

Chandler Online Academy

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World Languages

Junior High World Languages

Beginning Spanish

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, students will learn basic Spanish phrases and vocabulary through interactive lessons that will include images, recordings and videos.

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

Intermediate Spanish

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, students will journey with our student traveler, Cristina, to Spain, Puerto Rico, Columbia, and Argentina. Cristina will share her experiences as students learn how to speak Spanish in many useful situations. New words and phrases will be introduced with pictures, audio clips, and videos. Students will learn how to greet people, introduce themselves, and speak about their family, home, food, sports, and more through interactive activities, reading, writing, listening, and speaking exercises.

Prerequisites: Beginning Spanish

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

High School World Languages

Spanish 1

(Semester 1 & 2)

Students will learn basic Spanish grammar to help build their fluency and understanding. There are many opportunities to practice what they learn through interactive practice activities in the form of games, written practice, listening, and speaking exercises.

Prerequisites: Grades 9-12

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Spanish 2

(Semester 1 & 2)

The purpose of this course is to strengthen Spanish listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Students will also experience the beauty and expressiveness of a language that is shared by different people and cultures throughout the world.

Prerequisites: Grades 9-12. Spanish 1.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Honors Spanish 3

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, students will have many opportunities to perfect the Spanish they learned in previous courses. They will have the chance to further expand their vocabulary and learn about Spanish-speaking countries.

Prerequisites: Grades 9-12. Spanish 2.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP Spanish Language

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

This course is designed to develop students' interpersonal communication skills in Spanish and to prepare them for the AP Language examination. Students will learn to achieve a high level of ability in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Prerequisites: Grades 10-12. Spanish 3 or equivalent or instructor approval.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Health & Physical Education

Junior High Physical Education

Comprehensive PE- Grade 7

(one semester course)

This interactive, highly animated course helps students learn safety rules for exercise, how to improve skills, and how to establish and accomplish goals. It also provides an overview of many dual, team, extreme, and outdoor sports.

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits

Comprehensive PE- Grade 8

(one semester course)

Practicing game strategy to improve the chance of winning in competition, improving sport skill and performance, diversity in sports, nutrition, peer pressure, and making good choices balance out the topics students discover in this course. Fitness logs help students monitor physical activities. Students complete projects that lead to the knowledge, skills, and values they need to implement and maintain a physically active lifestyle.

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits

High School Physical Education and Health

Comprehensive Health

(one semester course)

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.

Credits: 0.5 credit course

Physical Education (P.E.)

(Semester 1 & 2)

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Personal Fitness (1 semester of P.E.)

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.

Credits: 0.5 credit course

Electives

Junior High Electives

Junior High Photography

(Semester 1 & 2)

This course introduces students to the basics of photography, including camera functions and photo composition. Students will learn what it takes to create a good photograph and how to improve photographs of animals, people, and vacations. They will also begin working with their photographs using photo-editing software. Through a variety of assigned projects, students will engage their creativity by photographing a range of subjects and learning to see the world through the lens of their cameras

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

Junior High Career Exploration

(Semester 1 & 2)

In Career Exploration, you'll explore careers in over fifteen different career areas. From the energy field to human resources and from law to transportation, you'll learn more about what careers are available and what you need to do to get there. In addition, you'll examine how to choose the career that is best for you based on your own unique personality and interests as well as how you can begin developing your leadership skills now. Career Exploration will help you prepare for your future now.

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

High School Electives

Art in World Cultures

(Semester 1 & 2)

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Art History and Criticism

(Semester 1 & 2)

Students explore the role of art in history and culture through observation and analysis of significant works of art and architecture from Prehistory through the 16th century. Student historians investigate the societal context of works, considering traditional forms and conventions of representation, symbology, and the purposes for which the art was created. The course includes an introduction to the methodologies of art history and criticism, study of the media and techniques used by artists from various cultures and time periods, and use of appropriate terminology in verbal and written analyses of artworks drawn from around the world. Student historians critique and compare works across time and cultures to develop an understanding of, and respect for, the visual arts as a chronicle of history, cultural heritage, and the human experience.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP History of Art

