

LINCOLN ACADEMY

7th Grade Course Descriptions

REQUIRED COURSES

ENGLISH-Full Year

This course develops language skills in 4 areas: reading, writing, speaking, and presentation skills. Students will read both fiction and non-fiction and write in a variety of genres.

MATH-Full Year

Course I:

This class is for students who struggle with math. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

Course III:

This class is for students who are proficient at math. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

Secondary Math I:

This class is an accelerated math class. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

SCIENCE-Full Year

This course focuses on the theme of "structure". Topics from physical, earth and life science are integrated to illustrate the nature of "structure" as a property that is common to all sciences. Students observe that all substances are made of smaller parts and are themselves parts of larger wholes, and that when parts come together the whole often has properties that are very different from its parts. Hands-on inquiry-based instruction is used to help students value science as a process for obtaining knowledge based on observable evidence.

UTAH STUDIES-Semester

Students will be introduced to the significant events, people, cultures and issues that have influenced Utah from its earliest beginnings through the present day. Three areas of focus will be: events leading up to 1847, early statehood, and events leading up to the present.

P.E.-Semester

This course emphasizes beginning fitness. An appreciation for activities in relation to physical well-being is stressed. A continual fitness development program with testing is also included in this course. ***P.E. uniform required (cost approximately \$15)*

HEALTH-Semester

This course acquaints students with body functions and the problems that might disrupt normal processes. It also helps students develop wise practices and habits that will assure them of sound mental, social, and physical health.

OTHER CLASSES

Career, Technology, and Education (C.T.E)-Full Year

This course is designed to help students explore life's work. Core concepts are planned, integrated and taught through interactive, hands-on activities using current technology in a laboratory environment. CTE is a coordinated exploratory course that includes three cluster areas of Technology/Agriculture, Business/Marketing, and Family and Consumer Sciences/Health Science.

KEYBOARDING-Semester

In the beginning semester keyboarding course, the student will master touch operation on a computer keyboard. Correct fingering by touch and good techniques will receive primary emphasis; speed and accuracy will be given secondary emphasis. Students will also be learning how to use personal device technology appropriately in educational settings.

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8th Grade Course Descriptions

REQUIRED COURSES

ENGLISH-Full Year

This course develops language skills in 4 areas: reading, writing, speaking, and presentation skills. Students will read both fiction and non-fiction and write in a variety of genres.

US HISTORY-Full

This course will cover historic events from the age of exploration to reconstruction and the western movements. Topics will include, but are not limited to, the age of exploration, colonization, Revolutionary War, national period, constitutional issues, Civil War, reconstruction, and the western movement. The emphasis of this course is on the 18th and 19th centuries.

MATH-Full Year

Course III:

This class is for students who are proficient at math. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

Secondary Math 1:

This class is for above grade level math students. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

Secondary Math 1 Honors:

This class is an accelerated math class. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

SCIENCE-Full Year

This course focuses on the theme of "change". Topics from physical, earth, and life science are integrated to illustrate the concept of change in nature. Students will study chemical and physical changes: changes in force, motion, and energy; and changes in the earth's crust and climate. Hands-on, inquiry-based instruction is used to help students value science as a process for obtaining knowledge based on observable evidence.

P.E. - Semester

This course is a sequence of experiences in activities which challenge all ability levels. It focuses on social interaction and cognitive learning as well as skill development.

***P.E. uniform required (cost approximately \$15).*

OTHER CLASSES

8th Graders are required to take either a full year of a foreign language or music-please see elective course descriptions for classes

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9th Grade Course Descriptions

Abbreviations following credit hours indicate High School Graduation Requirement categories.

REQUIRED COURSES

ENGLISH-Full Year

1 credit (E)

This course develops language skills in 4 areas: reading, writing, speaking, and presentation skills. Students will read both fiction and non-fiction and write in a variety of genres.

MATH-Full Year

1 credit (M)

Secondary Math 1:

This class is for students who are proficient at math. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

Secondary Math 1 Honors:

This class is for above grade level math students. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

Secondary Math II Honors:

This class is an accelerated math class. All students will be placed in the appropriate math class, dependent on teacher recommendation, past success in math, and previous CRT test results.

SCIENCE

Earth Science:

1 credit (SCI)

Earth Systems is a yearlong high school course intended for students who are in the 9th grade. This is an intensive study of the earth. Students will develop an understanding of interactions and interdependence

within and between Earth Systems changes over time. The systems we will study are: biological, atmospheric, water and energy, geological and space.

Biology:

1 credit (SC1, S/M)

This course will introduce students to the science of life. Students will cover the functions of atoms and molecules in the chemistry of cells, plants and simple organisms, and the workings of the human body. Student will be involved in labs to enhance learning and relevance.

SOCIAL STUDIES

World Geography-Semester

Half credit (G)

In this course, students will be encouraged to understand the world in which we live. This course allows students to learn about different regions of the world in three aspects: physical geography, cultural geography, and current events.

World Civilizations-Semester

Half credit (WC)

This course allows students to experience the history of the world and its civilizations and understand their relevance to our world today.

P.E.-Semester

Half
credit
(PES)

Skills and techniques in a variety of team and individual sports are taught. Running and exercise skills are taught to improve physical conditioning.
***P.E. Uniform required (cost approximately \$15)*

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Junior High Course Descriptions

ELECTIVE COURSES

MUSIC

Mixed Choir: Full Year or Semester

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: Full Year

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.**

Advanced Band: Full Year

This course will provide continued practice, skill development, and experience playing band instruments. ****Instrument rental required.**

Guitar: Semester

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.

