

Course Syllabus

Senior Seminar

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Introduction

Welcome Students to Gateway Academy my name is Mr. Chamberlain and welcome to Senior Seminar . I have over 17 years of educational experience including 9 years as a Social Studies teacher and 5 years as an administrator. I am looking forward to giving you a quality education and helping you accomplish your goals.

Classroom Expectations, Protocols and Accommodations

- Always follow the Honor code Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful
- Students are encouraged to use Google for assignments, communication and organization of electronic classwork.
- Show up to class on time with materials and ready to learn
- Unfinished classwork can be finished at home
- Technology use is to be focused on Academics only
- When printing documents students must gain Teacher approval
- Students assignments can be completed electronically or handwritten
- Stay engaged during the entire lesson
- Have Fun

Grade Configuration

- **40% In-Class Assignments/Class Discussions**
- **40% Projects**
- **20% Assessments**

Learning Methods and Organizational Strategies

This will be a Project based learning class designed solely with the purpose of enhancing student skills in the realms of organization, planning, design and presentation creativity. Students will be required to choose, organize, create and present their topics of choice via presentation or other creative methods of delivery approved by the instructor

Core Discipline Descriptors

Students will have the opportunity to use their projects as a supporting apparatus to develop skills for use after high school. Students can also use their projects for entrance into competitions and to compete for scholarships. The Senior Seminar class will be a supporting class for the seniors in their transition after high school. We can also use the class time to apply for scholarships, search for career fields of interest, create projects that apply to student long term goals and explore historical topics by conducting extensive research.

Curriculum and Content Covered

- All Projects are Student centered and focused on “digging deep” into students' topics of interest.
- Students have the freedom to choose their own research project topic. (Teacher must approve)
- Students must complete a organization template before creating their presentation
- Organizational templates must include the topic, project objectives, essential questions and sub categories of content.
- Student projects towards the end of the year will be tailored to support the students' transition from Gateway.