

## **GRADE 11 & 12 COURSE SELECTION**

### **CANADIAN AND WORLD STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

The program in Canadian and World Studies at Jean Vanier is made up of four subject areas: history, law, geography and politics. An important goal of the Canadian and World Studies program is to help students develop knowledge, skills, and values they need to become responsible citizens and informed participants in Canadian society in the twenty-first century. These courses will help you prepare for a wide variety of careers including Urban and Regional Planner, Journalist, Teacher, Travel Agent, Police Officer, Lawyer, Social Worker, Research Director, Political Scientist, Market Research Analyst, Social Worker, Demographer, and Forensic Technician.

The Canadian and World Studies Department field trips include destinations such as the courthouse, the Royal Ontario Museum, Medieval Times, and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Guest speakers include lawyers, police officers, forensic specialists, international affairs experts and war veterans.

#### **GRADE 11**

##### **History: World History to the Sixteenth Century (CHW 3M)**

This course investigates the history of humanity from Prehistory, through the earliest civilizations, to the sixteenth century. Major civilizations such as the Ancient Egyptians, the Greeks, and the Romans will be studied. Additional areas that students can examine are the Islamic Middle Eastern, Asian and Mesoamerican cultures. Topics include: the gladiators of Rome, the Egyptian Pharaohs and the pyramids, the knights of the Middle Ages and the Black Death. Possible field trips include the Royal Ontario Museum and Medieval Times.

##### **Law: Understanding Canadian Law, University / College Preparation (CLU 3M)**

This introduction to law course looks at the development of law through history, human rights issues, criminal law, and dispute resolution. Specific themes include the changing nature of law, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, Charter rights and civil lawsuits. The course incorporates activities like Mock Trials and debates. Guest speakers in the recent past have included lawyers, police officers, a forensic expert, and sexual assault counselors. The course includes a field trip to a trial at the courthouse. Students taking this course are also eligible to participate in the inter-school Mock Trial tournament.

##### **Geography: Travel and Tourism, Open (CGG 30)**

This course focuses on travel and tourism to examine the unique characteristics of selected world regions from a geographical perspective. Students develop an understanding and an appreciation of ways in which the natural environments, economics, cultures, and of aspects of world regions interact. The course allows one to be creative, involving such projects as designing hotel accommodations, planning trips to different countries, and creating poster projects. The course includes special guest speakers and may also include a field trip pertaining to tourism.

#### **GRADE 12**

##### **History: World History: The West and the World, University Preparation (CHY 4U)**

This survey course looks at major trends in Western Civilizations and world history. Beginning with the end of the Middle Ages, the course travels through the Renaissance, the Age of Exploration, the Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, Romanticism, the Industrial Revolution, WWI, WW2. Activities include: history fair, role-play, simulations and interviews. Special attention is given to artistic movements and musical periods through the ages. The course may include excursions to the R.O.M., A.G.O. and guest speakers.

##### **Law: Canadian and International Law, University Preparation (CLN 4U)**

This senior level law course takes an issues based approach to the study of domestic and international law. The connections between historical and philosophical sources of law and issues in today's society such as terrorism and international conflict are explored. Current socio-legal issues such as reproductive technologies, privacy laws, war crimes, and hate literature are examined, discussed, and debated. Students who take this course are eligible to participate in the inter-school Mock Trial tournament.

##### **Politics: Canadian and World Politics, University Preparation (CPW4U)**

This course examines Canadian and world politics from a variety of perspectives. Students will investigate the ways in which individuals, groups, and states work to influence domestic and world events, the role of political ideologies in national and international politics, and the dynamics of international cooperation and conflict resolution. Students will have many opportunities to debate and discuss national and international events of both past and present.

##### **Geography: Canadian & World Issues: A Geographic Analysis, University Preparation (CGW 4U)**

This course draws on the geographic concepts, skills, and technologies to analyze significant issues facing Canadians as citizens of an interdependent world. Students examine the challenges of creating a sustainable future through the study of a range of topics including economic interdependence, geopolitical conflict, and regional disparities in the ability to meet basic human needs.