

LINCOLN ACADEMY

Junior High Course Descriptions

Abbreviations following credit hours indicate High School Graduation Requirement categories (for 9th grade purposes, only).

ELECTIVE COURSES

MUSIC AND ARTS

Graphic Arts

.5 credit (PA/A)

Students will investigate careers in Graphic Arts and explore their impact, identify a variety of communications technologies, and will learn and use safety practices. They will also come to understand the design process, basic drafting concepts and systems, demonstrate information communicated electronically, demonstrate how audio/visual/ multimedia presentations are made and used, and identify and demonstrate graphic communication.

Mixed Choir

.5 credit (A)

This choir is for men's and women's voices. Students will sing many different styles of music and will sing in parts. Learning to read music will be stressed.

Beginning Band

.5 credit (A)

This class provides an opportunity for students who have never played a band instrument to develop basic skills on instruments of their choice. Students will play in concerts and improve musical skills. ***Instrument rental required.*

Guitar

.5 credit (A)

This course is an introduction to playing the guitar. It is intended for beginners with little to no guitar experience. Students will learn chording, note reading, tab, and rhythms. They will play several varieties of musical pieces.

Jazz Band

.5 credit (A)

This is an entry level jazz band and is open to any student who wants to perform in the jazz style of swing, funk and Latin. The band will perform at various concerts.

Art Foundations I

.5 credit (A)

The student learns the basic elements and principles of art through drawing and exploring painting, sculpture and other art forms and mediums.

Drama

.5 credit (A)

Beginning Drama is for the student that is interested in developing performance and communication skills. These skills are to enhance self-confidence and self-awareness. This class will study many elements of performance, criticism, and theory.

Sculpture

.5 credit (A)

Emphasis is on a good design and quality craftsmanship. Students will work on developing 2-D drawing skills that will prepare them for 3-D design. Sculpture processes from many cultures will be explored using clay, plaster and various building techniques.

Drawing

.5 credit (A)

This course provides an introduction to drawing basics with an emphasis on object/figure representation through descriptive and expressive means. Students will examine the following practices and concepts as they pertain to drawing fundamentals: Control of Line, Creating form with value, Gesture/contour drawings, Spatial illusion, Contrast, Balance, and Texture. Studio practice will focus on observational drawing to provide concrete and measurable examples of pictorial space.

Photography

.5 credit (A)

This course provides an introduction to the fundamental principles, techniques and application of camera-based image making (digital). Students will explore the development of photography in both technical and creative aspects. Students will become familiar with software basics for photographic imaging and printing.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

German I

.5 credit (elective)

Half year – Emphasis is placed on speaking skills through reading and writing are addressed. This course provides for the learning of dialogues, common words and expressions and basic language structure as well as oral practice of the language in skits, poetry, dialogues and readings.

German II

.5 credit (elective)

Continues the development of speaking, listening, and reading skills in German, and the study of German culture. Emphasis is on expansion of vocabulary and knowledge of basic grammatical structures. Materials based on everyday activities and the culture of the German-speaking people.

Spanish I

1 credit (elective)

Prerequisite: C or better in English or teacher recommendation. This course stresses the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students practice the skills by means of dialogues, structure drills, reading selections, and written exercises. Emphasis will be on near native pronunciation, speaking, listening, and writing.

Spanish II

1 credit (elective)

Prerequisite: C or better in Spanish I or teacher recommendation.
Narratives rather than dialogues are used to present structure and vocabulary. Through reading selections, pupils learn more about Spanish culture. Teacher will speak Spanish extensively.

Advanced Spanish III

1 credit (elective/LAC)

Prerequisite: C or better in Spanish II or teacher recommendation.
Spanish is used almost exclusively in the classroom with emphasis on reading and grammar review. Oral comprehension, oral practice, and also learn communication skills in and production techniques in relation to the school news program.

American Sign Language

1 credit (elective)

This is an introductory course in American Sign Language as developed and used by the Deaf community in most areas of North America. It consists of a preparatory phase to attune students to communication in the manual-visual mode, followed by instruction and practice in vocabulary, sentence structure, elementary conversation, and literature.