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

Students will explore the interconnections between art, culture, and historical context using critical analysis through the critical lenses of artistic expression, cultural awareness, and purpose. Using a defined art historical skill set and reflective learning, students will analyze relationships across cultures with a global lens. The examination of how people have responded to and communicated their experiences through art will enable students to think conceptually about art ranging from prehistoric to contemporary.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Computing for College and Careers

(Semester 1 & 2)

The purpose of this course is to guide students in building their career foundation. Students will learn how to turn their computer into an effective tool for communication, acquiring essential business skills needed for any successful career.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Creative Writing

(Semester 1 & 2)

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Criminology

(Semester 1 & 2)

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Digital Photography I

(Semester 1 & 2)

The Digital Photography I course focuses on the basics of photography, including building an understanding of aperture, shutter speed, lighting, and composition. Students will be introduced to the history of photography and basic camera functions. Students will use the basic techniques of composition and camera functions to build a portfolio of images, capturing people, landscapes, close-up, and action photographs.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Electives

High School Electives (continued)

Digital Photography II

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, we will examine various aspects of professional photography, including the ethics of the profession, and examine some of the areas that professional photographers may choose to specialize in, such as wedding photography and product photography. We will also learn more about some of the most respected professional photographers in history and we will learn how to critique photographs in order to better understand what creates an eye catching photograph.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Health Science: The Whole Individual

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, students will be introduced to the various disciplines within the health sciences, including toxicology, clinical medicine, and biotechnology. They will explore the importance of diagnostics and research in the identification and treatment of diseases. The course presents information and terminology for the health sciences and examines the contributions of different health science areas.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP Human Geography

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

Students will explore the diverse ways in which people affect the world around them and how they are affected by their surroundings. Students will discover how ideas spread and cultures form, and learn how beliefs and architecture are part of a larger culture complex. In addition to introducing students to the field of Human Geography, this course will teach students how to analyze humans and their environments.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Law & Order

(Semester 1 & 2)

Every society has laws that its citizens must follow. From traffic laws to regulations on how the government operates, laws help provide society with order and structure. Our lives are guided and regulated by our society's legal expectations. Consumer laws help protect us from faulty goods; criminal laws help to protect society from individuals who harm others; and family law handles the arrangements and issues that arise in areas like divorce and child custody. This course focuses on the creation and application of laws in various areas of society. By understanding the workings of our court system, as well as how laws are actually carried out, we become more informed and responsible citizens in our communities and of our nation.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Music Appreciation (FINE ART)

(Semester 1 & 2)

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, covering a variety of styles and developments from the Middle Ages through the Twentieth First Century. Students will acquire basic knowledge and listening skills, making future music experiences more informed and satisfying.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Personal Psychology I

(Semester 1 & 2)

Self-knowledge is the key to self-improvement! More than 800,000 high school students take psychology classes each year. Among the different reasons, there is usually the common theme of self-discovery! Sample topics include the study of infancy, childhood, adolescence, perception and states of consciousness. Online psychology experiments dealing with our own personal behavior is featured within this course.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Personal Psychology II

(Semester 1 & 2)

Enrich the quality of your life by learning to understand the actions of others! Topics include the study of memory, intelligence, emotion, health, stress and personality. This courses features exciting online psychology experiments involving the world around us.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

High School Electives (continued)

AP Psychology

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

This course providing students an overview of the development of human behaviors and thoughts. Along with preparation for the AP Psychology exam, the goals of this course are to immerse students in modern psychological investigation techniques, to accentuate the ethics and morality of human and animal research, and to emphasize scientific critical thinking skills in application to the social sciences. Psychology is a diverse social and biological science with multiple perspectives and interpretations.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Sports and Entertainment Marketing

(Semester 1 & 2)

~CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE~

In this course, you'll have the opportunity to explore basic marketing principles and delve deeper into the multi-billion dollar sports and entertainment marketing industry. You'll learn about how professional athletes, sports teams, and well known entertainers are marketed as commodities and how some of them become billionaires as a result. If you've ever wondered about how things work behind the scenes of a major sporting event such as the Super Bowl or even entertained the idea of playing a role in such an event, then this course will introduce you to the fundamentals of such a career.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

English/Language Arts

Junior High Language Arts

7th Grade Language Arts

(Semester 1 & 2)
*Honors Available

In this course, students will read, listen to, and analyze stories. They will read various texts, such as newspapers and novels, in addition to discovering their own ability to write.

