

VSB DISTRICT COURSES

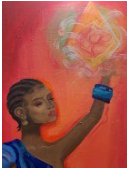
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Calling ALL VSB students! Did you know that there are DISTRICT COURSES that are open to all students? They happen once a week after school (in person), go on many field trips, have interesting guest speakers, online activities and more! These are courses with **UNIQUE** curriculum that are recommended for Grades 11/12.

Register for the Informational Session on **February 26, 2025 @ 5:30 PM** (virtual) for more details! [LINK](#)




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History of African Descent in BC 12

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History of African Descent in BC 12 (Course Code YSSC-2A)	Queer & Trans History of BC 12 (Course Code YSSC-2B)
<p>Course Description: African-Canadian history is Canadian history. This course aims to offer a comprehensive history of people of African descent in B.C. through an Afrocentric lens. The objective of this course is for all students to have the opportunity to learn about the heritage and past experiences of the Black Canadian community which will help to foster cross cultural understanding and appreciation. Topics will span ancient African empires through the Transatlantic slave trade, the civil rights era, contemporary culture and beyond into Afrofuturism. Throughout the course there will be a celebration of the achievements as well as the artistic, scientific, social and political contributions of the African diaspora, both in the past and in the present.</p>	<p>Course Description: This year-long course explores how gender identity, expression and sexual orientation diversity have influenced social, economic, and political structures. We will examine past and current issues pertaining to 2SLGBTQIA+ communities locally and beyond. Local presenters and activities will be scheduled throughout the school year. Students will be asked to interpret, analyze and explain their understanding of the context of different pieces and events, and will be asked to complete a capstone inquiry project for a final presentation/celebration in June. Topics include Language & Identity, Expression & Political Shift, and Fostering a New Future, all with the objective of celebrating and deepening our understanding of the rich history of Queer & Trans people in what is now known as British Columbia.</p>
<p>What do we talk about? Black Culture, African empires, West Indian dialects...Beyoncé, AfroFuturism, Rest, James Brown, Maya Angelou, Art, Architecture, graphic novels, stomping the yard...the list goes on!</p>	<p>What do we talk about? Different identities, movements and people in 2SLGBTQIAP+ history. We'll look at language, dance, music, and more!</p>
<p>Why do we talk about it? To center Black Joy, Resilience and Achievements</p>	<p>Why do we talk about it? To center Trans and Queer Joy, Resilience and Achievements</p>
<p>What do we do? Field trips and guest speakers, project-based learning, online dialoguing and seminars.</p>	<p>What do we do? Field trips and guest speakers, project-based learning, online dialoguing and seminars.</p>
<p>Resources: Hear more from students! Round Table Discussion with Wayde Compton (youtube.com) https://youtu.be/Xsx4hZPmq5A?si=N_Tc_UiRDD_ssdXOu</p>  	<p>Resources: More information:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OL_EJY-CmEg</p>

What does it take? A keen interest in history, a desire to connect with students across the district, commitment to showing up to class.

The Fine Print:

- These courses count as an elective
- It is open to all grade 11 and 12 students in the district, so if you have friends at other schools, you can all take the course together!

Register for either of these courses by talking to your school counsellor!