**Senior Seminar Credit – Independent Study**

**Requirements for Class of 2016**

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The Senior Seminar credit is designed for students to fulfill the senior project requirement for graduation if they are not enrolled in a Focused Program of Study. Students in a Focused Program of Study are to complete their senior project in the capstone class for that program.

Students enrolled in this course do not meet as a class. The activities are completed independently with support from Mr. Gaffney. All of the following components of the project must be finished in order to earn credit.

**All activities (except for the presentation) can be submitted via email or in person.**

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| **Required Activity** | **Description** | **Due Date** |
| 1/ Resume | An up-to-date resume needs to be submitted. If you complete a resume in English 12 or for your career development credit, you may submit that document. | December 1 |
| 2/ Research Paper and Bibliography | Choose a career or area of special interest to research. Your paper should describe your interest in the career or area of study, research around the job requirements, and any educational requirements to work in the field. The paper should include a self-reflection which analyzes your current skills for entering the chosen career and should describe your future plans/goals in relation to that career.  The paper must include citations in APA or MLA format and a bibliography listing all of your sources.  **Paper should be 4-6 pages in length, double-spaced, 12 point font. The bibliography *is not* included in the page count.** | February 1 |
| 3/ College or Career Exploration and/or Internship (Log and Reflection) | As part of a senior project, you must complete at least 20 hours of college and career exploration and/or an internship. College visitations, presentations, career searches, activities on Naviance, job shadows, work experience, and career fairs can all count towards your 20 hours. You will need to submit a log of your hours and a brief one page reflection about what you learned from your activities. **All hours must be signed off by the supervising adult on the attached log sheet.** | April 1 |
| 4/ Presentation | When you have completed the first 3 activities of the senior project, you will need to schedule a time with Mr. Gaffney to present your work in a 3-5 minute presentation. Your presentation should include a visual (PowerPoint, Google Site, Poster, etc.) and should explain the process that you followed in completing your project, your research, and any important lessons learned. | April 1 |

**Who should I contact for help?** Mr. Gaffney, your counselor, and the career/college counselor should all be able to help you start your project or provide guidance as you begin your work.

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**Senior Seminar – College/Career Exploration and Internship Log**

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| **Number of Hours** | **Activity** | **Signature and Date** |
| *EX: 1 hour* | *EX: OSU College Visit at GHS* | *Counselor or Presenter/Date* |
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