

SONORA HIGH SCHOOL

PREPARING EVERY STUDENT FOR SUCCESS BY
CULTIVATING PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

2023/2024 Digital Course Catalog

SONORA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

In a safe and supportive environment, with an eye to the future and honoring tradition, alongside community partners, Sonora Union High School empowers students to be:

Academically excellent.

Career and/or college ready.

Accountable, Respectful and Engaged citizens

Many items in this course catalog are hyperlinked to additional information including videos. Please make sure to look for the hyperlinks as you move through the course catalog. The hyperlinks will be indicated by blue underlined text



CORE VALUES OF SONORA HIGH SCHOOL

WE BELIEVE.....

- That personal accountability and integrity are fundamental
- That a strong work ethic benefits the individual and society
- That successful relationships are built on honesty and respect
- That families share the responsibility for a successful society
- That community service benefits all
- That learning is a continuous process

EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS

Sonora High School expects its students to be accountable to, and responsible for the following:

- Meet or exceed California State Standards for all academic areas
- Develop a viable post high school plan
- Respect diversity
- Demonstrate civic and personal responsibility
- Communicate appropriately in a variety of media
- Value education, a healthy lifestyle, and life-long learning



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INTRODUCTION

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ABOUT THE COURSE CATALOG AND HOW TO USE IT

Our goal is to guide students toward academic success and future employment. Therefore, sound planning and thoughtful course selection are critical in order for students to make the most of their four years in high school.

This course catalog describes the courses and programs at our school. The introductory pages outline graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and other district programs. Please use it as a tool in the registration process. It is intended that students and parents review this catalog together in order to make informed decisions about educational programs that will interest and challenge their intellect. Students are encouraged to select an academically rigorous program in order to develop their full potential.

Guidance counselors are available to advise both students and parents regarding course selection and college/career preparation. Counselors complete classroom presentations at every grade level covering graduation requirements, post-secondary options, UC/CSU entrance requirements, and 4-year planning (at the freshman level) before the registration process begins each year. Each student also receives an individual counseling appointment to review transcripts and to ensure that they are on track for graduation and future goals. Please visit this website for more information about the Sonora High School Counselors:

<http://sonorahs.k12.ca.us/shs/guidance-counseling/counseling/>



GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A COURSE



As you study this catalog and read the brief course descriptions, you are encouraged to consider the following guidelines before selecting courses that you would like to take next year:

- Graduation Requirements – Carefully check the graduation requirements.
- College Entrance Requirements – Look for courses required by colleges and universities.
- Career Plans – Look for courses that can help you with possible career goals.
- Your Interests – Look for courses that let you pursue your own personal interests.
- Parent Approval – Talk with your parents about your course choices and have them sign your ballot.
- Teacher Recommendation – Talk with your teachers about your course choices and get their recommendations.

The assignment of teaching staff for the upcoming school year will be based upon the data gathered from course selection. The number of students requesting each course offered will determine which courses will be offered and the number of teachers needed to teach these courses. Therefore, students should plan and select their courses carefully. It will be extremely difficult to change a course once a selection is made.

GRADES AND CREDIT



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Our school year is divided into two semesters and four quarters. Semester grades are the ones that will appear on a student's permanent records. Quarter grades and semester grades are used to calculate eligibility. Progress reports, issued midway through each grading period, serve as a warning to students who have a grade that is below a C-.

For each class you take and pass, you will earn five credits per semester for a total of 10 credits. In order to graduate in four years, you need to earn 60 credits per year and at least 230 credits by graduation time. Please refer to the table that follows on page 5 for specific graduation requirements.

HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

HONOR ROLL.....3.3 GPA

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL.....3.6 GPA

WEIGHTED GRADES

Sonora High School uses a traditional A-F grading system. Grade points assigned are 4,3,2,1 and 0 for A, B, C, D, and F, respectively. AP classes earn weighted grade points. For example, an A in an AP class is worth five points rather than four. By taking an AP class, your GPA could be higher than 4.0. A "D" in an AP class, however, is worth only 1 GPA point.

