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Century College to Offer Classes in Woodbury

Earning college credit will become easier and more convenient for residents of the Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Newport and St. Paul Park areas this fall.

For the first time, Century College will offer two classes at Woodbury High School as part of its expanding effort to reach out and connect with area residents. The courses also are available to interested high school students.

A class called Intercultural Communication (COMM 1051) will be offered Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. from Sept. 18 to Dec. 11. Students will study cultural differences and how they affect communication. Topics include the role of culture in human behavior, cultural aspects of domestic and international business, issues in refugee/immigrant resettlement and intercultural relationships.

The other class to be offered is Composition I (ENGL 1021), which will be offered Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. from Aug. 25 to Dec. 15. This college composition course emphasizes the expository essay, purposeful writing, selection and organization of material and fluency. Students will be introduced to citing and documenting outside sources.

“We are pleased that we are able to offer college classes so close to home for our residents,” said South Washington County School District Superintendent Tom Nelson. “Lifelong learning is something we promote and believe in.”

Century’s course offerings at Woodbury High School this fall are part of a growing outreach initiative that is anchored by a significant Access and Opportunity grant from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. The \$1.2 million grant, awarded to both Century and Inver Hills Community College, created a Center of Excellence that allows the colleges and their K-12 partners to help more students successfully advance from school to college.

Dr. John O’Brien, who is serving as Century’s acting president this year, said Century’s classes at Woodbury High School are a part of the college’s increasing effort to reach out to K-12 partners. He noted that Century College President Larry Litecky is making K-12 outreach a major focus of his one-year sabbatical leave of absence, which began in mid-July.

“We are serious about increasing access to college,” said O’Brien. “Attending college classes in the high school makes college, we think, that much more inevitable. It is a way for high school students, and also adult students, to test the water before they dive in head first.”

Like any other college student, residents and high school students who want to take Century classes will need to take Century’s placement test and register through the college.