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COURSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The courses offered at Anderson Christian School prepare our graduates for successful post-secondary experiences. This guide will help students and their parents make the best decisions concerning course selection for the coming year. Students and parents should read the guide thoroughly in order to make educated decisions regarding their high school course selection. Mrs. Catherine Neel, ACS Academic Advisor, will assist students in planning their program of studies based on goals set by students and parents. Every effort will be made to offer the courses you request. Because of class size and teacher loads, however, it may not be possible to honor all requests. In the event a course is not available, the academic advisor will provide alternate choices.

If a student and his/her parent(s) desire a course level other than that recommended by the teacher, a discussion with the academic advisor is mandatory. Final approval must be given by administration.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Each student is expected to:

- Carefully read the *Course Directory*.
- Use his/her transcript and listed requirements for graduation to select courses carefully.
- Complete the *Course Registration Form* by following the listed instructions.
- Beginning spring 2024, consult with teachers to get **teachers' signatures** for courses requiring teacher approval. Class time will be given for students to receive advisement and get signatures from teachers.
- Beginning spring 2024, discuss course selections with parents and obtain parent's signature on the *Course Registration Form*.
- Choose courses carefully alongside their parents. See guidelines in the *SC Uniform Grading Scale* and *Course Change/Withdrawal Policy* for students who withdraw from a course after it begins. Without a parent's signature, the course requests may not be handled in a timely manner.
- Beginning spring 2024, turn in the completed *Course Registration Form* with appropriate signatures to the academic advisor by the designated date.
- The academic advisor is available for any rising 8th-12th grade student, along with a parent or guardian, to discuss course selections. Please call the Academic Advisor's Office at 224-7309, ext. 113 or email catherineneel@andersonchristian.net as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.
- Once the student's schedule is created, changes may only be made due to computer or scheduling error.

COURSE CHANGE/WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If changes or corrections are necessary before the student's schedule is finalized, please call the Academic Advisor's Office. Once the master schedule is created, changes may only be made due to computer or scheduling error. At least one **parent/teacher contact** should be made **before** a request for withdrawal. A student may withdraw from a course **within the first 10 instructional days** and receive a WP-Withdraw-Passing. However, any student who withdraws **after the first 10 instructional days** will receive an F for the course. Guidelines in the *SC*

Uniform Grading Scale outline the consequences for students who withdraw from a course after it begins.

RETAKING COURSES

Based on SC Uniform Grading Policies, students may retake the same course at the same difficulty level under the following conditions:

- Only courses in which a grade of a F was earned may be retaken.
- The course in which a F was earned may be retaken only during the current academic year or the following academic year.
- The student's record/transcript will reflect **all** courses taken and the grades earned, with the following exception:
 - Courses retaken and passed through Credit Recovery will receive a passing grade of 60 which will replace the previous failing grade.
 - All course attempts from middle and high school will show on the transcript. Only one course attempt and the highest grade earned for the course will be calculated in the GPA.
- A student may repeat a failed High School subject with a grade of 60 or below once and remain eligible for continued enrollment.
- No more than two failed subjects may be made up through an ACS approved summer school or through Credit Recovery.
- Administration reserves the right to evaluate and make decisions on continued enrollment.

COURSE TYPES

College Prep (CP) Courses – These courses are designed for the students who are four-year college-bound. These courses are based on the SC state standards and are designed to fulfill the requirements to earn a SC high school diploma. The courses will require an in-depth study of the material, independent study, and projects. These courses are weighted at the college prep level according to the SC Uniform Grading Scale for purposes of GPA and class rank. Students should contact specific colleges to determine if CP designated courses will fulfill that college's admissions requirements.

Honors Courses – These courses are designed to be academically challenging by requiring the use of critical and analytical thinking skills, and may require independent study. With rare exception, these courses are intended to be preparation for Advanced Placement level courses offered at ACS.

College Level Examination Preparation (CLEP) Courses - These courses are designed to be academically challenging and are taught on the college level. CLEP courses follow the curriculum provided by the College Board. Students may take the CLEP exams at the conclusion of the course at a separate testing center. Students should contact specific colleges to learn of their policy concerning awarding CLEP units. Students are required to take the CLEP exam in order to receive AP/DC weighted credit for the course and will not be required to take the end of course final exam. Students choosing to NOT take the AP exam will receive honors weighted credit for the course and will be required to take the end of course final exam. *There is a fee at the separate testing site for each CLEP exam taken.*

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses - These courses are designed to be academically challenging and are taught on the college level. AP courses follow the curriculum provided by the College Board. Students will take the College Board National AP Exams in May of each year. Students should contact specific colleges to learn of their policy concerning awarding advanced placement units. Students are required to take the AP exam in order to receive AP weighted credit for the course and will not be required to take the end of course final exam. With rare exception, the May AP test is required for all students to earn credit for the course. Students who do not pass the AP exam will be given a high school unit for the course. The last few weeks of the course will involve a detailed review and preparation for the AP exam to be taken in May. *There is a fee for each AP exam taken.*

Dual College Enrollment for Credit- Students in the Honors program are allowed to participate with area colleges in a high school/college dual enrollment program. Students may enroll in an approved class not being offered at ACS. Students must receive permission from Anderson Christian School to enroll in courses that will earn dual units, i.e. Carnegie units from ACS and units at another institution. Dual credit courses receive AP weighting which is one full quality point above the CP weighting. Courses taken off campus are not intended to replace a high school course offered at ACS. Each student is responsible to meet the college's requirement for enrollment, complete the application process necessary, and pay for the courses taken. **Class schedule must not conflict with required ACS coursework.** Students may begin dual credit courses as early as the 10th grade. ACS does not currently place a limit on the number of dual credit courses a student may take. All dual credit coursework is at the family's expense. ACS tuition rates will apply when enrolled in dual credit.

Online Virtual High School Courses – High school students may elect to take additional classes online over their four years of high school. Course credit and grades will appear on the ACS high school transcript. These courses must be pre-approved by the administration.

CLASSIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The classification of a high school student will be determined by the number of high school units obtained at the close of the previous school term. Students may be reclassified at the close of each year. A student may repeat a High School subject once and remain eligible for continued enrollment. No more than two failed subjects may be made up through an ACS approved summer school. The following are unit requirements for each classification:

| <u>Total Units</u> | <u>Classification</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 0-6 | Freshman |
| 7-13 | Sophomore |
| 14-20 | Junior |
| 21 or more | Senior |

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS - COLLEGE PREP

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Bible | 4 units |
| English..... | 4 units |
| Math..... | 4 units |
| Science..... | 3 units |
| US History | 1 unit |
| Government | ½ unit |
| Economics..... | ½ unit |
| World History | 1 unit |
| Fine Arts | 1 unit |
| Physical Education/Health..... | 1 unit |
| Technology | 1 unit |
| Foreign Language..... | 2 units |
| Electives..... | 3 units |
| Total..... | 26 units |
| <i>Service Hours Requirement</i> | <i>50 hours</i> |

COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE OF STUDY

Four Units of Bible – Students must take a Bible class for each year they are enrolled at ACS. For transfer students, the Bible requirement will be adjusted to one unit per ACS year. This will increase the number of electives accordingly. Some requirements may be modified to accommodate transfer students.