WITHDRAWAL FAILURE AND NO CREDITS

Schedule changes after the first six weeks will result in a WF (withdrawal failure grade) and no credits earned for the class that has been dropped. In addition, the WF grade will appear on your transcript and will be used in calculating the GPA (zero grade points received out of four possible.)



GRADES AND CREDIT



MAKING UP CREDITS

If you fall behind in the number of credits you need for graduation, you will need to make them up if you want to graduate with your classmates. The following are some opportunities to help you:

Summer School:

Please refer to the current summer school application or contact your counselor for current summer school information.

Apex Credit Recovery

Please contact your counselor for current APEX credit recovery information.

“0” Period classes:

Students may earn an additional five credits per semester for taking a “0” period class. Course offerings at “0” period are very limited and often require instructor approval. Students should talk with their counselor for additional information.

Community college:

Students can concurrently enroll at Columbia College to earn additional credits. Enrollment in Math and English classes require students to take and pass placement tests. All classes at Columbia College have not been approved for high school credit. Students should see their counselor before registration to obtain a concurrent enrollment form and to receive additional information about approved classes.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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What it takes to Graduate

Graduation Requirements for the class of 2027

Subject	Courses	Years	Credits
English (E)	English	4	40
Math (M)	Must complete 2 different math classes. Completion of Math 1 or equivalent is required.	2	20
Science (SC)	Life Science Physical Science	1 1	10 10
Social Studies (SS)	World History US History Amer Gov't/Economics	1 1 1	10 10 10
Fine Arts (FA) <u>OR</u> Foreign Lang (FL)	Visual Art Performing Art Foreign Language Career Tech Ed	1	10
Vocational Skill	Ag, Industrial Art Business/Computer Career Tech Ed	1	10
PE	PE1 & PE 2	2	20
Electives* (EL)	See * Below		90

*Elective credits are given to any class that is taken after the student has completed the graduation requirement in that area.



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What it takes to Graduate

Graduation Requirements for the class of 2024, 2025, 2026

Subject	Courses	Years	Credits
English (E)	English	4	40
Math (M)	Must complete 2 different math classes. Completion of Math 1 or equivalent is required.	2	20
Science (SC)	Life Science Physical Science	1 1	10 10
Social Studies (SS)	World History US History Amer Gov't/Economics	1 1 1	10 10 10
Life Skills (LS)	Life Skills	1	10
Fine Arts (FA) <u>OR</u> Foreign Lang (FL)	Visual Art Performing Art Foreign Language Career Tech Ed	1	10
Vocational Skill	Ag, Industrial Art Business/Computer Career Tech Ed	1	10
PE	PE1 & PE 2	2	20
Electives* (EL)	See * Below		80

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Area	Subject	Years	Sonora High School Required & Acceptable Courses
A	Social Science	2 years	World History 1-2 or AP European History US History 1-2 or US History AP American Government (1 sem) or US Government AP (1 Sem)
B	English	4 years	English 1 CP or English 1A English 2 CP or English 2A English 3 CP or Amer Lit Ap English 4 Cp or World Lit AP
C	Math	3 years (4th year recommended)	Math 1 CP, 2CP & 3CP Trig/Analysis
D	Science (1 year Physical Science/ 1 year Life Science)	2 years of lab science (3rd year recommended)	Biology 1-2 CP or AG Biology CP Chemistry CP
E	Foreign Language	2 years (3rd year recommended)	Spanish 1 CP, 2CP, 3CP, 4 AP
F	Visual/Performing Arts	1 year	Basic Art Cp, Advanced Art Cp, Drama CP, Advanced Drama CP, Advanced Band CP, Wind Ensemble CP, Jazz Band CP, Photography CP, Concert Choir CP, Creative Computers CP
G	College Prep Elective		All courses listed in the above categories may satisfy the "G"

Please click on these links for additional information regarding College Entrance requirements:

[Sonora High School Counseling College and Career Sites](#)

[CSU Entrance Requirements](#)

[UC Entrance Requirements](#)



MIDDLE COLLEGE



MIDDLE COLLEGE

MIDDLE COLLEGE IS A SONORA HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA COLLEGE, WHERE STUDENTS TAKE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COURSES.

