

Fine Arts, Foreign Language, & Electives

Music Classes are also available to students at SACA on Saturdays: piano, guitar, trash can drum line, vocals, band instruments, and orchestra instruments.

Students are strongly encouraged to take foreign language as part of SACA's dual enrollment program with the community college.

The following courses utilize Interactive Study Guides:

- Anthropology
- Art Appreciation
- Career Essentials
- Health
- Music Appreciation (Humanities II)
- Humanities II
- Lifetime Fitness
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish 1A
- Spanish 1B
- Personal Finance
- Test-Taking Skills: Mathematics
- Test-Taking Skills: Reading
- Test-Taking Skills: Writing
- Test-Taking Skills: Science
- Academic Literacy
- Basic Math Skills
- Creating Your Future

Evidence of Mastery is measured by Mastery Checkpoints, Chapter exams, Projects, and Essays.

Academic Literacy. This course introduces some of the references used at Southern Arizona Community Academy. The course is designed to introduce students to the SACA AOI Program and review the following topics: internet safety, computer ergonomics, note-taking skills, plagiarism, and research methods. It is also useful as an introduction to the system of instruction employed at SACA. Each student will also begin to explore his/her

future. All students are required to take this course upon enrollment at SACA AOI Program. This course credits as elective.

Anthropology. This course presents a behavioral science that focuses on the study of humanity and culture. Anthropologists research the characteristics and origin of the cultural, social, and physical development of humans. They may also determine why some cultures change and other cultures come to an end. Students learn the foundations of the five main branches of anthropology including physical, social, linguistic, archeological, and cultural. They are provided the opportunity to apply their observational skills to the real-life study of cultures in the United States and around the world. This course credits as elective.

Art Appreciation. This course is a survey of the visual arts of painting, sculpture, architecture, and the principles of design. The course will enable students to develop an understanding of how an artist has the power to inspire and inform the viewer by making a personal, social, political, or religious statement. Students will also explore the history and art of both past and present world cultures. This course credits as fine arts.

Career Essentials. The choice of a career is an integral aspect of the personal and social development of an individual, and being prepared for a job search increases the chances of success. This course prepares students to deal with the various aspects of the job search, such as resume writing, job interviewing, thank you letters, and prospective job offers. This course credits as elective.

Health. This course is designed to encourage students to take an active role in personal health. Students will learn about a variety of health topics including, health risks, types of illnesses, functions of the major systems of the body, and health career options. This course credits as elective.

Music Appreciation. (Humanities I) – This course focus on the performing arts of music, dance, theater, opera, motion pictures, and television. This course credits as fine arts.

Humanities II. This course explores the influential subject areas of language, philosophy, ethics, literature, and religion. Humanities, along with the social sciences and natural sciences, represent the knowledge that humans have created throughout history. Focusing on the philosophical, spiritual, and artistic aspects of life, Humanities explore the artistic and cultural accomplishments of individuals in the following academic areas: literature, religion, painting, sculpture, architecture, photography, art history, music, theater, film,

dance, cultural studies of civilizations, philosophy, languages, ethics, and the Classics of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. This course credits as elective.

Lifetime Fitness. This course is designed to teach students basic concepts of lifetime physical fitness and to give each student experience in developing personal exercise programs. The achievement of personal physical fitness is a lifelong pursuit that is critical to the development and maintenance of good health. This course credits as elective.

Psychology. This course presents the study of both the mind and behavior and in particular the relationships between the two. This course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation of comprehensive knowledge and research skills that can be applied to all fields of psychology. This course credits as elective.

Sociology. This course presents the study of groups, communities, and societies in an in-depth exploration of the process of socialization, norms, folkways and mores, scientific research, social behavior, social institutions, culture, population, minorities, and changes to the informal and formal structure of the society. This course credits as elective.

Personal Finance. An important aspect of every student's future is the ability to plan and implement sound and responsible financial goals. This course will educate students in a variety of financial and monetary subjects, including the foundations of economics, preparing a budget, understanding paychecks and tax deductions, banking, and the importance of researching the quality of goods to make consumer choices. Lessons of similar topics have been grouped into units to provide smooth transitions from one lesson to the next. This course credits as elective.

Spanish IA. This course is a comprehensive, completely integrated course for grades 9-12. Spanish I A is designed to help students comprehend and communicate the Spanish language as well as gain a better awareness of Spanish-speaking cultures. This course credits as foreign language.

Spanish IB. This course is a comprehensive, completely integrated course for grades 9-12. Spanish I B is designed to help students progress in their learning of the Spanish language by building on the fundamental concepts taught in Spanish I A. This course credits as foreign language.

Test-Taking Skills: Mathematics. This course is an intensive review of all state standards that may appear on the state assessments. This course credits as elective.

Test-Taking Skills: Reading. This course is an intensive review of all state standards that may appear on the state assessments. This course credits as elective.

Test-Taking Skills: Writing. This course is an intensive review of all state standards that may appear on the state assessments. This course credits as elective.

Test-Taking Skills: Science. This course is an intensive review of all state standards that may appear on the state assessments. This course credits as elective.

Basic Math Skills. This course reviews basic math including, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division of whole numbers, decimals and fractions. This course credits as elective.

Reading Horizons. This course helps student work on building reading skills. This course activates several areas of the brain by including visual, auditory, and kinesthetic cues and allows students to make the connections needed for meaningful interactions with text. This course credits as elective.

Creating Your Future. This course will allow you to investigate the critical aspects of planning what you will do once you have completed high school. Your future depends on the dreams, interests, education, work experiences, and goals you set now. In this course you will explore: careers that might match you according to your interests, abilities, values, learning styles, and personality traits; educational requirements for your career choices; planning for high school; preparing for school to job; planning and preparing for post-secondary educational options; creating and maintaining a portfolio; and financial planning. This course credits as elective.