



March 25, 2021

Freshmen Parents/Guardians,

Your son or daughter's course requests for next school year are available to select. An Advisor has been assigned to contact you and will help answer any questions you may have regarding this information.

Description of Freshmen Courses: (note – “A” courses are 1st semester and “B” courses are 2nd semester)

- **COMPUTER SKILLS** – required of all freshmen (includes keyboarding, word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software skills)
- **COMPUTER APPLICATIONS** – elective teaching programming, web design and 3D design
- **COMPUTER GRAPHICS** – elective teaching Adobe Photoshop, InDesign & Illustrator
- **ROBOTICS** – elective teaching basic engineering & programming through the use of Lego robotic kits
- **DIGITAL VIDEO I** – elective teaching creating, editing and producing video
- **PUBLICATIONS I** – elective course focused on publishing the school yearbook

- **INTRO TO THE TRADES** – elective teaching basic tool use, electrical, plumbing, construction, etc. (upper classmen have priority)
- **WOODWORKING** - elective (upper classmen have priority)
- **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION** – elective (upper classmen have priority)

- **INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE** – scheduled through the coordinator, Mrs. Gail Bolstad. To request more information call (608) 783-5435 x1905 or bolsgail@luther.k12.wi.us

- **ENGLISH I** – required of all freshmen

- **ALGEBRA I** – elective
- **ALGEBRA 1-P1** – elective, first half of Algebra I made into a full year course (students would take ALGEBRA 1-P2 in their Sophomore year)
- **PRE-ALGEBRA 9** – generally determined by a combination of criteria (8th grade Math grades and/or consultation with 8th grade teacher and/or parent)
- **(GEOMETRY)** – this course is not listed because it is only available to those passing the Algebra I challenge exam. The exam is given in mid-May at the Lutheran Elementary Schools or at Luther High School by appointment. Please select Algebra I at this time.

Contact Mr. Mark Ross, Math Dept Chairman, for more information (608) 783-5435 x1830 or rossmark@luther.k12.wi.us.

Music Graduation Requirements

- 1 semester of either music classroom course (*Music Appreciation 9-12, Music Theory 11-12, Digital Music 11-12*)
OR
- 4 semesters of any music performance course(s) in any combination of (*Band 9-12, Cantate Choir 9, Concert Choir 10-12*)

- **MUSIC APPRECIATION** – classroom elective general music course to introduce students to music
- **(MUSIC THEORY)** – classroom elective (not listed because it is only offered to Jr/Sr students) theory music course
- **(DIGITAL MUSIC)** classroom elective (not listed because it is only offered to Jr/Sr students)
- **BAND** – performance elective, Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior & Senior course
- **CANTATE CHOIR** – performance elective, joint boys & girls Freshmen choir but listed separately by gender for study hall purposes

If your plan follows the path of 4 semesters of choir to satisfy your graduation requirement, please be advised that the 2nd year of choir is an auditioned choir. Students who do not pass the audition would then satisfy the graduation requirement by either:

- Taking the Freshmen Cantate Choir for a second year, OR
- Taking the Music Appreciation (1 semester) course, OR
- Auditioning for Concert Choir again as a Junior or Senior.

- **ART 3D/PHOTO** – elective (upper classmen have priority)
- **ART DRAW/PAINT** – elective (upper classmen have priority)
- **FITNESS & WELLNESS** – required of all freshmen
- **GOSPELS** – required of all freshmen
- **PHYSICAL SCIENCE** – required of all freshmen
- **WESTERN CIVILIZATION** – required of all freshmen
- **EAST/WEST GEOGRAPHY** – typically taken as a Sophomore, offered for special circumstances

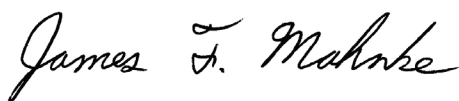
VOCAL INSTRUCTION and/or PIANO OR ORGAN INSTRUCTION – lessons offered for a fee and given once a week. Contact Mr. Paul Adickes for more information, (608) 783-5435 x1340 or adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us.

Each course has an in-depth syllabus available via our website at www.luther.k12.wi.us under “Academics” then “Course Catalog”.

Your student’s advisor should be contacting you within a few days to schedule your son/daughter’s freshmen classes.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact your Advisor or me for more information at (608) 783-5435 x1101 or mahnjame@luther.k12.wi.us.

In Christ,



James F. Mahnke
Registrar