

United States Academic Decathlon® Curricular Topics for 2019–2020!

The U.S. Academic Decathlon® is excited to announce that the overall curricular theme for 2019–2020 will be **In Sickness and in Health: An Exploration of Illness and Wellness**. Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas.

- **SCIENCE:** The science topic will be an introduction to the biology of cancer.
- **LITERATURE:** The literature curriculum will include critical reading, one long work of literature, and selected shorter works. The long work of literature will be the 1818 version of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*.
- **ART:** The art curriculum will include a section on art fundamentals and will largely focus on an exploration of illness and wellness in art.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum will introduce students to various musical works from across the centuries that will allow them to examine the role of mortality in Western art music.
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** The social science curriculum will introduce students to the history of healthcare.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum will cover fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics and will also include a thematic section on health economics.
- **MATHEMATICS:** The mathematics curriculum will cover algebra and trigonometry.*

The full subject area outlines will be posted on the U.S. Academic Decathlon® website <www.usad.org> on May 1 and will also be published in the U.S. Academic Decathlon® *Study Guide*, which will begin shipping on May 15.

* *The 2019–20 mathematics curriculum and materials will be the same as were used for the 2016–17 U.S. Academic Decathlon®.*