Orchestra: Full Year

Provides opportunities for students to develop their musical potential and aesthetic understanding through learning to play orchestral string instruments. ****Instrument rental required.**

Animation: Semester

****Prerequisite: Drawing I, or Graphic Arts** Modern animation can be a multi-media experience. Students could be introduced to storyboard development and production using pure film animation "claymation" techniques or hand drawn 2D

Art Foundations: Semester

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

Ceramics: Semester

****Prerequisite: 8th all 9th grade** This course will introduce students to the creation of 3D forms in clay.

Graphic Arts: Semester

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.

Graphic Arts II: Semester

****Prerequisite: Graphics Arts** Emphasis of this course is centered on illustrating creative ideas in visually communicating with and enticing the masses. Students will develop graphic savvy techniques used in lettering and layout

Painting: Semester

This class will cover water color, tempura, oil and acrylic. Basic painting techniques will be covered. It will include the application of the elements and principles of painting and the development of creative concepts and ideas.

Sculpture: Semester

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: Semester

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.

Photography: Semester

This course provides an introduction to the fundamental principles, techniques and application of camera-based image making. 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.

Drama: Semester

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.

3-D Design: Semester

***Prerequisite 8th and 9th grade.* This course provides an overview of basic design principles and introduction to fine crafts, their media and the cultures they represent. Students will develop basic understanding of media specific technical skill working with mixed media.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish: Full Year

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: Full Year

***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.

Spanish III: Full Year

***Prerequisite: C or better in Spanish I 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.

German: Full Year

This class is an introduction to the German language and culture. The student learns accurate pronunciation, elementary vocabulary, and correct usage of the basic structural patterns of German. Students will learn to express themselves in oral conversation, practice the skills by means of dialogues, structure drills, reading selections, and written exercises.

German 1: Full Year

***Prerequisite: German.* Continues the development of speaking, writing, 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.

ASL: Full Year

Emphasis 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, and dialogue.

ASL I: Full Year

****Prerequisite:** *ASL*. This course continues the development of speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Narratives and dialogues are used to teach structure and vocabulary. Culture and geography of the native country are taught through reading selections.

SCIENCE

Astronomy: Semester

****Prerequisite:** *8th and 9th grade strong science and math skills required*. This 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: Semester

****Prerequisite:** *8th and 9th grade* This course surveys the animal kingdom. Detailed study of representative organisms is made to illustrate structural advancements as they appear in the animal kingdom.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Creative Writing: Semester

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: Semester

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.

Yearbook: Full Year

****Prerequisite:** *Teacher Approval* Emphasis will be placed on the principles of good design, color selection, photography, photo treatments and basic writing skills. Students will learn how to use Adobe Photoshop, how to design with yearbook principles in mind, how to create and implement a theme in their design and how to work as a team.

Broadcast Journalism: Full Year

****Prerequisite:** *Instructor Signature required*.

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. Students will also learn communication skills in and production techniques in relation to the school news program.

OTHER

Learning Strategies: Semester

Provides students with ways to increase learning 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.

Peer Tutoring: Semester

***Prerequisite: Instructor Signature required.*

Students will be involved in peer tutoring students in special education classes in Math, English, Reading, Life Skills, and other academic areas. This is a pass/fail class.

FACS: Semester

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.

Foods: Semester

This course is designed for students who are interested in understanding the principles of nutrition and in maintaining a healthy life style. Attention will be given to the selection and preparation of food and personal health and well-being.

Foods II: Semester

***Prerequisite Foods.* The class goes into more detail on things for example there is more on knife skills and certain kinds of cuts--julienne, chiffonade, diagonal, broise, small dice and medium dice. We will discuss cuts of meat and different preparation techniques, we talk about different kinds of salads, different types of sauces and soups, etiquette, budgeting, meal planning etc.

Clothing: Semester

This course introduces students to basic sewing and pressing equipment, textiles, introductory level project construction techniques, and techniques for constructing edge finishes.

Clothing II: Semester

***Prerequisite Clothing* This goes into more complicated construction like collars, different kinds of sleeves, darts, pleats, gathers, zippers, and different kinds of trim.

Lifetime Activities: Semester

This 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.

Ballroom Dance: Semester

Students will learn fun dances, how to lead and follow, listen to different types of music, and recognize different dance styles. Members of the class will change partners regularly so everyone will get to know each other and work together in partnerships and as a class. By the end of the semester, students will feel increased confidence in getting out onto the dance floor, and in their ability to succeed in new areas of their lives.

Primary focus will be on basic steps in the American Style Ballroom dances (Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Swing, Lindy, Waltz, Tango) and may also include an introduction to some International Style dances (Quickstep, Samba). Opportunities for performing may arise throughout the semester, giving the students a change to share what they have learned with their parents, fellow students, and the entire school.

Explorer Tech: Semester

Exploring Technology is comprehensive action-based educational course that introduce students to the technological systems of four of the following technology areas: medical technologies, agriculture/biotechnology technologies, energy-power technologies, information and communications technologies, transportation technologies, manufacturing technologies, and construction technologies. The curriculum is designed around exploration of these systems and their impacts on society. Students will also develop problem-solving skills, improving career awareness for the Student Educational Occupational Plan (SEOP) development, and relate technology to math and science. Emphasis is placed on broad exploration in cooperative and individualized activities rather than project and skill development.

Released Time (Seminary): Full Year
No Credit

9th grade student may be released from one regular class period each semester to receive religious instruction.

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