

YOUTHBUILD PROVIDENCE

COURSE CATALOG



2012-
2013



REQUIRED COURSES

THE SURVIVAL OF OUR COMMUNITY: HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

This course offers everything you need to know about improving the relationships in your life: with your family, with your boo, with YOURSELF. You will learn ways to avoid fights with peers and loved ones, and you will learn to use all the POSITIVE parts of your personality. This course also covers everything you ever wanted to know about sex, parenting, and STI's —actually, probably more than you ever wanted to know!

REQUIRED
TAUGHT BY: ROBERT NYAHKON
COUNTS AS ONE HEALTH CREDIT



MONEY, POWER, RESPECT

Cultivate your money management skills. Figure out what issues matter to you and how to DO SOMETHING about them. Learn to be a LEADER.

REQUIRED
TAUGHT BY: ANTHONY HUBBARD
COUNTS TOWARDS A SOCIAL STUDIES CREDIT

TALK ABOUT IT!

Your presentation and public speaking skills will AMAZE you by the time you finish this class. You will learn about what styles of communication are the most effective, and how to write and deliver a professional presentation.

REQUIRED
TAUGHT BY: ROSA GONCALVES
COUNTS AS PART OF AN ELA CREDIT



READY AND WILLING

A resume and cover letter are the first things potential employers see: learn how to make the best impression you can. In this class, you'll talk about professional attire, practice interview skills, and learn about your college and career options. Prepare for a life beyond YouthBuild!

REQUIRED
TAUGHT BY: JOANNE DEBRAH
COUNTS AS PART OF AN ELA CREDIT





YouthBuild students learn construction skills through building low-income housing.

CONSTRUCTION TRAINING

YouthBuild Providence’s construction training program will prepare you for a union apprenticeship or a residential building job. You will learn the basics of hand tools, power tools, framing, drywall installation, plumbing and electrical, blueprints, project management, and finish work.

As part of the construction training program, you will also learn construction math and how to get into construction as a career.

REQUIRED*
TAUGHT BY:
CHEN CHHORK

**COUNTS AS ONE ELECTIVE CREDIT,
ONE PE CREDIT, AND 1/2 A MATH
CREDIT**

*unless you are accepted into the Service Academy



Floor plan design is one way that YouthBuild students learn math.

MATH IN THE REAL WORLD

Plan your own store. Design containers and rooms. Learn what it takes to start a business. Find out what math you’ll need in your future career. Most importantly, learn the tricks and techniques that will make you GREAT at math.

CHOSEN BY NEED
TAUGHT BY: DAN SMITH
COUNTS AS A MATH CREDIT



YouthBuild students on the community camping trip in New Hampshire.

THE X FACTOR

How do you know when you’ll make a profit in your business? How does math affect our neighborhoods? How do you actually learn to think algebraically? All this and more in The X Factor.

CHOSEN BY NEED
TAUGHT BY: DAN SMITH
COUNTS AS AN ALGEBRA CREDIT

OUR BODIES, OUR ENVIRONMENT

What makes us human? How do we affect our environment and vice versa? In this course, you will explore human biology and ecosystems through various projects.

CHOSEN BY NEED
TAUGHT BY: DAN SMITH
COUNTS AS A SCIENCE CREDIT



WHO ARE WE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

This course explores how we write about our lives and what good readers do that makes them enjoy reading so much. You will also do some internet research, watch some newscasts, and write your memoir!

CHOSEN BY NEED

**TAUGHT BY: MIKE DERAGON
COUNTS AS ONE ENGLISH CREDIT**



URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

This course is run with Brown University and Providence's Urban Debate League. You will learn about the art and science of debate. This course makes you eligible to participate in debate tournaments against other Rhode Island high schools within the league. Argue like a boss!

CHOSEN BY NEED

**TAUGHT BY: MIKE DERAGON AND DEBATE LEAGUE STAFF
COUNTS AS ONE ENGLISH OR ONE SOCIAL STUDIES CREDIT**



JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND PEACE FOR ALL

Can we actually change anything? How do we work towards a more just and equal world? This course explores civil rights movements, the horrors of genocide, and how to deal with the government.

CHOSEN BY NEED

**TAUGHT BY: MIKE DERAGON
COUNTS AS ONE SOCIAL STUDIES CREDIT**



ART

This course will focus on self-expression and community engagement. You will learn to use logos, collage, street signs, and block printing to get your point of view across.

ELECTIVE

TAUGHT BY: ALYSSA HOLLAND-
SHORT
COUNTS AS A FINE ARTS CREDIT

DRAMA, DRAMA, DRAMA

Read a play, write a play, learn to act, and have some serious fun.

ELECTIVE

TAUGHT BY: MIKE DERAGON, CAROL
DROWNE, AND RYAN PURCELL
COUNTS AS 1/2 OF AN ENGLISH
CREDIT



PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn how to take great photos, or make your own short film!

ELECTIVE

TAUGHT BY: ANTHONY HUBBARD-
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

PE

Robert is gonna help you get in shape!

REQUIRED

TAUGHT BY: ROBERT NYAHKON
COUNTS AS 1/2 OF A PHYSICAL
EDUCATION CREDIT



YouthBuild Providence's house flags.

CONSCIOUSNESS OF OURSELVES

This class discusses health issues of particular interest to young people and features engaging physical activities such as boxing and weight lifting.

ELECTIVE

TAUGHT BY: FLOYD BROWN
COUNTS AS 1/2 OF A PHYSICAL
EDUCATION CREDIT

ONLINE CREDITS AVAILABLE:

- ◆ Algebra II
- ◆ Chemistry
- ◆ Physics
- ◆ Spanish I
- ◆ Spanish II

SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY

Service Learning Academy is:

- ◆ A unique opportunity for a select group of students
- ◆ A way to gain work experience and skills while giving back to the community
- ◆ A way to learn more about a possible career path
- ◆ A way to earn Americorps service hours

If you are accepted to Service Learning Academy, you will begin service at a local organization. You will also work with staff members on a plan for completing the academic piece of SLA (journal writing, papers, research).

You can choose one of the following areas:

- ◆ **Environmental Studies**
- ◆ **Allied Health**
- ◆ **Social Work and Community Justice**
- ◆ **Childcare**

Depending on what you choose, you may be working in a preschool, helping to run a group therapy session, helping to organize a food pantry, cleaning up a neighborhood park, collecting water samples, or assisting with client intake at a health clinic. You may have the opportunity to attend different trainings and even receive certificates or college credit for training.

SELECTIVE ELECTIVE

**COORDINATED BY: ELIJAH STEPHENSON AND YOUTHBUILD STAFF
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