This program is designed for students who wish to pursue a higher education while completing their high school graduation requirements. Juniors and seniors can be admitted into the program through an application process. They are required to take three classes on the Sonora High School campus and then are free to take classes at Columbia College.

Students work very closely with the Middle College Coordinator, Columbia College counselor, and Sonora High counselor to make sure that they are taking classes applicable to high school graduation and their post high school goals.

Additional information, including the application, can be found at this link:

[More Middle College Information](#)



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students in grades 9 through 12 who receive failing marks, or incompletes, in two or more subjects or who do not maintain a “C” (2.0) average on the quarter or semester report cards will be ineligible to participate in any and all extracurricular activities.

In addition, if a student receives two unsatisfactory marks in conduct/behavior on quarter or semester report cards, they are also ineligible. The ineligibility will be in effect until the next quarter or semester report card is issued.

An “extracurricular activity” is defined as a program of out-of-class pursuits, usually supervised and/or financed by the school (sports, clubs, drama productions, etc.). These activities are not offered for credit toward graduation and are available to students who voluntarily elect to participate.



CLUBS



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YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR CLUBS IN THE MALL AT LUNCH DURING “CLUB DAYZ” WHICH ARE HELD APPROXIMATELY THE THIRD WEEK OF SCHOOL.

We currently offer these clubs at Sonora High School:

- Art Club
- CSF
- Drama Club
- FFA
- Friday Night Live
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Graphic Design Club
- Interact
- Junior Statesman
- Robotics
- Science Club
- Students for the Future/Garden
- Trap Club
- Walk the Talk

Please use this link for more information: [Sonora High School Clubs](#)



ATHLETICS



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AT SONORA HIGH SCHOOL WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SPORTS:

Fall Season:

- Cross Country
- Football
- Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls Water Polo
- Volleyball

Winter Season:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Wrestling

Spring Season:

- Baseball
- Boys Golf
- Softball
- Swimming
- Coed Tennis
- Track

If you are an incoming freshman and would like to participate in sports next year at Sonora High School, please fill out this short [Athletic Interest Form](#). This will provide information to the coaches as well as put you on our email list so that when the official registration for athletics opens on May 1st, we can send you the information on how to register.

In order to participate in Athletics at Sonora High, every year you must register after May 1st on our online registration portal 8to18. You also must have a physical dated after May 1st for the next year and a current concussion baseline test. More information will be sent to the email provided on the interest form above. on May 1st.

See these links for some videos of our athletic programs:

[Boys Water Polo](#)

*"Once a Wildcat
always a
Wildcat."
Rick Francis,
SHS legendary
coach*



NCAA ELIGIBILITY

To participate in a sport at a NCAA Division I or Division II College or university, a student must graduate from high school and meet all of the following requirements:

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

DIVISION II

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your [grade-point average](#) based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about sliding scales at ncaa.org/test-scores.

TEST SCORES

You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code **9999** to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the SAT or ACT, and cannot use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score. More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall_B.

All the links from the above can be found here:

[Eligibility Center](#)
[SHS Core Course List](#)
[Grade-point average calculator](#)
[Sliding Scale Test Scores](#)



SONORA HIGH SCHOOL COURSES BY DEPARTMENT



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THE REMAINDER OF THE DIGITAL COURSE CATALOG IS DESCRIPTIONS OF OUR COURSES ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE **LIGHT BLUE HYPERLINKS** THAT INDICATE THAT THERE IS A VIDEO OR A DOCUMENT THAT GIVES MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH COURSE.

