

# SPARTAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Students interested in business may apply to the academy as 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Participating students get a rigorous project-based and hands-on introduction to the skills and knowledge needed for a finance career pathway, while building 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies valuable to any career.

In addition to the core high school curriculum, School of Business and Finance students study a series of finance-focused topics through a project-based learning framework. Courses include Introduction to Finance, Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting and Entrepreneurship. School of Finance students also build communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills through an extensive series of real-world learning experiences. Course credit is earned through an Articulation Agreement with Georgian Court University (GCU) and will allow students to earn course credit through Georgian Court University Course Ahead Program. Students must apply to the program and achieve a grade of “C” or higher for GCU credit.

Students are required to participate in Structured Learning Experiences such as job shadowing, volunteer opportunities, school-based enterprises, and paid and unpaid internships with local businesses. Additionally students are required to be active members of DECA. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

## SPARTAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE FOUR YEAR COURSE PLANNER

Required courses for graduation are filled in for each year.

### Grade 9 (Class of 2026)

1. P.E. & Health
2. English
3. World History or AP European History
4. Algebra I
5. Biology
6. World Language
7. Instructional Technology (2.5 credit)  
Public Speaking (2.5 credit)
8. Introduction to Finance (3 Semester hours GCU)

### Grade 11 (Class of 2024)

1. P.E. & Health
2. English
3. U.S. History II
4. Algebra II
5. Physics
6. World Language Elective\*
7. Managerial Accounting (3 Semester hours GCU)
8. Elective

### Grade 10 (Class of 2025)

1. P.E. & Health
2. English
3. U.S. History I
4. Geometry
5. Chemistry
6. World Language
7. Financial Accounting (3 Semester hours GCU)
8. Elective

### Grade 12 (Class of 2023)

1. P.E. & Health
2. English
3. US History III
4. Mathematics Elective\*
5. Science Elective\*
6. World Language Elective\*
7. Entrepreneurship (3 Semester hours GCU)
8. Elective

***\*One additional Business Elective is required***

***\* Recommended Electives - AP Micro/ AP Macro***

**PUBLIC SPEAKING** (Required Course for Spartan School of Business and Finance)

Public Speaking is a course designed to improve oral communication. Writing, reading, listening, and thinking skills are strengthened through the preparation and presentation process of speech-making. The course allows the student opportunities to engage in a variety of speaking experiences reflective of personal academic, business, and media oriented settings. Student speeches are evaluated by their peers and the teacher as students learn to speak effectively, competently, and confidently to a group.

## **INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE**

(Required First Course for Spartan School of Business and Finance)

**Credits: 5    Grades: 9**

### ***3 GCU Credits for Spartan School of Business and Finance Student with a final grade of "C" or higher***

This course will introduce students to the fundamental concepts of personal finance and basic skills in accounting. Familiarity with these topics will enable students to effectively interact with financial professionals throughout their lives. The course will also help students to understand and develop an appreciation for financial priorities of individuals and business entities. Additionally this course serves as a foundation course in quantitative problem solving as it applies to the business environment. This course will prepare students for postsecondary finance courses, and finance series events in DECA. **Ocean Township High School has a dual enrollment agreement with Georgian Court University (GCU) for this course as part of their Course Ahead program. While the course is open to any student, students wishing to earn dual credit must complete all tasks that correspond to the guidelines established by GCU for academic credit. A Course Ahead application must be submitted to GCU by each student wishing to take the class for dual enrollment credit prior to taking the course. Reduced GCU tuition fees apply.**

- This course fulfills the 2.5 credits of the Financial Literacy State requirement.
- This course provides 2.5 credits of a 21st Century and Career elective.

## **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING** (Required Course for Spartan School of Business and Finance)

Prerequisite: Introduction to Finance or Instructor Approval

### ***3 GCU Credits for Spartan School of Business and Finance Student with a final grade of "C" or higher***

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts and generally accepted accounting principles underlying the accounting cycle. Several important concepts will be studied in detail, including: the accounting cycle, accounting for assets, liabilities, and equity, understanding business information, and accounting for a sole proprietorship. This accounting course will prepare students for postsecondary finance courses, and finance series events in DECA. **Ocean Township High School has a dual enrollment agreement with Georgian Court University (GCU) for this course as part of their Course Ahead program. While the course is open to any student, students wishing to earn dual credit must complete all tasks that correspond to the guidelines established by GCU for academic credit. A Course Ahead application must be submitted to GCU by each student wishing to take the class for dual enrollment credit prior to taking the course. Reduced GCU tuition fees apply.**

## **MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING**

(Required Course for Spartan School of Business and Finance)

Prerequisite: Financial Accounting or Instructor Approval

**3 GCU Credits for Spartan School of Business and Finance Student with a final grade of “C” or higher**

This course continues exploring the concepts learned in Financial Accounting. Accounting for corporations and partnerships, including current liabilities, payroll, bonds, stocks, and the statement of cash flow. Review managerial accounting, the need for cost accounting systems, and job order accounting and process costing and how they differ. Includes cost volume profit and breakeven analysis, presentation of budgets, performance reports and variances. This accounting course will prepare students for post-secondary accounting courses, and accounting series events in DECA. Additionally this course prepares students for QuickBooks Pro® certification. **Ocean Township High School has a dual enrollment agreement with Georgian Court University (GCU) for this course as part of their Course Ahead program. While the course is open to any student, students wishing to earn dual credit must complete all tasks that correspond to the guidelines established by GCU for academic credit. A Course Ahead application must be submitted to GCU by each student wishing to take the class for dual enrollment credit prior to taking the course. Reduced GCU tuition fees apply.**

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP** (Required Capstone Course for Spartan School of Business and Finance)

**Prerequisite:** Managerial Accounting or Instructor Approval

**Credits: 5     Grades: 11-12**

**3 GCU Credits for Spartan School of Business and Finance Student with a final grade of “C” or higher**

This course will cultivate the next generation of leaders by examining entrepreneurs, and turning ideas into opportunities. Examine the development and management of an entrepreneurial venture, from conception, to forming a business plan, to becoming a start-up, to finding alternative methods of financing, staffing, marketing, organizing, expanding and managing. Additional work will be devoted to business plans, financial plans, and management strategies. As there are many activities associated with entrepreneurial practices, original visual and oral presentations created and developed by the students individually and as members of teams will be a required part of this course. Finally all enrolled students are required to participate in internship and externship opportunities. **Ocean Township High School has a dual enrollment agreement with Georgian Court University (GCU) for this course as part of their Course Ahead program. While the course is open to any student, students wishing to earn dual credit must complete all tasks that correspond to the guidelines established by GCU for academic credit. A Course Ahead application must be submitted to GCU by each student wishing to take the class for dual enrollment credit prior to taking the course. Reduced GCU tuition fees apply.**