



**Electives
Help Teachers
Reach and Engage
Students Based on
Their Personal
Interests**

Electives open up your students' eyes to a world beyond their prescribed coursework, and can even have the power to forge new directions for their futures. One of your students, for example, may develop a passion for journalism after completing a Media Studies elective. Another may decide to pursue a Medical Doctorate based on her love of a Health and Medicine course.

Some states, in an effort to foster this more personal, well-rounded approach to education, make it a requirement for students to complete up to two-plus electives per year to graduate high school.

Help your students meet their elective requirements, while cultivating their academic success and personal growth with Compass Learning. And, now your students have even more choices with our electives, designed to enhance CompassLearning Odyssey's already comprehensive offering of engaging, online high school curriculum.

CompassLearning Odyssey's Electives, at a Glance

Art History	Personal Fitness	Marine Biology
Psychology	Renewable Energy	Health and Medicine
Media Studies	Space Exploration	Paleontology
	Sociology	

These offerings complement Compass Learning's existing core courses, plus Economics with Personal Finance; Health; World Geography; College Readiness; Advanced Placement* classes in Calculus, Biology, U.S. Government, Microeconomics, and Macroeconomics; as well as a variety of foreign language courses including Spanish, German, French, Latin, and Chinese.

All Compass Learning electives allow students to obtain credit at an independent pace in areas that directly align to their personal interests. Our catalog of elective offerings is fully integrated within the Odyssey Manager tool, which makes incorporating electives into student, teacher, and administrator activities absolutely seamless.

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CompassLearning Odyssey's Semester-Long Electives Include:



Art History

What makes a piece of art a masterpiece? Why do artists create? What is the difference between Rococo and Art Nouveau? In Art History, students discover the answers to these questions and more. In addition, they learn about the elements of art and principles of design, and how artists have used these for centuries to create art. This course focuses on the development of artistic traditions in Western culture. Major artists, periods, and movements from Prehistory to Modernism are explored.



Media Studies

Everywhere we look, we're confronted with mass media. From billboard ads, to newspaper articles, to Facebook feeds, people are sharing ideas with each other for a variety of reasons, with a variety of purposes. Media Studies explores the many facets of mass media. Students learn how the media shapes their lives, and about the many different kinds of media and the roles they each play. Newspapers, books, magazines, radio, movies, television, Facebook, Twitter, and more are discussed as aspects of the immense media network.



Renewable Energy

These days it seems everyone and everything is "going green." Because earth's population is growing rapidly, it's imperative we find new, innovative ways to provide energy to all. At the same time, we need to ensure we leave the earth intact for future generations. Renewable Energy discusses why sustainability is becoming increasingly important. Students learn about amazing and creative innovations that are making it possible for us to meet increasing energy demands, while simultaneously lessening our impact on the earth.



Sociology

In Sociology students investigate facets of human existence such as why societies work the way they do, and why and how we, as individuals, work within our societies. We build social systems such as governments and companies. We decide on socially appropriate behavior, which can range from laws to our clothing styles. We choose to conform, or not. We make distinctions between ourselves and others, such as distinctions based on gender, race, class, or peer groups.



Paleontology

Who hasn't been fascinated with dinosaurs at one point or another? In Paleontology students learn about prehistoric creatures, both large and small, that roamed earth before humans. They also research what might have happened to these incredible beasts, and how the field of paleontology continues to provide amazing insight into early life on earth.



Psychology

Psychology explores, at its most basic level, why we do what we do. How do biology and environment come together to create individuals with distinct thoughts and ideas? How do we learn? How do others influence us? What causes psychological disorders? These are just a few of the questions examined in Psychology. Students study the brain and behavior, different theoretical approaches to psychology, abnormal psychology, and how today's clinical psychologists treat patients.



Personal Fitness

Personal Fitness helps students understand how working out promotes individual health and wellness. This course covers the basics of how to build and maintain personal fitness, as well as the fundamentals of human physiology related to fitness and exercise. Additionally, it illustrates not only how to live a fit lifestyle, but also why it's so important.



Space Exploration

In 1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first human to go into space. In 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the moon. More than four decades later, a manned space station orbits the earth, but humans have yet to reach beyond the moon. Space Exploration delves into the history and future of space travel. Students find out how we've sent people into space in the past, and what it will take for us to reach new frontiers in the future.



Marine Biology

Oceans constitute about 70 percent of the earth's surface, and even today, these massive bodies of water remain largely unexplored. Consequently, marine scientists make new and exciting aquatic discoveries each and every day. In Marine Biology students learn about the vast network of life that exists beneath the ocean's surface, from tiny plankton to great white sharks. Students also examine the impact we humans have on our oceans, and how we each play a role in protecting the many organisms living in the earth's vast oceans.



Health and Medicine

This course encourages students to explore human anatomy, physiology, development, and nutrition. Students also examine various aspects of medical awareness, including medical ethics, as well as the causes of and available treatments for certain diseases and mental disorders. In addition, students unearth the prevalence, causes, and symptoms of common traumatic injuries, and observe how to react in emergency situations. Moreover, students investigate the job duties associated with various healthcare professions, and review the usual courses of education required for healthcare careers.

To find out more about how Compass Learning can empower teachers to reach and engage students based on personal interests, call our toll-free number at 866-586-7387 or visit our website at www.compasslearning.com.



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