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SECONDARY INTEREST COURSE CATALOGUE



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***“We Learn to
Never Quit!”***

Academic Courses



Book Club

The person who never reads lives only once. A reader lives a thousand lives before he or she dies. Let us live! In this course, you will get the chance to explore literature from different parts of the world and different perspectives. You will investigate narrative style, theme, and characterisation in a low stress, low pressure setting. In this course, you will:

- Read a variety of books from various authors and genres
- Participate in guided discussions to analyse and critique each book and its characters



Chama Cha Kiswahili

Watetezi wa lugha teule ya Kiswahili. Tunakukaribisha kujivunia lugha yetu teule ya Kiswahili. Chama hiki kitakuelimisha na pia kukufurahisha kupitia matukio yafwatayo:

- Kutanguliza chama
- Uhamasisho wa lugha ya Kiswahili
- Kujihusisha katika mashindano ya uandishi kitaifa na kimataifa yanayohusu lugha
- Kuibua na kujenga watetezi wa lugha ya Kiswahili
- Kujihusisha katika kongamano, mashindano na mijadala inayohusu lugha



College Essay Writing & Journalism

“A word after a word after a word is power!” - Margaret Atwood. Let's write our words down! In this course, you will learn the journalistic skills required to develop news stories while building your confidence in writing. You will learn the ins and outs of writing the college admissions essays that will wow the admissions officers. Particular units of this course include:

- Introduction to journalism
- Interview techniques
- College admissions writing



Critical Thinking

Critical thinkers move the world. This is a seminar on critical thinking and inquiring into the nature of knowledge and knowing? It will seek to answer questions like:

- What is Knowledge & who are the Knowers?
- What is the nature of different types of knowledge? Science, Arts, Ethics, History, and Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- How do we know? Sense Perception, Reason, Language, Emotion and Faith



French

Bienvenue! apprenons le Langue d'amour. (Welcome! Let's learn the language of love). Learn to speak beginner French in this course. You will learn the basics of conversational French, including:

- Greetings
- Basic vocabulary, including high frequency nouns and verbs
- Grammar rules
- Short, descriptive writing

Leadership Courses



Discipleship

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation - 1st Peter 2:2. Get ready to grow personally and spiritually in this course focusing on youth discipleship! Through consistent Bible study, mentorship, and discussion with other teenagers on matters of faith, you will further develop your skills as a Christian leader. This course will include:

- Faith discussions on challenges facing Christian youth today
- Praise and worship concerts
- Weekend challenges and worship services
- Speaker series on living and leading by Christ's teachings
- A Christian talent show



Entrepreneurship & Agribusiness

"First we eat, then we do everything else." - M.F.K. Fisher. The agriculture sector remains one of the most important sectors in African economies, as we all need to eat! Recent innovations in agriculture have also made farming and agribusiness all the more profitable. Through this course, you will gain an understanding of:

- Entrepreneurial skills
- How to set up an agribusiness
- The agribusiness market and factors affecting the market
- Writing a business plan
- Agriculture and agricultural economics

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Model United Nations

"We are global citizens building leadership for tomorrow." Let's continue the global conversation. In this course, you will participate in Model United Nations conferences and write position and resolution papers. Particular course topics include:

- Introduction to Model UN
- History of Model UN
- Model UN conference proceedings
- Research, presentation, debate, lobbying, problem-solving, and diplomacy skills



Public Speaking & Debate

"We know metals by their tinkling and men by their talking." - Thomas Brooks. Come, let's talk. In this course, you will rehearse and perform a speech. You will also take part in various organised debating and public speaking events with other students. Particular areas of focus in this course will be:

- Vocal quality and voice production
- Proper resonance, tone, and pitch
- Meaningful gestures and body posture
- Facial expressions and eye contact

Mind & Body Course

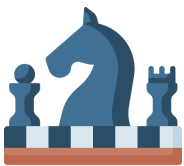


Fitness, Wellness & Life Skills

“To keep the body in good health is a duty. Otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.” - Buddha. Join us in our journey exploration and fitness of not only the mind but also the body. Let's get into shape, both internally and externally! In this course, you will:

- Develop and follow a basic workout plan, integrating fitness into your daily routine
- Learn practical life skills to apply to your daily life, such as cooking
- Develop psychosocial skills such as creative thinking, decision making, effective communication, and more - helping you to deal with the demands of everyday life

Skill Building Courses



Chess

“When you see a good move, look for a better one.” - Emanuel Lasker. Become a Grand Master in 3 months and improve your chess ratings on any chess engine or tournament. Make better and more precise decisions, stretch your critical thinking, and keep your brain cells active by playing the most beautiful game on the planet. In this course, you will:

- Learn about each chess piece and its role
- Learn the rules of chess
- Watch and review movies about chess
- Participate in a chess tournament

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Music

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.” - Plato. Get prepared to sing your heart out! In this course, you will explore building blocks of music, including:

- What is music?
- Sight reading: the musical scale and alphabet
- Vocal practise
- Musical composition

Technical Courses



Coding & Web Design

“Coding is today’s language of creativity. All our children deserve a chance to become creators instead of consumers of computer science.” - Maria Klawe. Ever wanted to create your own website? In this course, you’ll do just that! Throughout this interest course, you will:

- Learn the language of HTML/CSS
- Design and develop a web page using HTML/CSS JavaScript
- Develop your computational thinking skills

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Video Editing & Production

“Editing is where movies are made or broken. Many a film has been saved and many a film has been ruined in the editing room.” - Joe Dante. In this course, you will learn the skills to design and produce multimedia content for an online audience. Particular areas of focus include:

- Learning Adobe Premiere Pro CC
- Sequencing clips
- Creating video and audio transitions
- Cutting sequences.
- Using speed gain and sound gain.
- Exporting to various file types