

CHIEF HILL LEARNING ACADEMY



High School Course Catalog 2024-2025

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High School Courses

English 9 (Semester 1: ENG100A or Semester 2: ENG100B)

In this course, students will gain language arts skills by reading literature, writing, listening, viewing, and speaking. They will learn to use the English language successfully to express themselves.

English 10 (Semester 1: ENG200A or Semester 2: ENG200B)

Students will be exposed to various forms of communication, including verbal, visual, and audio. In addition to evaluating the plot and characters of well-known writers, students will learn to identify themes, create dialogue, and appeal to emotions through their writing.

English 11 (Semester 1: ENG300A or Semester 2: ENG300B)

In this course, the writing, and insights of authors throughout history are collected in a fictitious newspaper called “The Virtual Times.” Students will gain an appreciation of American literature and learn about the times in which it was written.

English 12 (Semester 1: ENG400A or Semester 2: ENG400B)

In this course, students will be asked to choose pieces of literature that interest them, analyzing the subject matter, and persuasively expressing their own ideas.

Algebra I (Semester 1: MAT100A or Semester 2: MAT100B)

This course contains the basic knowledge students need for all high school math courses. Students will understand the practical use of algebra with hundreds of real-world examples.

Geometry (Semester 1: MAT200A Semester 2: MAT200B)

In this course, students will learn about points, lines, and planes. They will learn about shapes and gain an understanding of how geometry affects the world around us.

Algebra II (Semester 1: MAT300A or Semester 2: MAT300B)

Starting with a review of basic algebra, students will learn polynomials, quadratic equations, exponential and logarithmic relations, and probability and statistics.

Financial Algebra (Semester 1: MAT410A or Semester 2: MAT410B)

This course is designed to develop a strong foundation in logical thinking and problem solving that will enable students to make informed decisions regarding matters of money and finance in their daily lives.

Earth and Space Science (Semester 1: SCI120A or Semester 2: SCI120B)

This course is designed to explore our knowledge of the earth, and space. Emphasis will be on the major integrating themes of geology, meteorology and astronomy.

Investigative Science (Semester 1: SCI100A or Semester 2: SCI100B)

This course is designed as an interactive, 21st century course focusing on basic physics and chemistry. Topics include forces and motion, energy through waves, electricity and magnetism, the matter around us, and chemical bonding and reactions. This course will provide a foundation for the study of the physical sciences.

Biology (Semester 1: SCI200A or Semester 2: SCI200B)

This course provides an in-depth look at the fundamental characteristics of living organisms. It is designed to promote scientific inquiry and discovery. Students will be introduced to the structure, function, diversity, and evolution of living organisms.

World History/Geography (Semester 1: SOC100A or Semester 2: SOC100B)

The purpose of this course is to enable students to understand their connections to the development of civilizations by examining the past to prepare for their future as participating members of a global community.

American/Arizona History (Semester 1: SOC300A or Semester 2: SOC300B)

In this course, students will investigate the people, events and ideas that have shaped the United States from the end of the Civil War through today. Students are asked to analyze and evaluate decisions made by political, business and military leaders. Emphasis is placed on connections between events of the past and present. This course also gives students the opportunity to conduct research and apply their learning to current, real-world problems.

American Government (One semester course: SOC400A)

Students will take on the role of a Washington, D.C. intern and spend time working throughout the nation's capital with all three branches of government. They will gain a greater understanding of the country's beginnings, and how the government functions at different levels.

Economics (One semester course: SOC420)

The purpose of this course is to help students become more informed consumers, producers, investors, and taxpayers. Students are shown how their choices directly affect their future.

Comprehensive Health (One semester course: PED220)

This course guides students as they deal with important decisions by providing them with the facts they need. Students will learn how to deal with real issues that impact their lives every day, such as nutrition, substance abuse, stress, and their health.

Personal Fitness (Semester 1: PED140A or Semester 2: PED 140B)

Students will start by assessing their physical condition. They will keep a workout log to measure progress. In addition, they will have a great personal trainer (their teacher) who will help them set realistic goals.

Physical Education (Semester 1: PED150A or Semester 2: PED150B)

In this course, students will experience the many benefits of regular physical activity, proper nutrition, and sound decision making. Students will assess their current physical condition and define personal goals. Students will apply fitness training principles, enhancing improvement in health and skill-related areas of fitness.

Art in World Cultures (Semester 1: ART180A or Semester 2: ART180B)

You will learn about some of the greatest artists while also creating art of your own, including digital art. We will explore the basic principles and elements of art, learn how to critique art, and examine some of the traditional art of the Americas, Africa, and Oceania in addition to the development of Western art.

Music Appreciation (Semester 1: ELE106A or Semester 2: ELE106B)

Music is part of everyday lives and reflects the spirit of our human condition. To know and understand music, we distinguish and identify cultures on local and global levels. This course will provide students with an aesthetic and historical perspective of music, a historical perspective on music from the Middle Ages to the 21st century, but it will also teach you the essentials of how to listen and really hear (with a knowledgeable ear) the different music that's all around you. Learning how to truly appreciate sound and melody is the best way to ensure a continued love of this delightful art form.

Creative Writing (Semester 1: ENE200A or Semester 2: ENE200B)

This course provides students with a solid grounding in the writing process, from finding inspiration to building a basic story to using complicated literary techniques and creating strange hybrid forms of poetic prose and prose poetry. By the end of this course, students will learn how to discover their creative thoughts and turn those ideas into fully realized pieces of creative writing.

Criminology (Semester 1: ELE470A or Semester 2: ELE470B)

In today's world, crime and deviant behavior rank at or near the top of many people's concerns. In this course, we will study the field of Criminology – the study of crime. We will look at possible explanations for crime from the standpoint of psychological, biological, and sociological perspectives, explore the categories and social consequences of crime, and investigate how the criminal justice system handles not only criminals, but also their misdeeds.

Psychology (Semester 1: SSE300)

This course provides the student with an understanding of the fundamentals of psychology in the following areas: methods, approaches, history of psychology, biological basis of behavior, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, learning, cognition, motivation and emotion, developmental psychology, personality testing and individual differences, abnormal psychology, the treatment of psychological disorders and social psychology.