulysses Program Internship A/B

An optional experiential component open to Ulysses seniors while taking Ulysses Research Project A/B. Students will have hands-on exposure related to their Ulysses topics while working with an off-site mentor in an internship setting.

We also offer special Ulysses sections of the following honors and Advanced Placement courses:

- Signature Honors English 9 and English 10
- Signature Honors Biology
- Signature Honors Chemistry
- Signature Honors Physics
- Signature Honors U.S. History
- Signature AP or Honors NSL Government
- Signature AP or Honors Modern World History



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Ulysses Program Overview

Welcome to The Ulysses Program, Northwest High School's Signature Program, a comprehensive, rigorous, and vigorous course of study beginning in the freshman year.

Our namesake is the famous Greek warrior Odysseus (Ulysses in Latin), best known for his heroic feats during the Trojan War and his arduous but instructive ten-year journey home to Ithaca.

Students begin the journey by taking three courses together: Honors Signature English 9, Honors Signature Biology or Physics, and Honors Signature U.S. History. Students get to know each other and their team of teachers as they focus on real-world research and technology across-the-curriculum in an intellectual and nurturing community of learners.

As juniors, students begin to focus on an area of strong interest among the three Ulysses Themes: (1) Arts and Humanities; (2) Public Policy and Public Service; (3) Math, Science and Technology. Fulfilling requirements with upper level electives, students will prepare for their independent senior research project.

To apply to the Ulysses Signature Program, students must be:

- Incoming ninth graders to NWHS
- Recommended for three honors courses: English 9, US History, and Biology or Physics
- Recommended by two middle school teachers
- Reading on or above grade level
- Writing on or above grade level
- Interested in research, presentation, and completing independent and group projects, including the Senior Ulysses Project
- Committed to the four-year program



'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)



Benefits to Students

- Belonging to a small, rigorous and vigorous learning community
- Developing research skills across the content areas: English, history, and science
- Opportunity to work within area of strong interest
- Concentration of course work in an area of strong personal and academic interest
- Senior year opportunity for project course with optional fieldwork experience
- Special recognition at graduation as Ulysses Scholar
- Personalized letter attached to transcripts and sent to colleges describing program and final project
- Emphasis on real-world research, technology and presentation skills