

Ninth Grade
Course of Study 2020-2021
Recommended by Dr. Laura Lowder, Educational Consultant

Micro-Credentials Program Components in three intentional programs working towards distinction;	The Power of Positivity: “Attitude is Everything” Required (0.5 credit) and Social-Emotional Micro-Badge Level 1	21 st Century Skill Development Required (0.5 credit) and 21st Century Thinker Level I Micro-Badge <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: orange;">Integrated with</div>	Honors Integrated Science Lab I Required (0.5 lab credit) and Scientific Lab Skills Level 1 Micro-Badge
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<u>Required Standard Courses</u> *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:	<u>Required Advanced/ College Preparatory Course of Study</u> *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:	<u>*Optional Additional Courses for Acceleration</u>
	Honors Literature: Examination of Timeless and Universal Themes Through Literature-Building Perspectives Required (0.5 credit) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: orange;">Integrated with</div> Honors Composition: Writing within the Content Areas and Creative Writing-Building Perspectives. Required (0.5 credit) Lit + Comp. = 1.0 English Honors Credit <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: orange;">Integrated with</div> Honors Historical Perspectives: Issues and Conflicts Affecting Humans Over Time Required (1 Historical Perspective Credit)	
	Biology Honors w/ Lab Required 1.0 Honors Biology w/ Lab Credit	*Accelerate into AP Biology at conclusion of Biology Honors Course (approximately April-Summer)
U.S. Government and Civics 1 credit High School Health 1 Credit	Honors Dance Technique and Performance 1 credit *Earned through PTP Participation	*Honors Dance History (0.5 credit) *World Geography (1 credit) Epic Moments in World History (1 credit)

Choose One:	Algebra I 1 Credit	Geometry Honors 1 Credit	Algebra I *Compacted Summer Course '20
Choose One:		Spanish I (1 credit); French I (1 credit); or German I (1 credit)	

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Micro-Credentials Program Components in three intentional programs working towards distinction;	Social-Emotional Strategies and Skills 1, or 2 Required (0.5 credit) and Social-Emotional Micro-Badge Level 1 or 2	21 st Century Skill Development 1 or 2 Required (0.5 credit) and 21st Century Thinker Level I or 2 Micro-Badge <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Integrated with</div>	Honors Integrated Science Lab I or II Required (0.5 lab credit) and Scientific Lab Skills Level 1 or 2 Micro-Badge
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	Honors Literature : Examination of Timeless and Universal Themes Through Literature with a Sociological Lens Required (0.5 credit) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Integrated with</div> Honors Composition : Writing within the Content Areas with a Sociological Lens and Creative Writing Required (0.5 credit) Lit + Comp. = 1.0 English Honors Credit <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Integrated with</div> Honors U.S History Required 1.0 Honors United States History Part B: 1860-Today Credit	*AP Language and Composition (AP exam is optional) <u>or</u> *AP Literature and Composition (AP exam is optional)	
US History Part A: 1770-1877 0.5 Credit		*Accelerate into AP Physics at course completion (approximately April-Summer) *Honors Dance History I or II (0.5 credit) *Additional social sciences course (may be AP US History if desired)	
Choose One:	Geometry 1 Credit	Algebra II Honors 1 Credit	College Exam Math Prep (0.5 credit) Trigonometry (0.5 credit) Khan Academy College Exam Prep -Any of these can also be over summer
Choose One:		Spanish II (1 credit); French II (1 credit); or German II (1 credit)	