Prerequisites: Recommended for 7th Grade

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

8th Grade Language Arts

(Semester 1 & 2)
*Honors Available

The purpose of this course is to give students the tools to understand and express themselves through writing. By the end of the course, students will have completed a portfolio of their original writings.

Prerequisites: Recommended for 8th Grade

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

High School Language Arts

English 9

(Semester 1 & 2)
*Honors Available

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

English 10

(Semester 1 & 2)
*Honors Available

Student 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.

Prerequisites: English 9

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

English 11

(Semester 1 & 2)
*AP Language Available (see description)

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.

Prerequisites: English 10

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP English Language and Composition

(Semester 1 & 2)
Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

Students will become skilled readers of prose written in various periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts. They will gain understanding of the interactions between writer's purposes, audience expectations, and subjects.

Prerequisites: English 9 and 10

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

English 12

(Semester 1 & 2)
*AP Literature Available (see description)

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.

Prerequisites: English 11

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP English Literature and Composition

(Semester 1 & 2)
Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

In this course, students will develop critical standards for the appreciation of literary works and increase their sensitivity to literature as shared experiences.

Prerequisites: English 9, 10, & 11

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Mathematics

Junior High Mathematics

7th Grade Mathematics

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors students take 8th grade Pre-Algebra

This course gives students opportunities to create, investigate, and demonstrate knowledge through animations, applications, videos, games, and real-world scenarios.

Prerequisites: Algebra I

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits

Pre-Algebra (8th grade Math)

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors students take 9th grade Algebra 1

Students will love this hands-on math course. Through engaging exercises and assessments students will gain a true understanding of higher-level concepts, such as systems of equations and central tendencies.

Prerequisites: Recommended for 8th Grade

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits

High School Mathematics

Algebra I

(Semester 1 & 2)

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.

Prerequisites: Pre-Algebra (8th Grade Math)

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Geometry

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors available

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.

Prerequisites: Algebra I

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Algebra II

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors available

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

Prerequisites: Geometry

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Interest Theory Advanced Algebra w/ Financial Applications

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, the student will apply knowledge of algebra exploring topics such as saving money, spending money, and dealing with debt. The student will apply formulas to determine account balances, monthly payments, and total costs. The student will extend knowledge of the financial applications of algebra by exploring investments, mortgages, and retirement savings plans.

Prerequisites: recommended as a senior math class

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Pre-Calculus

Part-Time Students= \$20 E-book fee

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors available

Students, as mathematic analysts, investigate how advanced mathematics concepts are used to solve problems encountered in operating national parks. As students venture from algebra to trigonometry, they analyze and articulate the real-world application of these concepts. The purpose of this course is to study functions and develop skills necessary for the study of calculus. This course includes algebra, analytical geometry, and trigonometry.

Prerequisites: Algebra 2

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP Calculus AB

Part-Time Students= \$20 E-book fee

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

This course consists of a full high school year of work that is comparable to college and university calculus courses. Taking this course will help prepare students for the Calculus AB Advanced Placement® Exam.

Prerequisites: Pre-calculus or Trigonometry

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP Calculus BC

Part-Time Students= \$20 E-book fee

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

This course consists of a full high school year of work that is comparable to college and university calculus courses. Taking this course will help prepare students for the Calculus BC Advanced Placement Exam.

Prerequisites: Calculus AB

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP Statistics

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

This course is designed to provide college-level instruction on the concepts and tools for working with data. Students collect and analyze data and draw conclusions based on real-world information. The course challenges students to explore patterns, think critically, use a variety of tools and methods, and report their findings and conclusions.

Prerequisites: Pre-calculus

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Science

Junior High Science

7th Grade Science

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors available

In this course, students explore the foundations of science, energy, Earth and its features; Earth's internal and external structures and how they change; Earth's history, living things, and how they change and interact; and genetics, heredity, and the organization of living organisms.

Prerequisites: Recommended for 7th Grade

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits

8th Grade Science

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors students take Investigative Science

The course introduces new information and reviews some science basics to prepare students for high school science coursework. Topics covered in this course include: the nature of science, Earth and space science, properties of matter, changes in matter, matter and energy, and energy flow.