Four Units of English - At least two units must have strong grammar and composition components, at least one must be in **British literature**, and at least one must be in **American literature**. Completion of **College Preparatory (CP) English 1, 2, 3, and 4** will meet this criterion. English I may be taken for one unit of high school credit in eighth grade in order for a student to accelerate in the English program. With rare exception, it is mandatory that all students enroll in an English course in grades 9-12. On a rare occasion, a college level dual credit course may replace one of the required courses.

Four Units of Mathematics – These include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry to be taken during the first three years. A fourth higher-level mathematics course should be selected from Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and Statistics. Algebra I may be taken for one unit of high school credit in eighth grade in order for a student to accelerate in the math program. With rare exception, it is mandatory that all students enroll in a Math course in grades 9-12. ACS will also allow a Math Tech course prior to Algebra 1 to count as part of the math requirement for graduation.

Three Units of Laboratory Science - Two units must be taken in two different fields and selected from among Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. The third unit may be from the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Human Anatomy or Physics. Physical Science should be taken as a prerequisite for the three required units of lab science. Biology will be a required course to fulfill the graduation requirements for a South Carolina state high school diploma.

Three Units of History – One unit of World History, ½ unit of American Government, ½ unit of economics, and one unit of U.S. History are required to fulfill the graduation requirements for a South Carolina state high school diploma.

Fine Arts Unit - One fine arts unit is required for all students. Fine arts electives include drama, digital publication design, and chapel band.

Physical Education Unit - One physical education unit is required for all students.

Technology Unit - One technology unit is required for all students and must include keyboarding.

Two Units of the Same Foreign Language – A third year of a foreign language is strongly encouraged. Students should check with colleges for foreign language requirements. Many colleges require a third year of foreign language to be taken in high school.

Three Units of Electives - Some elective courses must be supported by demand. Insufficient enrollment may result in cancellation of the course. Other electives may include AP psychology, yearbook/journalism, PE strength training or any class taken above the minimum requirements.

Service Hours - student must have 50 service hours.

SAMPLE COLLEGE-PREP SCHEDULE

| <i>9th Grade</i> | <i>10th Grade</i> | <i>11th Grade</i> | <i>12th Grade</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bible | Bible | Bible | Bible |
| English I | English II | English III | English IV |
| Algebra I | Geometry | Algebra II | Pre-Cal/ Statistics |
| World History | Gov/Economics | US History | Elective |
| Biology | Chemistry | Physics/Anatomy | Elective |
| Spanish I | Spanish II | Spanish III | Elective |
| PE or Elective | | Elective | |

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS - HONORS

| | |
|--|---|
| Bible | 4 units |
| English..... | 4 units |
| Math..... | 4 units |
| Science..... | 3 units |
| US History | 1 unit |
| Government | ½ unit |
| Economics..... | ½ unit |
| World History | 1 unit |
| Fine Arts | 1 unit |
| Physical Education/Health..... | 1 unit |
| Technology | 1 unit |
| Foreign Language..... | 2 units |
| Electives..... | 3 units |
| Additional Courses | 4 units |
| Total..... | 30 units (must have 7 honors level courses) |
| <i>Service Hours Requirement</i> | <i>80 hours</i> |

SAMPLE HONORS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

ONLY HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES LISTED

| <i>8th Grade</i> | <i>9th Grade</i> | <i>10th Grade</i> | <i>11th Grade</i> | <i>12th Grade</i> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| English 1 – H | Bible | Bible | Bible | Bible |
| Algebra 1 – H | English II – H | English III – H | English IV – H | AP/DC Eng |
| Phys Sci – H | Geometry – H | Algebra II – H | Pre-Cal/ Stats | Calculus H |
| PE | World History | Gov/Econ | AP US Hist | Physics/Anat |
| | Biology – H | Chemistry – H | Physics/Anat | Elective |
| | Spanish I | Spanish II | Spanish III – H | Elective |
| | Elective | | Elective | Elective |

High School Diploma Requirements - Honors

PURPOSE

- To encourage and motivate above-average students to enroll in a challenging sequence of courses during their high school years.
- To better equip above-average students for the challenging rigor of college coursework.
- To set forth a worthy goal for above-average students so that more of the school's excellent students can earn their deserved academic honors.

STRUCTURE

- Honors diploma students must earn a minimum of **30 units** from the list of courses offered.
- Enrollment in an Honors course must have approval from subject teacher.
- At least seven honors units are required. Six of the honors units must be in core subject areas (English, Math, Science). One unit may be in Fine Arts. These units may be earned in 8th-12th grades. An honors diploma can only be earned according to the above course specifications along with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 4.20 for high school courses taken in 8th -12th grades.
- Students in the Honors Program may be offered the opportunity to take selected courses, not offered at ACS, off campus at a local college. If this arrangement is made, those courses will receive AP weighting.
- **Valedictorian and salutatorian awards will be given only to students in the honors program.**
- **Service Hours** - student must have 80 service hours which can be earned through missions' day activities, Beta Club service hours and other independent service.

CLASS RANK

The SC Uniform Grading Scale system for calculating GPA and class rank applies to all courses carrying Carnegie units, including units earned at the middle school level. The formula will yield each student's GPA, which can then be ranked from highest to lowest rank in class. Computations will not be rounded to a higher number. All diploma candidates are included in the ranking.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{sum of (quality points X units attempted)}}{\text{sum of units attempted}}$$

Anderson Christian School begins ranking students as soon as they begin taking courses for high school credit. Some high school credits may be earned in the eighth grade in the subjects of English, Algebra, Science, and PE. Rank is calculated for each student at the end of each school year in which high school credit is earned.

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR SENIORS

Seniors are strongly encouraged to schedule a full course load in their senior year to enhance their college transcript. Seniors who have met all program requirements for graduation may have early dismissal with administrative approval. If circumstances require remaining on campus after that time, the office must be informed that they are present on campus and where they are

located. Merely “hanging out” in the halls, library, or other locations is not permitted. Registration for early departure implies that the student will leave campus at that time. Returning to campus after leaving is not acceptable except for the most salient reasons. If a student does return on any particular day, he must register his presence and intentions with the office. This option is not guaranteed. Scheduling considerations may prevent assignment of “free periods” at the end of the school day.

GRADUATION PARTICIPATION

Students must have earned 26 units, including all courses required for a South Carolina high school diploma and completed 50 hours of church and/or community service to participate in commencement exercises.

The following three levels of graduation honors are bestowed to seniors who have met all diploma requirements:

- **Cum Laude (Honors)** - The students must have a minimum GPA of 4.20, cumulative for high school coursework, including high school courses taken in the 8th grade.
- **Magna Cum Laude (High Honors)** - The students must have a minimum GPA of 4.40, cumulative for high school coursework, including high school courses taken in the 8th grade.
- **Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors)** - The students must have a minimum GPA of 4.80, cumulative for high school coursework, including high school courses taken in the 8th grade.

