

BRANDON ACADEMY
UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVES 2019-20
SEMESTER 2

Please note what grades are open to electives choices

FIRST ELECTIVE PERIOD (HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOL):

HS Robotics Competition Team – This FULL YEAR course is a continuation of the HS Robotics team from the first semester. **This course is for Grades 9-12 only.**

Physical Fitness – This is a SEMESTER course. Enjoy games and skills along with nutrition in this class. **This elective is for Grades 9-12 only.**

Visual Art – This SEMESTER course, students will explore a variety of techniques and mediums, while studying artists from around the world and across time. This course will combine both 2D arts (drawing, painting, printmaking) with 3D arts. Students will have the opportunity to experiment in mediums of their choosing while creating artworks surrounding broad themes and topics. The course will conclude with a formal art show representing student work. **This elective is for Grades 9-12 only.**

Drama – In this SEMESTER course, we'll be working with all aspects of performance, from projection and enunciation to staging and sets. We'll work on getting into character, practice improvisation skills, and building performances from first reading to after-performance critique. We will play a major role in the BA Spring Musical along with Total Sound. **This elective is for Grades 6-12.**

Total Sound - In this SEMESTER elective, the class will conduct, teach, train, and transform singers into a finely tuned, choreographed vocal ensemble. This group performs in many capacities throughout the semester and will also include off-campus performances. This elective plays a major role in the BA Spring Musical along with Drama. **This elective is for Grades 6-12.**

Design Thinking & Innovation - In this SEMESTER course, students will master the tools necessary to generate new ideas and quickly transform those innovative concepts into a worthwhile pipeline of new products or services. They will implement the five steps of design thinking, putting life into their generated ideas. This approach will allow students to take their ideas and turn them into award winning products, services or a way we think about something in society. Students will be challenged to come to class ready to initiate their learning, as what they study, create and complete can truly be up to them. **This class is for Grades 6-8 only.**

CSI (Middle School Edition) – This SEMESTER elective will be designed to explore the workings of the police, courts, the corrections system. The purpose is for students to gain experience in the major investigative techniques currently used by forensic scientists and crime scene investigators, and to develop an understanding of not only the basics but scientific concepts which serve as the basis for these techniques. Topic examples: evidence collective, hair analysis, fingerprint analysis, ballistics. **This elective is for Grades 6-8 only.**

Life Skills – This SEMESTER elective focuses on essential skills for daily life. Students will learn how to:

1. Manage Personal Finances
2. Household Managing
3. Knowing and Exploring Occupational Options
4. Appropriate work habits and behavior
5. Sewing Class
6. Employment (Resume building)

This elective is for Grades 6-8 only

Traveling the World – This is a SEMESTER course. This course will explore (through various forms of media images) the most important countries all around the world, and their cultures. As we travel through each continent, the students will learn about the highest ranked influential regions and why they hold such power. They will also learn about each country's location, customs, economy, languages spoken, religion, political system and other cultural aspects. **This elective is for Grades 7-8 only.**

Spanish 2 Honors – This FULL YEAR course is the second year of Spanish. This course is open to 8th graders who have completed Spanish 1. It is a continuation of the semester one elective. **This elective for Grade 8.**

Virtual School Electives – Brandon Academy offers many courses through Florida Virtual School for high school students to enroll. Students, who wish to take a course, will submit their choice to the Upper School Head for approval. Course descriptions can be found at <https://www.flvs.net/flex/courses>

SECOND ELECTIVE PERIOD (MIDDLE SCHOOL):

Robotics – This is a FULL YEAR elective. It is a continuation of the semester 1 course

Visual Art – This SEMESTER course, students will explore a variety of techniques and mediums, while studying artists from around the world and across time. This course will combine both 2D arts (drawing, painting, printmaking) with 3D arts (weaving, ceramics, sculpture). Students will have the opportunity to experiment in mediums of their choosing while creating artworks surrounding broad themes and topics. The course will conclude with a formal art show representing student work.

Physical Education – This is a SEMESTER course. Take one semester or two if you would like. Enjoy games, skills and fun in P.E. class. Note: you may only take P.E. once each semester.

Spanish 1 – This is a FULL YEAR course. Spanish 1 is prerequisite for Spanish 2 Honors. Students in the class will learn grammar and to converse in Spanish. It is a continuation of the first semester course.
This elective is for Grades 7-8 only.

Set Design – This is a SEMESTER course. This class will learn about the various aspects of set design for performances. Students will work on the behind the scenes for the BA Spring Musical. They also learn about the audio and light equipment at the school in order to assist with the upcoming performance.

Study Hall – Need to time to work on your assignments? This elective gives you more time for homework and extra assistance.

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