DEPARTMENTS:

Agriculture

Art

Business/Computer

Career & Technical Education

English

Mathematics

Performing Arts

Physical Education

Science

Life Skills

Social Studies

World Languages

Miscellaneous Electives



AGRICULTURE

0640 Agricultural Biology CP

This course focuses on the study of life and the scientific method used to understand the world around us. The course covers the subject specific standards for Biology adopted by the state (NGSS), CTE agriscience standards, and focuses on technical reading and writing necessary for students to be successful in the world beyond high school. Students will be expected to read, write, and communicate using reasoning, critical thinking, and analysis of the subject matter. The major subject areas addressed through this class include the scientific method, cells, genetics, evolution, ecology, and physiology. A large part of the class is lab/activity as this course satisfies the UC a-g requirements for a lab science. Because of this, students will also be expected to learn and practice proper lab techniques and safety throughout the course. In addition, because this is an agriculture class, students will be expected to participate in the FFA, which includes record keeping on a supervised agriculture experience (SAE), leadership activities, as well as community service.

Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in Math 1

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Life Science (LS)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: d

0622 Ag Earth Science CP

The course satisfies the Physical Science requirement for graduation. This course focuses on the study of earth and space science with selected units from physical science. The course covers the subject specific standards for Earth Science adopted by the state (NGSS), the agriculture CTE agriscience standards, and focuses on technical reading and writing necessary for students to be successful in the world beyond high school. Students will be expected to read, write, and communicate using reasoning, critical thinking, and analysis of the subject matter. The major subject areas addressed through this class include the scientific method, history of the earth, Earth's systems, weather and climate, and human sustainability. Part of the class is lab/activity and because of this, students will also be expected to learn and practice proper lab techniques and safety throughout the course. In addition, because this is an agriculture class, students will be expected to participate in the FFA, which includes record keeping on a supervised agriculture experience (SAE), leadership activities, as well as community service.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Science (PS)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: g

0104 Ag Leadership and Management

This course is designed to assist students in developing their knowledge, attitudes, skills, and aspirations regarding leadership development in agriculture. Students will acquire skills in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, marketing, and community service. Students will also organize, prepare, and implement the Sonora High School Agriculture FFA program of activities. Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) is required.

Prerequisite: Previous Ag class, showing livestock at fair, or teacher recommendation

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: none



AGRICULTURE

0109 The Elements and Principles of Floral Design- Floral 1

The Elements and Principles of design have been implemented to acquaint the students with theories and principles of artistic design and the influence on floral artistry. The course emphasizes the necessary knowledge and skills to provide the student with a perceptual base leading to students understanding artistic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context(s); aesthetic valuing and connections, relations and application of visual arts. Students will derive meaning from artworks through individual, collaborative, and instructed analysis, interpretation, and judgment and apply what is learned in floral art to other forms, subjects, and post secondary educational experiences. Through practical skill development the student will become familiar with materials, tools, and design mechanics, maintenance and design evaluation. Students will achieve this through creating, designing, identifying, and explaining and evaluating topics of study. Balance, color, symmetry using floral and synthetic medium will be emphasized to allow students to apply an artistic approach to all artwork. Various assignments based on abstract two dimensional and three dimensional designs, historical culture and theory, color theory, and analytical critiques completed on floral art works using design vocabulary in conjunction with the development of technical skills. In addition, because this is an agriculture class, students will be expected to participate in the FFA, which includes record keeping on a supervised agricultural experience (SAE), leadership activities, as well as community service. Articulation/Dual Enrollment with Modesto Junior College is pending.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0129 The Elements and Principles of Floral Design- Floral 2

Floral 2 is a sequential course on the production of commercial; floral arrangement, corsage, and products. The history and principles of floral design will be covered. Students will conduct various floral products including arrangements, corsages, holidays, party, and wedding work. An overview of the floral industry includes flowers and plant care; sales and business techniques will be [resented. Students will develop a portfolio and resume to use when applying for employment in the floral industry. Students will learn to identify numerous flowers, foliage plants, and floral supplies that are used in the industry. In addition, because this is an agriculture class, students will be expected to participate in the FFA, which includes record keeping on a supervised agricultural experience (SAE), leadership activities, as well as community service. Fulfills high school fine arts, graduation requirement.