SERVICE HOURS FOR SENIORS

In order to graduate, each student must have 50 service hours. The service hour registry starts in the freshman year of high school and continues through the last scheduled Missions Day of the senior year fourth academic term. No graduation units are earned for this requirement.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The selections of valedictorian and salutatorian are made from *Honors graduates only* and are based on the cumulative grade point average for high school courses. Transfer students, to be considered, must have attended ACS during the junior and senior years. Transfer student credits will be based on the ACS and SC Uniform Grading Policy.

GUIDANCE

ACS believes in ministering to the total needs of our students, based upon Christian beliefs and practices. Services that are available include: testing, counseling, study skills, college and/or career planning, college financial aid assistance, and scholarship applications. ACS offers the ACT, the PSAT and the SAT to all high school students in October.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE ASSESSMENTS

PRELIMINARY SAT/NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST

(PSAT/NMSQT) - PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. All 6th-11th graders are required to take the PSAT at Anderson Christian School. Any

student who wants an opportunity to qualify as a National Merit recipient must take this test during his/her junior year. As part of ACS tuition and fees, ACS offers the PSAT in October each year.

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING assessment (ACT) - The ACT Assessment is designed to assess high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. ACT Assessment tests are universally accepted for college admission. As part of ACS tuition and fees, ACS offers the ACT to 10th through 12th grade students in October each year. For more information, visit www.actstudent.org or see your academic advisor.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) - The SAT is a test that measures the verbal, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills students have developed over time. Many colleges and universities use the SAT as one indicator of a student's readiness to do college-level work. Students, typically high school juniors and seniors, receive a verbal score, a math score, and writing score for the SAT. The score for each section ranges from 200 to 800. The test is administered several times a year. As part of ACS tuition and fees, ACS offers the SAT to seniors in October each year. For more information, visit www.student.collegeboard.org or see your academic advisor for registration information

HS COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR SC PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

All public 4-year colleges and universities in South Carolina require that applicants for freshman admission complete certain high school courses before they will be admitted. If you plan to go to college, you should know that these requirements are similar to those in effect at other colleges and universities in this state and elsewhere. Please check with your academic advisor and with the admissions counselor at the college or university that you plan to attend.

English - 4 units (At least two having strong grammar and composition components, at least one in British literature, and at least one in American literature)

Mathematics - 4 units (Four units of math, an advanced math unit is strongly recommended)

Laboratory Science - 3 units Two units must be taken in two different fields and selected from among Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. The third unit may be from the same field as one of the first two units (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics). Students must take physical science (taught as a laboratory science) as a prerequisite to the three required units of laboratory science outlined in the section.

Foreign Language - 2 units of the same foreign language (State supported colleges require 2 but strongly recommend 3) ***Note: Clemson and College of Charleston require 3 units of the same language**

Other - 2 units (One of these must be a fourth year math, laboratory science, or foreign language-the second unit must be in advanced math or computer science, or a combination of these, or one unit of world history, world geography or western civilization)

U. S. History - 1 unit

Government/Economics - 1 unit

Additional Social Studies - 1 unit

Physical Education - 1 unit

Fine Arts – 1 unit in Appreciation of, History of, or Performance in one of the fine arts.

Each South Carolina College or University may make the following exceptions in admitting students:

- Students who do not meet all the PREREQUISITES, limited to those individual cases in which failure to meet one or more prerequisite is due to circumstances beyond reasonable control of the student.
- Students who have taken the Tech Prep (applied academics) courses rather than the required college preparatory curriculum described above and who meet all other institutional admissions criteria.

PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| The Citadel | S.C. State University | USC- Salkahatchie |
| Clemson University | Medical University of SC | USC - Sumter |
| Coastal Carolina University | USC - Aiken | USC - Union |
| College of Charleston | USC - Beaufort | USC - Upstate |
| Frances Marion University | USC - Columbia | Winthrop University |
| Lander University | USC – Lancaster | |

PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Allen University | Columbia College | Presbyterian College |
| Anderson University | Columbia International University | Southern Wesleyan |
| Benedict College | Converse College | Spartanburg Methodist |
| Bob Jones University | Erskine College | Voorhees College |
| Cathedral Bible College | Limestone College | W.L. Bonner College |
| Charleston Southern University | Morris College | Wofford College |
| Claflin University | Newberry College | |
| Coker College | North Greenville University | |

ATHLETES PLANNING TO ATTEND A NCAA DIVISION I OR II COLLEGE

Any student athlete who wishes to play sports at the collegiate level must plan his/her coursework carefully to ensure that he/she will meet the NCAA high school requirements for eligibility. Students are responsible for registering with the NCAA Clearinghouse at eligibilitycenter.org. Remember, meeting NCAA academic qualifications does not guarantee admission to college. Each student must apply for admission. Check with individual colleges for specific admission criteria. Students taking a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum are more likely to be successful. Be sure to select courses that:

- Meet high school graduation requirements;
- Adequately prepare for rigorous college-level work; and
- Meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

Not all courses that meet high school graduation requirements count as core courses for NCAA initial-eligibility. Please see your guidance counselor and head coach if you have questions about NCAA eligibility or check eligibilitycenter.org or ncaa.org.

Students may sign up at any time, but it is recommended they sign up during their 10th grade year.

SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORM 10-POINT GRADING SCALE*

| Numerical Average | Letter Grade | College Prep Weighting | Honors Weighting | AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 100 | A | 5.000 | 5.500 | 6.000 |
| 99 | A | 4.900 | 5.400 | 5.900 |
| 98 | A | 4.800 | 5.300 | 5.800 |
| 97 | A | 4.700 | 5.200 | 5.700 |
| 96 | A | 4.600 | 5.100 | 5.600 |
| 95 | A | 4.500 | 5.000 | 5.500 |
| 94 | A | 4.400 | 4.900 | 5.400 |
| 93 | A | 4.300 | 4.800 | 5.300 |
| 92 | A | 4.200 | 4.700 | 5.200 |
| 91 | A | 4.100 | 4.600 | 5.100 |
| 90 | A | 4.000 | 4.500 | 5.000 |
| 89 | B | 3.900 | 4.400 | 4.900 |
| 88 | B | 3.800 | 4.300 | 4.800 |
| 87 | B | 3.700 | 4.200 | 4.700 |
| 86 | B | 3.600 | 4.100 | 4.600 |
| 85 | B | 3.500 | 4.000 | 4.500 |
| 84 | B | 3.400 | 3.900 | 4.400 |
| 83 | B | 3.300 | 3.800 | 4.300 |
| 82 | B | 3.200 | 3.700 | 4.200 |
| 81 | B | 3.100 | 3.600 | 4.100 |
| 80 | B | 3.000 | 3.500 | 4.000 |
| 79 | C | 2.900 | 3.400 | 3.900 |
| 78 | C | 2.800 | 3.300 | 3.800 |
| 77 | C | 2.700 | 3.200 | 3.700 |
| 76 | C | 2.600 | 3.100 | 3.600 |
| 75 | C | 2.500 | 3.000 | 3.500 |
| 74 | C | 2.400 | 2.900 | 3.400 |
| 73 | C | 2.300 | 2.800 | 3.300 |
| 72 | C | 2.200 | 2.700 | 3.200 |
| 71 | C | 2.100 | 2.600 | 3.100 |
| 70 | C | 2.000 | 2.500 | 3.000 |
| 69 | D | 1.900 | 2.400 | 2.900 |
| 68 | D | 1.800 | 2.300 | 2.800 |
| 67 | D | 1.700 | 2.200 | 2.700 |
| 66 | D | 1.600 | 2.100 | 2.600 |
| 65 | D | 1.500 | 2.000 | 2.500 |
| 64 | D | 1.400 | 1.900 | 2.400 |
| 63 | D | 1.300 | 1.800 | 2.300 |
| 62 | D | 1.200 | 1.700 | 2.200 |
| 61 | D | 1.100 | 1.600 | 2.100 |

