

ELECTIVES PLANNING GUIDE: 2022-2023 At A Glance

Wednesday (8/31): Advisors and advisees: look ahead to the year, think about what electives you might want to take. Think about if there is a quarter where you might want to propose an Independent Study.

Thursday (9/1): Advisors and advisees meet together and fill out an initial planning form (very much non-binding) to see about interest in classes for the rest of the year.

QUARTER 2

Project	Physical Ed	Humanities
Bookmaking	Climbing/Lifting	Quakerism 1
Miniature Painting	Advanced Fencing	Meaning & Absurdity
Juggling	Yoga	Quakerism 2
Cooperative Games	Indoor Soccer	
Computer Science 1		
Visual Storytelling		
From Script to Screen		

QUARTER 3

Project	Physical Ed	Humanities	Semester 1 ULSS
Printmaking	Beginning Fencing	Prairie Lights	Psychology
Wheel Ceramics	Volleyball (or a different team sport)	Celtic Literature	Autocracy and Machiavelli
Imaginary Worlds	Movement for Healing (AKA Dance Party)	Ideas That Changed Us: Emergent Strategy	
Computer Science 2 (HS Only)	Winter Fitness & Recreation		
Tabletop Game Design 1			
Musical Theater 1 (HS Only)			

QUARTER 4

Project	Physical Ed	Humanities
Yearbook	Ultimate Frisbee	Family Matters
Wheel Ceramics	Farm Team	Poems That Changed Us
Advanced Archery	Elizabethan Rapier	Shakespeare
Tabletop Game Design 2	Walking	
Musical Theater 2 (HS Only)		

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QUARTER 2

Project

Project	Teacher	Very Short Description
Bookmaking	Asa	Explore the craft of bookbinding, while creating your own handmade book. We will look at a variety of binding techniques as we construct our signatures, folios, covers, and spines. These skills can be used to create your own sketchbooks, zines, and comics.
Miniature Painting	Adam	The focus of the class will be on utilizing a combination of simple painting techniques and an understanding of color theory to paint models in a 32mm scale.
Juggling	Hans	Learn and practice (and practice) various juggling skills, progressing at your own pace, following your own interests. You will have the opportunity to try working with balls, clubs, devil sticks, unicycles, and more.
Cooperative Games	Dana Sonja	In this class students will play a variety of cooperative games; there will be opportunities to teach games, as well as to learn from others. The focus will be on games that build teamwork, both cooperative and competitive.
Computer Science 1	Theodore	Through a series of small hands-on projects, we will explore the potential of common coding languages including HTML and Python. The focus of this class will be developing students' ability to think creatively, problem solve, and work cooperatively.
Visual Storytelling	Jon David	Visual Storytelling is the art of telling stories with and through pictures, most commonly encountered in the form of illustration, but also comics, graphic novels, even cave paintings! We'll have the opportunity to practice this fine art together.
From Script to Screen	CY	This class will work through the process of producing a short film based on an original script written by last quarter's Writing for the Screen and Stage students. Students will be able to take roles in every step of the process, acting as producers in the pre-production planning stage, directors, actors, cinematographers and more in production, and finally editors, sound designers, and colorists in post-production.

Physical Education

PE	Teacher	Very Short Description
Climbing/Lifting	Ben	This class will be spending one day training for climbing and the other two climbing either on our small wall or doing short field trips to boulder outside and climb in gyms. Some weeks may require weekend commitments.
Advanced Fencing	Hans	Experienced epee fencers will review and expand their skills through drills, electric bouts, and field trips to play with other fencing clubs. They will also learn and practice teaching methods that they will use when working with the beginning fencers during 3rd quarter. (It is assumed that advanced fencers will participate during both 2nd and 3rd quarters.)
Yoga	Blue	We will spend our time practicing and learning hatha yoga, a traditional form of yoga that seeks to balance body and mind; hatha classes always include holding physical poses, attention to breath, and meditation. When you leave this class, you will have built your own vinyasa flow (sequence of favorite poses) so that you can have a joyful home practice.
Indoor Soccer	Sam	This class is for all levels of soccer players, from beginners to advanced. We will spend some time working on skills, but mostly we will learn by playing.