Prerequisite: "C" or better in Floral 1

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

Articulation: MJC Horticulture Science 50 and 280 Beginning Floral Design pending.



ART

0151 Basic Art

This course is the prerequisite for Advanced Art 1, Advanced Art 2, and Studio Art. Students will learn the fundamentals of art, design, composition, and proportion as they create 2D and 3D works of art that emphasize the individual Elements of Art. They will learn techniques for the production using a variety of artistic mediums such as drawing, painting, collage, printmaking, and sculpting materials. They will learn about a variety of artists, cultures and purposes of art, and will be able to identify and state relevance and historical significance of some famous artwork.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0141 Advanced Art 1

This course is for students who have passed Basic Art and wish to continue in-depth study of art and to develop their own artistic skills. In this class students will focus on the development of skills, using multiple artistic mediums. They will explore topics in art related to self, heredity, culture, traditions, nature, environment and more. Students will build on their understanding of the Elements of Art, learn about the Principles of Design, and experiment with ways to interweave these building blocks to create dynamic works of art. This course is a requirement for Advanced Art 2.

Prerequisite: Basic Art

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0142 Advanced Art 2

This course is for students who have passed Advanced Art 1 and wish to continue in-depth study of art and to develop their own artistic skills. In this class students learn about periods in art and experiment with artistic styles and techniques perfected by artists throughout history. Students develop their own artistic styles, incorporating techniques that they have learned, as they create artworks that reflect personal and cultural values and more. Students interested in preparing for a possible career in art learn how to present their work and are encouraged to begin building portfolios of their projects.

Prerequisite: Advanced Art 1

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0191 Studio Art

This course is for students who have passed Advanced Art 2 and wish to continue individual projects in advanced art. Students need to be serious, self motivated and able to create project proposals and meet deadlines. Students must use class time productively to continue in studio art. Students interested in preparing for a possible career in art are encouraged to create portfolios of their projects.

Prerequisite: Advanced Art 2

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

ART



BUSINESS/COMPUTERS

0234 Creative Computers CP

This course is designed for the student who is interested in unlocking his/her creative capabilities using a computer. Students will use Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and a variety of other software to create designs and illustrations, edit digital photographs, create 3D objects and animations, edit digital video to create short movies, and design web pages. In addition students will use a laser cutter and a 3d printer to turn their creations into usable objects.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Industry Certifications Available

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0235 Introduction to Programming CP

In this class we will learn how to program PC games, using the Java Programming language and the Greenfoot environment. Students will learn general programming principles in a modern, object-oriented programming language and have fun along the way. The approach used in the class has been called "serious fun" - we do something interesting, and learn something useful along the way.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: g

0236 Video Game Design CP

This is a second year course designed for students who aspire to be computer programmers and game developers. Students learn the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to design and create games for the PC, Android, the Xbox, and other consoles in the C# programming language.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Programming

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: g



CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

0426 Home Improvement

This is for the student interested in basic home improvement topics. Items covered in this course include basic hand and power tool use, as well as simple outdoor building projects. Other topics include basic plumbing, drywall, electrical, HVAC, finish carpentry, flooring, masonry, and weatherization. This is a hands-on class with many small projects that correspond with the instructional units.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

0589 Construction Tech 1 & 2 / 0590 Construction Tech 3 & 4

Students will prepare for entry-level jobs in the building industry. Instructional training will be offered in plans and blueprints, material and labor costs, ordering materials, work layout, use of hand tools, project construction, legal code requirements and building permits, and related occupational information. This program will provide opportunities for students to achieve and experience the sequence of construction and the skills required to complete tasks in residential construction. Two periods daily.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Arts (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

Education 1

This course prepares students for professional or learning support positions in education, prekindergarten through grade twelve. Students study human development; standards, regulations, and codes; positive guidance and counseling techniques; age-appropriate and grade appropriate learning strategies; learning theories; and standards-based curriculum and instructional design.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Arts (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: (pending)

Education 2

This capstone course builds on concentration course content and is the final course taken in the Education pathway sequence. Students are prepared for a career or further postsecondary training. Students can apply and practice their knowledge and skills at a variety of elementary and secondary education sites.