| | | | | |
|----|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 60 | D | 1.000 | 1.500 | 2.000 |
| 59 | F | 0.900 | 1.400 | 1.900 |
| 58 | F | 0.800 | 1.300 | 1.800 |
| 57 | F | 0.700 | 1.200 | 1.700 |
| 56 | F | 0.600 | 1.100 | 1.600 |
| 55 | F | 0.500 | 1.000 | 1.500 |
| 54 | F | 0.400 | 0.900 | 1.400 |
| 53 | F | 0.300 | 0.800 | 1.300 |
| 52 | F | 0.200 | 0.700 | 1.200 |
| 51 | F | 0.100 | 0.600 | 1.100 |

*The SC Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) was revised by the South Carolina State Board of Education for implementation in the 2016-2017 school year. The UGP determines the grading scale and system for calculating GPA and class rank and applies to all unit awarding courses including units earned at the middle/junior high school level.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course descriptions are listed in the following order:

Bible Department

Introduction to Theological Studies
Theological Foundations I
Theological Foundations II
Theological Foundations III

Technology Department

Fundamentals of Computing
Technology Intern (1-4)
Technology Coordinator (3-4)
Sound Engineering (1-4)
Network Engineering (1-4)

English Department

English I
English I Honors
English II
English II Honors
American Literature III
American Literature III Honors
British Literature IV
British Literature IV Honors
AP English Literature and Composition

Foreign Language Department

Spanish I –II
Spanish III Honors
French I-III
ASL 101 – 104 (.5 credit per unit)

Math Department

Algebra I
Algebra I Honors
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra II
Algebra II Honors
Statistics
Pre-Calculus Honors
College Business Calculus

Physical Education Department

Physical Education/Health

Science Department

Physical Science
Physical Science Honors
Biology
Biology Honors
Anatomy and Physiology
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
Physics Honors

Social Studies Department

World History
World History Honors
US Government
US Government Honors
Economics
Economic Honors
US History
US History Honors
AP US History
AP Psychology

Fine Arts Department

Chapel Band I, II
Chapel Band III and above Honors
Drama I, II
Drama III and above Honors
Photography

Non-Departmental Electives

Digital Publication Design
Career Exploration

BIBLE COURSES

Four units of Bible are required for graduation.

Introduction to Theological Studies

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 Unit Each

This course introduces students to the study of the Bible as the basis of their Christian faith. Students will learn about the history of the text itself, the importance of its inerrant inspiration for the foundation of Christian belief, and begin the process of understanding orthodox Christian belief for themselves.

Theological Foundations I

Prerequisite: Introduction to Theological Studies Full Year Course – 1 Unit Each

This course introduces students to the concept of critically assessing competing worldviews in light of Scripture's revealed truth. In this process, students will begin to assess their own personal worldviews by studying the development of Christian belief in history beginning with the record of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth in the New Testament and advancing until the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325.

Theological Foundations II

Prerequisite: Theological Foundations I Full Year Course – 1 Unit Each

This course continues worldview assessment as familiarity with Scripture and the history and documents of the Church grows. Students will develop a scripturally-informed set of critical and analytical tools drawn from biblical and historical theology, continuing their study from the First Council of Constantinople in AD 381 until the start of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century.

Theological Foundations III

Prerequisite: Theological Foundations II Full Year Course – 1 Unit Each

This course serves as capstone for students who have progressed through the full course of biblical/theological studies at ACS. Students will continue their historical/doctrinal survey of Christianity from the Protestant Reformation until our current cultural context. Students will produce a senior thesis on a biblical, theological, or doctrinal subject of their choice to present at the end of the year.

TECHNOLOGY COURSES

One unit of computer science is required for graduation.

Fundamentals of Computing

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

This course is a required course. It will cover advanced features in Microsoft Office. Students will learn how to edit and modify documents, format, and edit worksheets, create, modify, and enhance presentations, and create publications using software applications. It will also introduce students to the many applications that Google offers. Students will be prepared for learning and working in the 21st century. This course included EverFi, a financial planning course provided by Peoples Bank.

Technology Intern 1-4

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

These courses allow students the opportunity to learn through hands-on work within our technology department. Grades are based on participation and growth throughout each

semester/year. Students are challenged to become more independent as they advance. Activities include Chromebook applications, iPad applications, Gmail account maintenance, and troubleshooting on campus devices.

Technology Coordinator 3-4

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

These courses allow students the opportunity to learn by coordinating with students enrolled in the technology intern courses. Grades are based on participation and growth throughout each semester/year. Students are challenged to become more independent as they advance.

Sound Engineering 1-4

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

These courses allow students the opportunity to learn through hands-on work within our sound and technology program. Grades are based on participation and growth throughout each semester/year. Students are challenged to become more independent as they advance. Activities include sound engineering for chapel services, athletic events, security cameras, and campus communication.

Network Engineering 1-4

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

These courses allow students the opportunity to learn through hands-on work within our networking program. Grades are based on participation and growth throughout each semester/year. Students are challenged to become more independent as they advance. Activities include management of bandwidth on campus, promoting improvements in the Wi-Fi network, estimating growth demands on our technology infrastructure, and reviewing the ACS 5-year growth plan annually.

ENGLISH COURSES

Placement in English classes is by teacher recommendation based on grades, test scores, and writing ability. Four units of English required for graduation. It is mandatory that all students enroll in an English course in grades 9-12.

SAMPLE ENGLISH TRACKS

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| <u>8th Grade</u> | <u>9th Grade</u> | <u>10th Grade</u> | <u>11th Grade</u> | <u>12th Grade</u> |
| English I H → | English II H → | Am. Lit III H → | Brit. Lit. IV H → | AP English |

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| 8 th Gr. English → | English I → | English II → | Am. Lit III → | Brit. Lit. IV |
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*If any CP English student achieves a final average of 93 or above, with the teacher’s recommendation, they may move to the honors level. Likewise, if any Honors English student has a final average of 89 or below, they will move to the CP level.