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<p>Required Advanced/ College Preparatory Course of Study *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:</p>			<p>*Optional Additional Courses for Acceleration</p>
<p>Honors Literature: Examination of Timeless and Universal Themes Through Literature Required (0.5 credit) Integrated with</p> <p>Honors Composition: Writing within the Content Areas and Creative Writing Required (0.5 credit) Lit + Comp. = 1.0 English Honors Credit Integrated with</p> <p>Honors World History Modern Required 1.0 Honors World History Modern: 1860-Today Credit</p>			<p>*Dual Enrollment College Literature Course and/or *Dual Enrollment College English Course and/or *Dual Enrollment College Social Studies Course and/or *Dual Enrollment for College Science w/ Lab and/or *Dual Enrollment College Arts Course</p>
<p>Earth, Space, and Environmental Science @ High School Required 1.0 Honors Principles of Earth and Environmental Science w/ Lab Credit OR. Chem Concepts and Applications Honors w/ Lab 1.0 Credits *depending on which is being offered at the Academy this year</p>			<p>* Accelerate into AP Environmental Science at completion of Principles of Earth and Environmental Course <u>or</u> into AP Chemistry at completion of CHEM (approximately April-Summer)</p>
<p>Honors Dance Technique and Performance 1, 2, or 3 *1 credit Earned through PTP Participation</p>			<p>*Honors Dance History I, II, or III (0.5 credit)</p>
			<p>*Additional social sciences course (may be AP World History, if desired; Standard World History Part A, or another course)</p>
<p>Choose One:</p>	<p>Algebra II 1 Credit</p>	<p>Pre-Calculus Honors 1 Credit and/or Dual Enrollment College Math Course @ 100-level or above 1 Credit High School Math & 3-4 Credits College Math</p>	<p>*College Exam Math Prep (0.5 credit), Trigonometry (0.5 credit), or Khan Academy College Exam Prep -Any of these can also be over summer</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">*Spanish III (1 credit); French III (1 credit); or German III (1 credit) w/ additional fee</p>			

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Required Advanced/ College Preparatory Course of Study *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:	*Optional Additional Courses for Acceleration
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<p>Honors ENG w/ US or World History (whichever is still needed) OR Dual Enrollment ENG and Lit Courses *Required <u>unless</u> the scholar is enrolled in college literature and college English this academic year</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Integrated with</div> <p>Honors World History Modern <u>or</u> Honors US History or Honors Historical Perspectives 1 Credit Honors World History Modern: 1860-Today or 1.0 Credit U.S. History Honors 1860-Today or 1.0 Credit Historical Perspectives Honors (whichever is still needed) *Required <u>unless</u> the scholar is enrolled in college history, college English, and college literature this academic year and does not need a US or World history courses)</p>	<p>*Dual Enrollment College Literature Course and/or *2nd Dual Enrollment College English Course and/or *Dual Enrollment College Social Sciences Course and/or *Dual Enrollment College Science w/ Lab and/or *Dual Enrollment College Arts Course and/or AP Literature and Composition 1 Credit High School AP English (AP exam is optional)</p>
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<p>Chem Concepts and Applications Honors w/ Lab 1.0 Credits OR Honors Principles of Earth and Environmental Science w/ Lab 1.0 Credit. *depending on which is being offered at the Academy this year</p>	
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<p>Honors Dance Technique and Performance 4 *1 credit Earned through PTP Participation</p>	<p>*Honors Dance History I, II, III, or IV (0.5 credit)</p>
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	<p>*AP U.S. History or AP World History, <u>or</u> AP European History</p>
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Choose One:	<p>Pre-Calculus 1 Credit, Calculus AB 1 Credit, or AP Statistics 1 Credit and/or Dual Enrollment College Math Course @ 100-level or above 1 Credit High School Math & 3-4 Credits College Math</p>
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College Preparatory Recommendations and Guidance Offered at the Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite:

Most colleges recommend a minimum of three science credits with at least one lab credit (a physical science, a life science, and an Earth science; lab(s) for any);

Most colleges recommend a four math credits; with one math being above Algebra II, with a math taken during the senior year;

Most colleges recommend a minimum of two years of study in the same foreign language at the high school level; some require three credits;

Most colleges require three to four social sciences; including U.S. history, a World history, and a government and civics;

Most colleges require one health credit at the high school level;

Most colleges require four years of English;

Most all colleges seek:

*well-rounded students with experiences in and out of the classroom,

*a history of engagement in service to others and/or the community;

*extra-curricular involvement (dance☺);

*mature dispositional behaviors and attitude (social-emotional skills and maturity that can be demonstrated via the earned micro-badges in this area),

*strong interpersonal and 21st Century Skills (Academy students have the opportunity to earn micro-badges in this area), and

*a history of upper-level coursework that may include college credits through programs like our dual enrollment partnership with Stanly Community College and other colleges for out-of-state students, and/or AP course credits (w/ or w/out the AP exams)

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