Prerequisites: Recommended for 8th Grade

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits

High School Science

Investigative Science

(Semester 1 & 2)

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Biology

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors Available

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP Biology

(Semester 1 & 2)

Part-Time Students= \$20 E-book fee

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

This challenging course is designed to provide a college-level experience. Over two semesters, students are engaged in a wide variety of activities, with substantial emphasis on interpreting and collecting data in virtual labs, writing analytical essays, and mastering Biology concepts.

Prerequisites: Biology I, Chemistry I, Algebra I

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Chemistry

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors Available

This course is designed to serve as a foundation for the study of Chemistry and includes: scientific inquiry, interactive experiences, higher order thinking, collaborative projects, real world application, and a variety of assessments.

Prerequisites: Algebra I

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Physics

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, students discover the contributions of geniuses like Galileo, Newton, and Einstein by learning about the concepts, theories, and laws that govern the interaction of matter, energy, and forces.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

Social Studies

Junior High Social Studies

7th Grade Social Studies

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, students will research the cultural and natural landscapes of the regions they visit. They will then design their own theme park offering a multicultural understanding of our world's diverse people and places.

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

8th Grade Social Studies

(Semester 1 & 2)

In this course, students will discover that history is full of adventure, colorful characters, and complex plots. Each complex plot will be different, and will highlight an important story from our nation's past.

Credits: Junior High 0.5 credits per semester

High School Social Studies

World History/Geography

(Semester 1 & 2)

*Honors available

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.

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

American/Arizona History

(Semester 1 & 2)

*AP Language Available (see description)

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.

Prerequisites: 10th grade or higher and successful completion of English 9 are recommended

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

AP American/Arizona History

(Semester 1 & 2)

Part-Time Students = \$20 E-book fee

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

Within AP Am/AZ History, students will develop and use historical thinking skills (chronological reasoning, comparison and contextualization, crafting historical arguments from historical evidence, and historical interpretation and synthesis) to examine the history of the United States from 1491 to the present.

Prerequisites: 10th grade status or higher and successful completion of English 9

Credits: 0.5 credits per semester

American Government

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 government functions at different levels.

Prerequisites: 11th or 12th grade status and successful completion of English 9 are recommended.

Credits: 0.5 credit semester course

AP American Government

Lights, Camera, Action" ...Prepare to study the intricacies of the American Political Culture. The script is written and the actors participate daily in the drama of American politics. You will be "on location" to delve into primary source documents. You will go behind the scenes with stars such as the President, Congress people, and Supreme Court Justices. You will research the roles of the media, political parties, interest groups, states, candidates, bureaucracy, and the public in the governmental process. Finally, you will witness the large-scale production of policy building in the areas of economic/social policy, foreign policy and public administration.

Prerequisites: 11th or 12th grade status and successful completion of English 9 are recommended.

Credits: 0.5 credit semester course

Economics

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

Prerequisites: 11th or 12th grade and successful completion of English 9 and Algebra I are recommended.

Credits: 0.5 credit semester course

AP Macroeconomics

(Semester 1 & 2)

Available for Full-time online students and students who are replacing a grade and PAY for the class

Understand the choices you make as a producer, consumer, investor, and taxpayer. This course provides you with the knowledge and decision-making tools necessary for understanding how a society must organize its limited resources to satisfy its unlimited wants. This course meets the Economics high school graduation requirement.

Prerequisites: 12th grade status

Credits: 0.5 semester course

NCAA Approved Courses

ENGLISH

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AP English Language Composition
English 12
AP English Literature Composition

ELECTIVES

AP Human Geography
Creative Writing
Criminology
Law and Order
Personal Psychology I
Personal Psychology 2

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Honors Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II
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Honors Pre-Calculus
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AP Statistics

SCIENCE

Investigative Science
Biology
Honors Biology
AP Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Physics

SOCIAL SCIENCE

World History/Geography
Honors World History/Geography
American/AZ History
AP American/AZ History
American Government
AP US Government
Economics
AP Macroeconomics

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish I
Spanish II
Honors Spanish III
AP Spanish IV