English I Honors (8th Grade)

Prerequisites: 7th Grade English (93+ avg.) & Teacher Recommendation. Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of English I is to improve reading comprehension, literary analysis, and composition skills. Students will study various genres of literature including lyric poetry, epic poetry, drama, the short story, the essay, and the novel. Students learn the writing process with an understanding of differing sentence structures and apply grammatical rules as they write academic papers in multiple modes such as narrative, argumentative, and literary analysis. Students learn the essentials of rhetoric and composition to analyze and produce complex texts.

Students will write consistently throughout the school year. Students enhance their vocabularies and improve those skills assessed by standardized and college admissions tests. In addition to substantial short story and poetry units, students read the following works during the year: *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Evangeline*, selections from *The Odyssey*, and *A Separate Peace*. In addition, students will read multiple works independently and produce projects on their selected works. Summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English I) includes one novel: *To Kill a Mockingbird*. English I taken in the eighth grade will be considered English I Honors

English I

Prerequisites: None..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of English I is to improve reading comprehension and learn the basic elements of literary analysis while studying various genres of literature. Students learn the writing process with an understanding of differing sentence structures and apply grammatical rules as they write in response to the literature they read. Students enhance their vocabularies and improve those skills assessed by standardized and college admissions tests. Students read the following novels during the year: *Odyssey* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English I) includes one novel.

English II

Prerequisite: English I or English I Honors Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of English II is to improve reading comprehension skills and to learn the elements of literary analysis while reading a variety of literature. Students practice the writing process and apply grammatical rules as they compose and edit essays. Students enhance their understanding of vocabulary and learn verbal skills assessed on standardized tests. Students read the following novels during the year: classical mythology, a Shakespeare play, and *Things Fall Apart*. The summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English II) includes one novel.

English II Honors

Prerequisites: English I (93+ avg.) or English I Honors (90+ avg.) by the end of the third nine-weeks & Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of English II Honors is to improve reading comprehension, learn the elements of literary analysis, improve composition skills, and gain an overview of World Literature. Students practice the writing process and apply grammatical rules as they compose and edit numerous essays in multiple genres (argumentative, literary analysis, research, and narrative). Students will read multiple genres such as lyric poetry, epic, drama, short story, and novels. Students will continue to hone their composition skills through the study of rhetoric. Students read the following works during the year: *Antigone*, *The Aeneid*, *The Song of Roland*, *Macbeth*, *As You Like It*, and *Things Fall Apart*. In addition, students will read multiple works independently and produce projects on their selected works. Summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English II) includes two novels: *Lord of the Flies* and *The Old Man and the Sea*.

American Literature III

Prerequisite: English II or English II Honors..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of American Literature III is to improve reading comprehension and other verbal skills while doing an in-depth study of American literature. Students write several essays of literary analysis. Grammar is studied in conjunction with student writing. Students continue to learn new vocabulary words and practice skills assessed on standardized and college admissions tests. This course includes the classic novel *The Great Gatsby*, as well as many other selections of American fiction and nonfiction. Summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English

III) includes one novel of choice from the following list: *Only You Can Save Mankind*; *Baseball Dream*, *Fishing Magic*; *Ender's Game*; *Old Man and the Sea*; *Into the Wild*; *Moves Makes the Man*; or *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

American Literature III Honors

Prerequisite: English II (93+ avg.) or English II Honors (90+ avg.) & Teacher Recommendation.

..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of American Literature III Honors is to improve reading and composition skills while doing an in-depth study of American literature. Students continue to learn new rhetorical analysis skills as needed for collegiate study of English. In addition to the literature studied as a class, Honors students read and analyze other classic literature independently. Students will produce many academic essays in multiple genres (argumentative, literary analysis, and narrative) including an academic argument that incorporates multiple sources. This course includes the following major works: *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, *The Narrative of Frederick Douglass*, *Daisy Miller*, *In Our Time* and *The Great Gatsby*. Students will study the poetry of Colonial America, the American Renaissance, and Modernism. Students will complete an extensive amount of their reading outside of class. At the conclusion of the course, students will have the opportunity to take CLEP assessments at a specific test site. Summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English III) includes two novels: *The House of the Seven Gables* and *The Red Badge of Courage*.

British Literature IV

Prerequisite: American Literature III or American Literature III Honors, Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of British Literature IV is to improve reading comprehension and other verbal skills while doing an in-depth study of British literature. Students write essays, including the types used on standardized tests and college applications. Grammar is studied in conjunction with student writing. Students continue to learn new vocabulary words and practice related skills. Included in an extensive study of British poetry and prose are such works as *Hamlet*, *Beowulf*, and a Victorian novel. The summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English IV) includes one novel.

British Literature IV Honors

Prerequisite: American Literature III (93+ avg.) or American Literature III Honors (90+ avg.)

& Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of British Literature IV Honors is to improve reading and other verbal skills while doing an in-depth study of British literature. Honors students write essays of literary analysis, craft skillful narratives, and write papers incorporating multiple sources. They continue to learn new rhetoric and composition skills. In addition to the literature studied in class, honors students are required to read and analyze other classic works independently and report on them. Students read multiple works during the year including *Beowulf*, *Gawain and the Green Knight*, *Hamlet*, *Great Expectations*, and *Man for All Seasons*. Students will chronologically study Anglo-Saxon, Renaissance, Metaphysical, Augustan, Romantic, and Victorian poetry. Students will complete an extensive amount of their reading outside of class. Summer reading requirement (prior to the start of English IV) includes two novels: *Frankenstein* and *Heart of Darkness*.

AP English Literature and Composition

Prerequisites: American Literature III Honors (93+avg) and British Literature IV Honors (93+avg), high PSAT verbal score & Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

This course is a college-level course taught to eleventh and twelfth-grade high school students who have succeeded in previous English courses at the honors level. The course curriculum has intensive reading and rigorous writing requirements, as described in the AP Literature Course Description. Primarily, students will engage in close reading and written critical analysis of representative literary works from various genres and periods, with a particular emphasis on British and American literature. Students will be required to read a substantial amount of material outside of class and complete extensive literary book reviews. Student written responses to literature will include formal expository, analytical, and argumentative essays, as well as in-class timed responses to various prompts, similar to those on the AP exam. As a culmination to the course, students will take the AP English Literature and Composition Exam in May. In addition to many short stories and poems, students read the following works during the year: *Remains of the Day*, *The Professor's House*, *The Sound and the Fury*, *Oedipus Rex*, *King Lear*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Summer reading requirement (prior to the start of AP English) includes two works. Juniors will read *Great Expectations* and *Hamlet*. Seniors will read *Crime and Punishment* and *The Aspern Papers*.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

Two units of a foreign language are required for graduation.

