

UPPER SCHOOL ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Interdisciplinary Elective Notes:

- *3.0 credits of electives are required for Graduation.*
- *Credits earned in any discipline beyond the required graduation requirements are counted as elective credits.*

ACT Prep. (0.5 Credits)

The ACT Prep course aims to strengthen student skills and knowledge in the four ACT subtest areas of English, Reading, Science, and Math, and remediate misunderstandings. Students will familiarize themselves with question types and answer stems to increase efficiency, while learning strategies for speed and accuracy. Students will take multiple practice exams to test theories and make adjustments, while also working collaboratively in chunked problem areas as necessary. By the end of the course, students will possess: an understanding of their strengths and weaknesses, mastery of the test layout and timing strategies, an understanding of skills and strategies for improvement, and a documented account of goals and progress. This course is open to students in grades 10-12.

Prerequisite: none

Textbook: ACT Total Prep 2025, ISBN: 978-1506290423

Personal Finance: (0.5 Credits)

Provides an overview of the financial planning and investing process. It examines personal incomes and budgets, home and consumer financing, insurance of personal assets, personal investing and retirement planning. Topics covered will include the time value of money, investments, loans and credit, cash management, taxes, life and health insurance, and estate planning. This course is open to grade 12 students only.

Prerequisite: none

Textbook: none required

Independent Study: Online Course (0.5 Credits)

Senior students may request permission from the Head of the Upper School to enroll in an Independent Study course if they wish to broaden their learning experience by completing an accredited online course. This option is available only to senior students for a maximum of one semester, and the selected online course must not duplicate any subject offered within the HA curriculum/program of study. Interested students must complete an application process, and if approved, they will be assigned a mentor to monitor progress and to proctor quizzes/tests. Grades and credit on the HA transcript will be awarded using specific grading criteria established by the Administration.

Prerequisite: none

Course Fees: Students are responsible for all costs/fee associated with the registration and books required to complete the online course.