Humanities (Religious Studies Classes: required for graduation)

Humanities	Teacher	Very Short Description
Quakerism 1	Mark	Quakerism I will look at the history and practice of Quakerism around the world and at Scattergood, with special attention given to questions you may have. We'll spend some time with videos, written works and guest lectures, and there will be many opportunities to share your thoughts, primarily in writing.
Meaning & Absurdity	Dani	In this course we will explore different concepts of God through the lens of different religions and the Theater of the Absurd. We will specifically study Waiting For Godot and reflect on the duality of meaninglessness and searching for meaning.
Quakerism 2	Blue	This class will investigate formative Quaker spiritual experiences (through first-hand accounts) and along the way we will encounter Quaker ideas about mysticism, activism (as an element of faith), and love. Open-minded active reading and self-reflective writing will be our tools, which will culminate in a project we share with the larger community at Scattergood.

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Project

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Printmaking	Asa	Learn about the expressive nature of relief printmaking while designing your own work of art and developing a collaborative show poster for the HS Musical. We will look at relief printing throughout history while comparing Eastern and Western techniques and styles.
Wheel Ceramics	Adam	We're going to learn the basics of using the potters' wheel to make simple cups & bowls. A class you can take any number of times to hone your skills & pursue more advanced techniques.

Imaginary Worlds	Hans	Envision, explore, and develop your own imaginary world. Make your imagined world real by describing it in detail, using a variety of mediums (text, maps, visual arts, audio arts, etc.) Your options are only limited by your imagination.
Computer Science 2 (HS Only)	Theo	In this course, we will expand upon the basic skills discussed in CS 1 to undertake larger projects using Python. Computer Science 1 is a prerequisite for this class.
Tabletop Game Design 1	Jessica	Develop and design a tabletop game as we learn about game themes and mechanics, prototyping, and the playtesting, feedback, and redesign process. BOTH QUARTERS (3 and 4) are required.
Musical Theater 1 (HS Only)	John Sonja Sadie	Learn the art of Musical Theater through the production of a Musical. This quarter will focus on script analysis and learning individual components (music, choreography, scenes). BOTH QUARTERS (3 and 4) are required.

Physical Education

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Beginning Fencing	Hans	An introduction to modern sport fencing (epee). New fencers will be guided step by step through basic stance, footwork, and bladework by the advanced fencers. (Advanced fencers will continue to develop their own skills through practice with other clubs.)
Volleyball	Ben	Volleyball class will consist of some drills to practice the individual skills of volleyball but most of the class will be spent getting exercise through the game of volleyball. No experience necessary, all are invited! (Depending on interest, this may become a different indoor team sport, such as basketball).
Movement for Healing (AKA Dance Party)	Blue	We will explore non-linear movement, Nia expressive dance, eurhythm (art of movement) and anxiety & stress-releasing techniques like shaking and tapping. All in the service of finding the movement method that is the most healing and stress-reducing for each of us!
Winter Fitness & Recreation	Sam	In this class we will take advantage of the beauty of the Iowa winter! Two days of the week will be dedicated to fitness outside (primarily jogging/hiking), and one day will be a grab bag of outdoor winter fun (sledding, snowball fights, etc.)