Spanish I

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

Spanish I will offer you the opportunity to acquire basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish, while gaining insight into the Hispanic people and culture.

Spanish II

Prerequisite: Spanish I..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

Spanish II will offer you the opportunity to improve basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish, while gaining further insight into the Hispanic people and culture.

Spanish III Honors

Prerequisite: Spanish II..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

Spanish III will offer you the opportunity to further progress in your Spanish language studies in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. You will also continue your study of the Hispanic people, history, and culture.

MATHEMATICS COURSES

Placement in math classes is by teacher recommendation based on test scores and grades. Four units of math are required for graduation. It is mandatory that all students enroll in a Math course in grades 9-12.

SAMPLE MATHEMATICS TRACKS

| <u>8th Grade</u> | <u>9th Grade</u> | <u>10th Grade</u> | <u>11th Grade</u> | <u>12th Grade</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pre-Alg → | Alg. I → | Geometry → | Alg. II → | PreCal |
| Alg. I Honors → | Geometry H → | Alg. II H → | PreCal H → | Calculus H Statistics |

*If any CP math student achieves a final average of 93 or above, with the teacher's recommendation, they may move to the honors level. Likewise, if any Honors math student has a final average of 89 or below, they will move to the CP level.

Algebra I Honors (8th Grade)

Prerequisite: Pre-Algebra (93+ avg.) and Teacher Recommendation.... Full Year Course – 1 unit

Algebra I develops basic skills in fundamental algebraic concepts and processes to be used in a variety of real-world and mathematical problems. Topics include the study of real number system and order of operations; polynomials; linear equations and their graphs; factoring; radicals; rational expressions; inequalities; systems of equations. There is an introduction to non-linear functions. Calculators are not allowed in the first semester. Algebra I taken in the eighth grade will be considered Algebra I Honors unless repeating Algebra I in 9th grade.

Algebra I

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

Algebra I develops basic skills in fundamental algebraic concepts and processes to be used in a variety of real-world and mathematical problems. Topics include the study of real number system and order of operations; polynomials; linear equations and their graphs; factoring; radicals; rational expressions; inequalities; systems of equations. There is an introduction to non-linear functions. Calculators are not allowed in the first semester.

Geometry

Prerequisite: Algebra I or Algebra I Honors Full Year Course – 1 unit

In Geometry, students will move from an inductive approach to deductive methods of proof in their study of two- and three-dimensional geometric figures. Reasoning skills will be emphasized and students will broaden their use of the coordinate plane. Concepts, such as parallelism, perpendicularity, congruence, similarity, and symmetry, are studied in many contexts. Translations, reflections, and rotations are used to describe how objects move. Classifying figures in terms of congruence and similarity and applying these relationships are treated fully in this course. Deducing properties of and relationships between figures from given assumptions and developing an understanding of axiomatic systems are aspects of geometry that are of great importance to the future understanding of mathematics.

Geometry Honors

Prerequisite: Algebra I (93+ avg.) or Algebra I Honors (90+ avg.) Full Year Course – 1 unit

The content will follow the same guidelines as Geometry, but honors courses progress at a very fast pace covering the greatest breadth and depth of topics. Students are expected to have mastered the skills and thoroughly understood the concepts covered in prior courses. They are expected to have retained this past knowledge, which will generally not be reviewed in the course. Mathematical concepts are often introduced at an abstract and theoretical level. Students will be expected to apply their knowledge to open-ended and non-routine problems. Typical classes include a minimal review of homework and previously covered material. Students are expected to be highly self-motivated, taking the fullest responsibility for their own learning and seeking help when needed.

Algebra II

Prerequisite: Geometry or Geometry Honors Full Year Course – 1 unit
Algebra II continues students' study of advanced algebraic concepts and provides the foundation for applying algebraic skills to other mathematical and scientific subjects. Content includes the following: structure and properties of the real number system; arithmetic and geometric series and sequences; relations, functions and their graphs; various strategies to solving linear equations, inequalities and systems of linear equations and inequalities; conic section; matrices; logarithmic functions; solving quadratics using various techniques. Graphing Calculators will be used. Advanced classes would be extended to include probability, permutations and combinations.

Algebra II Honors

*Prerequisite: Geometry (93+avg.) or Geometry Honors (90+ avg.),
Teacher Recommendation and Mastery of Competency Test..... Full Year Course – 1 unit*
The content will follow the same guidelines as Algebra II, but honors courses progress at a very fast pace covering the greatest breadth and depth of topics. Students are expected to have mastered the skills and thoroughly understood the concepts covered in prior courses. They are expected to have retained this past knowledge, which will generally not be reviewed in the course. Mathematical concepts are often introduced at an abstract and theoretical level. Students will be expected to apply their knowledge to open-ended and non-routine problems. Typical classes include minimal review of homework and previously covered material. Students are expected to be highly self-motivated, taking the fullest responsibility for their own learning and seeking help when needed. The course is designed to meet the needs of a student who thrives in a more independent learning environment.

Statistics

Prerequisite: Algebra II Full Year Course – 1 unit
Statistics is an activity-based course which allows students to be introduced to the fundamental concepts and techniques of working with data. This course exposes students to these four broad conceptual themes: exploratory analysis, planning a study, modeling using probability and simulation, and testing hypotheses using statistical inference. Technology will play an important part in this class and the TI-83 Plus calculator will be required. This course is designed for students wanting to be challenged and who are motivated to learn math with a hands-on approach. The goal will be to encourage students in mathematical thinking, statistical thinking, and applications to real-life situations.

Pre-Calculus Honors

Prerequisite: Algebra II (93+ avg.) or Algebra II Honors (90+ avg.) & Teacher Recommendation. Full Year Course – 1 unit
This course of study is for students who are well-prepared for advanced mathematics. Many topics introduced in Algebra II are studied extensively in Pre-Calculus Honors. The course will encompass the study, identification, and graphing of several types of functions and determining the effects of parameter changes on functions. Logarithmic, exponential, rational, and trigonometric functions; complex numbers; and matrices are topics included in this course. The study of sequences and series is extended to include explorations in recursiveness, limits, and sums. Polynomial theory, limits, and derivatives will be introduced in this course. Graphing calculators will be used extensively in this course.

Calculus Honors

Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus (93+ avg.) or Pre-Calculus Honors (90+ avg.)

and Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit
 This course of study is for students who are well-prepared for advanced mathematics. Many topics introduced in Pre-Calculus are studied extensively in Calculus. The course introduces the theory and applications of single-variable calculus. In broad terms, calculus is the study of limits. After a thorough treatment of the concept of a limit, two fundamental limits (and their applications) are studied extensively: the derivative and the integral.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

One unit of physical education is required for graduation. Any physical education courses taken beyond the required unit will count as an elective unit.

Physical Education

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

The purpose of physical education is to help the student better understand the importance of a healthy body and to expose the student to the many activities offered in physical education. A variety of activities are offered. The course involves a component of personal fitness and a component of Comprehensive Health Education.

