

Libertas Christian School  
Course Syllabus

**Course Title:** Vocatio - “one’s calling”

**Purpose:** The purpose of Vocatio is to offer interested seniors an opportunity for exploration in various careers and callings, to observe and work alongside successful Christian men and women on the job site and through individual study.

**Student Goals:** Through this experience, students should aim to become more knowledgeable in their chosen field of study and gain further insight into their own God-given gifts and passions throughout the placement.

**Attendance:** Depending on the requirements & preferences of a student’s placement, the student will attend an in-classroom session each Tuesday afternoon and an on-site session each Friday afternoon. If the placement requires students to do training before the placement, they will attend in-classroom sessions Tuesdays and Fridays until the training is complete, then they will attend on-site sessions. Students, in concert with their placement, will attend 2 semester-long sites. Students will not stay at any one placement for the entire school year. Attendance will be taken in class and on the site, and will be counted as part of the student’s grade.

**Grading:** Students will be graded on the following scale:

Reflection Journals: 30%	Mid-Term Paper: 20%
Final Portfolio: 25%	Site Evaluation: 25%

**Assignments:**

Reflection Journals: Each time a student attends their professional site, they should complete a 1-2 page reflection of what they observed, what new questions they had, how they were able to participate, and how their overall perspective of the job was changed or enriched. These papers are due the class period following their visit.

Mid-Term Paper: Each student should choose a current issue, concern, problem, challenge or development in their chosen field placement and complete research on this topic. At mid-semester, students should complete a 5-7 page paper detailing the issue (including its importance to or influence on the field), offering a solution while dealing with the refuting opinions/facts, and tying in a Biblical worldview with Scripture references to defend your position. A more detailed rubric will be given the first day of class.

*Final Portfolio:* Students will compile a portfolio as a formal presentation of their entire experience. The portfolio should be in a professional binder and include, but is not limited to the following items: Reflection Journals, a Final Reflection Paper (1-2 pages detailing overall experience and likelihood of entering the field later in life and how this experience has changed them as a person), Mid-Term Paper, Site Evaluation, photos of the student on the job site, articles of interest pertaining to the selected field, and a list of possible colleges or training facilities one could attend to pursue a career in the field. A more detailed rubric will be given the first day of class.

*Site Evaluation:* The site supervisor will complete monthly evaluations recording the student's attendance, punctuality, enthusiasm, work ethic, attitude, and aptitude. At the conclusion of the course, a more detailed evaluation will be completed by the site supervisor.

### **General Expectations:**

*Application:* Students interested in pursuing Vocatio as a course option should see the Guidance Counselor as soon as they have interest to gain application. Applications must be submitted by May 28 of the preceding school year so proper placement may be secured, and must include parent signature indicating permission granted. Applications will be reviewed by the Headmaster, Principal, Chaplain and Guidance Counselor and if they deem appropriate, a student interview will take place. Students will be notified of their acceptance into the Vocatio by July 1 of the preceding school year.

*Liability:* Libertas Christian School will not be held liable for accidents or injury that may occur at the field site. Waivers, permissions, etc. are to be handled by the sponsoring business.

*Removal from the Program:* At any time a sponsoring business deems it appropriate to terminate the experience, the LCS student will be removed from the Vocatio and complete the semester doing an independent study. This is only applicable if the sponsoring business requests the experience to end. Students may not choose to voluntarily end their time with their sponsoring business. However, if a student finds the placement an improper fit, they may appeal to the Headmaster, Principal, Chaplain and Guidance Counselor for removal.