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Prairie Lights	Mark	The Prairie Lights Class studies contemporary authors who are currently on promotional book tours and doing readings in Iowa City. This class includes quite a bit of reading and writing, with assignments often focusing on literary analysis, but also with heavy doses of creative writing, inspired by the authors and genres we are reading
Celtic Literature	Jon David	W.B. Yeats, Samuel Beckett, Sheridan Le Fanu, Flann O'Brien, probably not James Joyce. The Irish literary scene has produced some of the West's most influential writers. We'll explore the spiritual, wry, mystical, and satirical spirit of the Celtic literary revival.
Ideas That Changed Us: Emergent Strategy	Blue	We will explore adrienne maree brown's ideas from her book Emergent Strategy, and, using that book's framework as well as other activists' ideas, create our own plan for hope and action in the climate change era. There will be quite a bit of delicious reading, active listening, hopeful discussing, deep thinking, strategic planning and enthusiastic writing in this class.

Upper Level Social Studies/Government (Semester-long, primarily 11th/12th graders)

Semester 2 ULSS	Teacher	Very Short Description
Psychology	Dani	In this course we will dive into Psychological theories and experiments as we learn introductory psychology with a focus on social psychology. We will work on experiments/studies throughout the course.
Autocracy and Machiavelli	Jon David	Read <i>The Prince!</i> Learn how to rule with an iron fist in a velvet glove, and also about how power is taken and held, who seeks it out, and why.

QUARTER 4

Project

Project	Teacher	Very Short Description
Yearbook	Asa	Capture the memories of an amazing year at Scattergood. Photographers, writers, investigators, and designers are needed to help us immortalize another year in Scattergood history.
Wheel Ceramics	Adam	We're going to learn the basics of using the potters' wheel to make simple cups & bowls. A class you can take any number of times to hone your skills & pursue more advanced techniques.
Advanced Archery	Hans	Experienced archers have the opportunity to practice and develop their skills to a higher level through various fun and challenging shooting games (staggered range, roving, aerial targets, etc.). Plus more Robin Hood!
Tabletop Game Design 2	Jessica	In this quarter we will build out the game prototypes from the previous quarter, by creating more sustainable components as well as the artwork and overall design of the game, moving them toward a publishable product.
Musical Theater 2 (HS Only)	John Sonja Sadie	As we move closer to a performance for the community, we will focus on integrating the separate components into a cohesive show. Rehearsals will also take place in the evening during the last few weeks of the quarter.

Physical Education

PE	Teacher	Very Short Description
Ultimate Frisbee	Sam	We will be learning the basic skills and strategies of ultimate frisbee, though mostly we will be learning by playing! No prior experience necessary. Depending on interest, this may be soccer instead.
Farm Team	Ben	Farm Team in the fall involves a lot of sheep care with moving fences to give them access from fresh grass and tagging adorable lambs. There may also be some fence repair, other animal chores, and tree care.
Elizabethan Rapier	Hans	Explore the rapier & dagger technique of late 16 th century Italian swordmaster, Vincentio Saviolo. (The time of Shakespeare.) We will use simple wooden practice weapons and work step by step through basic stance, footwork, and bladework.
Walking	Blue	In this class, wear good shoes: we will walk! Also, be open and curious: for we will explore walking with intention, and walking as a vehicle for meditation, for problem-solving, for balancing body and mind, for releasing stress, for creativity!--and, we will learn about famous walkers and famous folks with walking practices along the way.

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Family Matters	Dani	Through literature, we will see what parts of the family are important to us and how other structures in our lives, such as gender, race, and class, impact the family. We will read <i>The House on Mango Street</i> , <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> , and short stories surrounding loss, love, and tension in the family. This will be a reading and writing heavy class.
Poems That Changed Us	Blue	Throughout this class, we will dive deeply into individual poems and examine how, when, and why certain poems have the power to reach us and alter us. Students will be given the basic tools for close reading poems in order to produce a poetic analysis; they will also learn basic creative writing techniques, and will be invited into a month-long poem-writing experience in April (participating in NaPoWriMo, National Poetry Writing Month).
Shakespeare	Jon David	An advanced class that deals with the Bard themselves. We'll read <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> , and also perhaps <i>The Tempest</i> ! Or <i>Macbeth</i> ! So many good stories! Not a class for those afraid of very challenging reading assignments.