SCIENCE COURSES

Three units of lab sciences are required for graduation. Physical Science is a pre-requisite for all lab sciences, but does not count as a lab science, but as an elective unit.

SAMPLE SCIENCE TRACKS

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| <u>8th Grade</u> | <u>9th grade</u> | <u>10th grade</u> | <u>11th / 12th grade</u> |
| Physical Science→ | Biology → | Chemistry→ | Anatomy/Physics |

Physical Science Honors→ Biology Honors→ Chemistry Honors → Anatomy/Physics

*If any CP science student achieves a final average of 93 or above, with the teacher’s recommendation, they may move to the honors level. Likewise, if any Honors science student has a final average of 89 or below, they will move to the CP level.

Physical Science

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

Students will describe measurement, properties, and classification of matter; explain bonding types and grouping patterns of atoms; write basic chemical formulas and reactions; describe energy, momentum, and waves (particle motion); apply principles through “hands-on” lab activities. This course is not considered a “lab science” for college entrance requirement purposes, but it is a prerequisite to all other science courses. Students enrolled in this course will receive high school credit.

Physical Science Honors

Prerequisite: Life Science and Earth Science (93+ avg.) and Teacher Recommendation

..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

The content will follow the same descriptions as Physical Science, but this course will progress at a quicker pace. Also, this course will go into greater depth on many of the topics covered. Students will be expected to be highly self-motivated and take full responsibility for their learning. Students will be expected to apply their knowledge through various research projects, “thought” questions, and lab activities. This course is not considered a “lab science” for college

entrance requirement purposes but is a prerequisite to all other science courses. Students enrolled in this course will receive high school credit.

Biology

*Prerequisite: Physical Science * unless transferring from another school. Full Year Course – 1 unit*

Students will explore principles dealing with cells (structures and processes); explain basic laws of genetics; explain general characteristics of the kingdoms Monera, Protista, and Fungi; explain Biblical principles of human origins; explain basic ecology; recognize basic anatomy and physiology; apply principles through lab activities.

Biology Honors

Prerequisite: Physical Science (93+ avg.) or Physical Science Honors (90+ avg.)

and Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

The content will follow the same descriptions as Biology, but this course will progress at a quicker pace. Also, this course will be going to greater depth on many of the topics covered. Students will be expected to be highly self-motivated and take full responsibility for their learning. Students will be expected to apply their knowledge through various research projects, “thought” questions, and lab activities.

Anatomy and Physiology

Prerequisite: Biology and Chemistry..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

The course is an in-depth study of the structure and function of the human body – God’s awesome creation! Anatomy is the study of the structure of body parts and their relationships to one another. Physiology concerns the functioning of the body’s structures (how they carry out their functions). Hands – on lab activities will complement our studies.

Chemistry

*Prerequisite: Algebra I & Physical Science *..... Full Year Course – 1 unit*

As chemistry is defined as the logical study of matter and the changes that it undergoes, it is important for students to realize that all matter was created by God, He has provided an orderly world, and He desires that we study science. Chemistry is an active, evolving science that has vital importance to our world. We begin the study of the core concepts of chemistry at the macroscopic level, eventually exploring the microscopic world of atoms and molecules. Chemistry also involves learning how to handle the numerical results of chemical measurements and how to solve numerical problems.

Chemistry Honors

Prerequisite: Algebra I, Physical Science (93+ avg.) or Honors Biology (90+ avg.)

and Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

This rigorous course is designed to prepare the student for college level science courses. Although it covers the same topics as Chemistry, higher-level cognitive skills and critical thinking skills are required to master the curriculum. Each unit will be covered at a considerable depth so that students are challenged.

Physics Honors

Prerequisite: Honors Biology (93+ avg.) or Honors Chemistry (90+ avg.)

and Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

Students will describe motion, forces, energy, and work; identify the different states of matter, and explain thermal energy; explain properties of waves and light; describe electricity, circuits,

and magnetic fields; Each unit covered will apply principles through a series of hands-on lab activities. This rigorous course is designed to prepare the student for college-level science courses. Higher-level cognitive skills and critical thinking skills are required to master the curriculum.

SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

Three units of social studies are required for graduation. One unit must be World History, one unit must be US History; one unit must be Government/Economics.

SAMPLE SOCIAL STUDIES TRACKS

| <u>9th Grade</u> | <u>10th Grade</u> | → | <u>11th Grade</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| World History → | Government/Economics | → | US History → |
| World History H → | Government H/Economics H | → | AP US History |

World History

Prerequisites: None..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

World History is a comprehensive study of the development of civilizations and societies from the prehistory period (beginning 8,000 B.C.E.) to roughly the 2010s. This course is approached by synthesizing events and people into historical interpretation that aligns with a Biblical worldview. This approach to the study of world history allows the student to master the patterns and themes found in the study of history in light of the sovereignty of God. This course is built around themes and key concepts organized into different chronological periods. These concepts and themes will serve to organize the student’s course of study and allow the student to recognize patterns that remain consistent across historical periods. The student will also develop the skills of analysis a historian uses when approaching the study of world history. These thinking skills include but are not limited to crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, chronological reasoning, comparison and contextualization, historical interpretation, and synthesis. This course is a required course for freshmen.

World History Honors

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

This rigorous course is designed to prepare the student for college-level history courses. The course covers World Civilization since the rise of the Ancient Near East with an emphasis on Western Civilization. An emphasis is placed on composition, primary document analysis, and historiography. Students will develop their ability to use historical reasoning skills such as drawing comparisons, inferring causation, and discerning continuity and change. Students must gain knowledge and skills that prepare them for future Advanced Placement courses and collegiate work. Students in Honors will have academic writing assignments and regular required reading outside of class. Students who successfully complete World History Honors will have the opportunity to take the CLEP Western Civilization I and II tests at an outside testing center.

US Government

Prerequisite: None..... Semester Course - .5 Unit

US Government is a one-semester course covering the origins and development of America’s political framework on the national, state, and local levels. Attention will be paid to such topics as the structure and operation of government’s three branches and the influence of political parties, campaigns, formation of public opinion, independent agencies, and national and world

affairs. The student will also develop the skills of analysis a good citizen should use when approaching current issues in the American government. These thinking skills include but are not limited to crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, chronological reasoning, comparison and contextualization, historical interpretation, and synthesis. This course is a required course for sophomores.

US Government Honors

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

This rigorous course is designed to prepare the student for college level history courses. Although it covers the same topics as US Government, higher level cognitive skills are required to master the curriculum. An honors project will be required to receive honors credit.

Economics

Prerequisite: NoneSemester Course - .5 Unit

Economics is a one semester survey course which covers the origin and development of America’s economic system. Attention will be paid to principles such as production factors, supply and demand, competition, and the functions of money. The impact of national and world affairs on the American economy will also be studied. The student will also develop the skills of analysis a good citizen should use when approaching the study of American economics. These thinking skills include but are not limited to crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, chronological reasoning, comparison and contextualization, historical interpretation, and synthesis. This course is a required course for sophomores.