SCIENCE

Astronomy

.5 credit (S/M)

8th and 9th grade strong science and math skills required. Must have completed pre-algebra. Course will be an introductory study of the universe. Topics covered include the solar system, stars, galaxies, black holes, methods of collecting astronomical data, etc. The history and development of modern astronomical ideas will also be studied.

Zoology

.5 credit (S/M)

This course surveys the animal kingdom from simple marine organisms to the complex world of vertebrates. Investigation and study will compare the variety of anatomical structures in numerous organisms belonging to the animal kingdom. Dissection and microscopic lab work is involved.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Journalism I

1 credit (LAC)

Prerequisite: B or higher in English and teacher approval.
Students will learn fundamentals and techniques of print media: interviewing, observing, writing, editing, and layout. Students will also learn the basics of desktop publishing, with computer programs such as Adobe PageMaker and Adobe Photoshop. Issues of the school newspaper will be produced monthly.

Yearbook

.5 credit (CTE)

Prerequisite: B or higher in English and signature required from teacher. Students will produce the school yearbook and develop and use skills in desktop publishing, writing, art, layout design, photography, and business management. The computer programs used for this course are Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. Will also learn communication skills in and production techniques in relation to the school news program.

Broadcast Journalism

.5 credit (CTE)

Signature required from teacher required. This hands-on class will help introduce students to the world of interactive multimedia. Students will work with several areas of technology while producing an interactive multimedia product. Students will work with software packages in the areas of: multimedia authoring, graphic design, audio manipulation, digital photography, and digital video. Students will learn the planning and producing steps of a multimedia project. Students will be required to write stories for production. Students will be introduced to the different occupational opportunities in the multimedia career field.

Creative Writing

.5 credit (LAC)

Prerequisite: B or better in English 7 or 8 and/or teacher approval. Designed to encourage students who want to explore their writing abilities. Course content includes a broad variety of reading selections and analysis. Students are required to write in many styles and formats (poetry, hero/adventure story, short story, children's literature, satire and drama).

Debate I

.5 credit (LAC)

Students learn and develop a variety of speaking skills, techniques, and strategies. Students will learn techniques of research, persuasion, organization, group processes, and refutation. Students will also study many important issues facing the world, our nation and themselves.

OTHER

Peer Tutoring

.5 credit (elective)

Prerequisite: Application and teacher approval from the counselor. Students will assist with classroom activities and have the opportunity to mentor elementary students.

Learning Strategies

.5 credit (elective)

This semester class provides students with strategies to increase success in other classes. Subjects covered include homework tips as well as strategies for taking tests, reading, note taking, and memorization. A mandatory study time is included each day.

Math Lab

1 credit (elective)

This class is for students who would benefit from additional math assistance. This class is an elective and will not count as a math credit.

Foods & Nutrition (8th -9th)

.5 credit (CTE)

This course provides instruction in basic nutrition and how it affects the health of individuals and families. Instruction is given in the selection and preparation of food using the pyramid as a guideline. Health and well-being are emphasized from a personal perspective. Decision-making skills are implemented through hands-on activities.

Sewing (9th)

.5 credit (elective)

This course teaches student basic construction skills but is specialized to concentrate on specific fabrics or projects such as outdoor clothing or sports clothing. The basic standards, objectives, and indicators used in Clothing 1 should be taught in this course.

FACS Exploration

.5 credit (CTE)

This course provides students with the opportunity to learn essential life skills. It allows them to develop skills in food and nutrition, child care and safety, interior design, clothing construction and style, consumerism, family relationships, personal responsibility and job related tasks

Lifetime Activities

.5 credit (PE)

This is a semester class designed to introduce the students to a variety of individual lifetime activities. Additionally, this class is designed to increase skill development, motor skills, coordination, and improved health practices through participation in lifetime sports. The activities covered may include but are not limited to hiking, strength training, yoga, outdoor/lawn games, bowling, racquetball, and swimming/water aerobics.

Mythology

.5 credit (LAC)

Explores the various archetypes in mythology

Released Time (Seminary)

No Credit

A 9th grade student may be released from one regular class period each semester to receive religious instruction. Attendance rules are applicable in seminary.