Economics Honors

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

This rigorous course is designed to prepare the student for college level history courses. Although it covers the same topics as Economics, higher level cognitive skills are required to master the curriculum. An honors project will be required to receive honors credit.

US History

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

US History is a chronological survey of U.S. history from discovery to the present. This course gives special attention to God’s providence and our nation’s Christian heritage. This course is built around themes and key concepts organized into different chronological periods. These concepts and themes will serve to organize the student’s course of study and allow the student to recognize patterns which remain consistent across historical periods. The student will also develop the skills of analysis a historian uses when approaching the study of a United States history. These thinking skills include but are not limited to crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, chronological reasoning, comparison and contextualization, historical interpretation, and synthesis. This course is a required course for juniors.

US History Honors

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

This rigorous course is designed to prepare the student for college-level history courses. Although it covers the same topics as US History, higher-level cognitive skills are required to master the curriculum. An honors project will be required to receive honors credit.

AP US History

Prerequisite: Global Studies and Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

This course is designed to provide a college-level experience and preparation for the AP Exam in May (cost to be announced annually). An emphasis is placed on interpreting documents, mastering a significant body of factual information, and writing critical essays. Topics include life and thought in colonial America, revolutionary ideology, constitutional development, Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy, nineteenth-century reform movements, and Manifest Destiny. Other topics include the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration, industrialism, Populism, Progressivism, World War I, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, the Cold War, the post-Cold War era, and the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century. This course will fulfill the United States History graduation requirement. The last few weeks of the course will involve a detailed review and preparation for the AP exam which will be taken in May. Many colleges will grant units to those who score a 3 or higher on this exam. AP Fee is required.

AP Psychology

Prerequisite: None. Semester Course – 1 unit

This course is intended to prepare students for the National AP Psychology exam given in May by the College Board in hopes of receiving college credit hours. Students will learn the basics of neuroscience. This course also includes study of psychological aspects of behavior and thought. The last few weeks of the course will involve a detailed review and preparation for the AP exam. Many colleges will grant unit to those who score a 3 or higher on this exam. AP exam fee is required.

FINE ARTS COURSES

One Fine Arts unit is required for graduation.

Chapel Band – I and II non-honors, III and above Honors

Prerequisite: Chapel Band and Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

This is a performing group with everyone required to perform in chapel services. The band not only helps the student become a better musician but also builds self-discipline and self-esteem. The band director will select the membership through an audition. An additional fee is possible. Students participating in Chapel Band Honors will perform in additional school-sponsored events, and explore different periods and styles of music and composers. Students can receive multiple credits based on years of participation.

Drama I

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

High school credit is given to students in grades eight or above participating in high school-level performance. Students are required to attend 90% or more of the weekly rehearsals and all performances.

Drama II

Prerequisite: Drama I and Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

Drama II is an advanced course for students who have been recommended by the drama teacher and who have a serious interest in drama. Students will be devoted to building on their background of knowledge and skills and will concentrate on theater skill development. Evaluations by critiques are required. Additional fee possible.

Drama III Honors

Prerequisite: Drama I and Drama II with Teacher Recommendation Full Year Course – 1 unit

Drama III is a specialized course for students who have successfully completed Drama I and Drama II and are recommended by the drama teacher. This will be an opportunity to explore different aspects of the theater. Students are expected to provide additional leadership by conducting rehearsals and directing performances. This class will have projects and creative exploration. An additional fee is possible.

Drama IV Honors

Prerequisite: Drama I, Drama II, and Drama III with Teacher Recommendation..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

Drama IV is a specialized course for students who have successfully completed Drama I, Drama II and Drama III and are recommended by the drama teacher. This will be an opportunity to explore advanced aspects of the theater. Students are expected to provide additional leadership by conducting rehearsals, directing performances, and set/costume design. This class will have projects and creative exploration. Additional fee possible.

Photography

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

The students will have projects with various camera settings and perspectives. Students are challenged with live and still subject matters. They have multiple projects submitted throughout the year. Students must have a graded portfolio in order to receive credit. Additional fee required.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE COURSES

Digital Publication Design

*Prerequisite: Computer Science Full Year Course -1 unit
Approved Annual Staff Application Required (See Media/Yearbook Teacher for Application)*

Yearbook development includes planning coverage of school activities, events, and organizations, designing layouts, writing captions and stories, editing, picture taking, and fundraising through ad sales. Some before and after-school work is required.

Career Exploration

Prerequisite: None (Available to Juniors/Seniors only)5 unit

This career experience gives passionate and independent-minded students opportunities to engage in off-campus work environments. Efforts will be made to match students with their areas of interest. Students and supervising teachers will agree upon duties and responsibilities. Students will not be paid by employers during this experience.

ANDERSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ONLINE NETWORK

Anderson Christian School provides 10-12th grade students who have proven to be able to handle independent learning with a variety of academically challenging courses that enhance our school’s existing curriculum. Students who are interested in taking an online course should apply through their academic adviser or principal. AP online courses will include a fee for any required lab materials and/or texts.

Independent Online Courses may carry college prep, honors, or AP credit depending on the course. With rare exceptions, independent online courses do not qualify as core courses offered by the school. Qualified 10-12th graders may take an approved online course as their seventh course. Online courses will appear on a student’s transcript and will be counted in a student’s

GPA. If you do not complete the work, it will still go on your transcript with the grade you earned.

Courses commonly utilized include:

Bob Jones Online Network

French I

Prerequisite: None Full Year Course – 1 unit

French I will offer you the opportunity to acquire basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing French, while gaining insight into the French people and culture.

*This online course has an option for honors credit

French II

Prerequisite: French I..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

French II will offer you the opportunity to improve basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing French, while gaining further insight into the French people and culture. *This online course has an option for honors credit

French III Honors

Prerequisite: French II..... Full Year Course – 1 unit

French III will offer you the opportunity to further progress in your French language studies in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. You will also continue your study of the French people, history, and culture.

Signing Online

American Sign Language (ASL) 101

Prerequisite: None Semester Course – 0.5 unit

ASL 101 will offer you the opportunity to acquire basic communication skills in communicating using ASL, while gaining insight into the deaf people and culture.

American Sign Language (ASL) 102

Prerequisite: ASL 101 Semester Course – 0.5 unit

ASL 102 will offer you the opportunity to improve basic communication skills using ASL, while gaining further insight into the deaf people and culture.

American Sign Language (ASL) 103

Prerequisite: ASL 102 Semester Course – 0.5 unit

ASL 103 will offer you the opportunity to further progress in your ASL studies. You will also continue your study of the deaf people, history, and culture.

American Sign Language (ASL) 104

Prerequisite: ASL 103 Semester Course – 0.5 unit

ASL 104 will offer you the opportunity to further progress in your ASL studies. You will also continue your study of the deaf people, history, and culture.

Virtual SC

Course directory and registration information may be found at <https://virtualsc.org/>.