Prerequisite: Education 1

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Arts (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: (pending)

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CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

0588 Cosmetology

18 month course. The classroom and practical experience offered is governed by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology through Consumer Affairs. The training prepares the student to take the State Cosmetology exam, and if the student passes the exam, the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology will issue a license to practice cosmetology in the State of California. The course length is 1000 clock hours and takes approximately 15 months to complete. Education will include courses in Physiology and Anatomy, Chemistry, Bacteriology and Business in addition to the following: wet hair styling, hair color, baliaage, fashion and dimensional color, thermal styling, permanent waving, relaxers, facials, advanced skin care, acrylic nails, health and safety, sanitation, salon management, and client relations. Students should be seriously interested in the field of cosmetology and have a genuine concern for the public. **A cosmetology kit and textbook are required. Students may purchase a complete kit for \$450.00. Textbooks will be checked out and returned by a specific date before graduation from Sonora Union High School District classes.** One uniform will be provided and must be returned upon leaving the program. Students may be placed on a waiting list beginning the second semester of their sophomore year. Three periods daily (0, 1, and 2)

Prerequisite: Recommended courses: One year of life science and art, good attendance and 2.0 GPA

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Arts (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

0591 Photography CP

The Photography course is designed to give students a working knowledge of digital photography and visual communication using Adobe Photoshop. Students are acquainted with the principles and operation of the high-end digital SLR camera and the point-and-shoot camera. This course will help students become creative thinkers and problem solvers through the use of image composition, photographic lighting techniques (studio and natural), computer layout and design methods, image retouching and enhancement, special effects, and other imaging software programs that complement Adobe Photoshop.

Prerequisite: Basic computer skills and/or keyboarding.

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0597 Advanced Digital Photography

The Advanced Digital Photography course is open to 2nd year Photography students with instructor approval. The program is designed to continue the student's growth as a creative thinker and problem solver; and to further educate students in the use of the high-end digital SLR camera and studio lighting techniques. Students will learn advanced photographic skills, as well as a number of innovative computer techniques to digitally manipulate photos in Adobe Photoshop; the top editing software program among professionals and photography enthusiasts alike.

Prerequisite: Digital Photography and instructor approval

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V), Fine Arts (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

0799 Work Experience

Work experience is an elective work-based learning program offered to students already employed in the community. Students will receive classroom instruction one period a week focusing on employ-ability skills that enhance and expand their academic skills. Students must have a job in order to enroll.

Prerequisite: Must have a job working a minimum of 5 hours per week

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Vocational (V)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

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ENGLISH

0253 English 1A (Accelerated)

For motivated college-bound freshmen who have met the criteria to enter an accelerated class. Surveys the literary genres; begins instruction of literary analysis and expository composition. Includes vocabulary development and grammar, speaking/listening, and research skills. The completion of nightly homework assignments, participation in daily discussions, and fulfillment of independent reading assignments are required for success in this challenging course. Course will help to prepare students to take and be successful on the CAASPP exam during their 11th grade year.

Prerequisite: Placement test & teacher recommendation

Grades: 9

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b

0251 English 1CP

Focuses on the study of the novel, the short story, drama, poetry, and non-fiction to improve reading comprehension and composition skills. Introduces students to literary analysis and inferential reading. Also includes vocabulary development, grammar instruction, and public speaking. This course will help prepare students for the CAASPP exam they take in their 11th grade year.

Prerequisite: Placement test & teacher recommendation

Grades: 9

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b

0254 English 2A (Accelerated)

For motivated college-bound sophomores who have met the criteria to enter an accelerated class. Focuses on the study of the novel, the short story, drama, poetry, and nonfiction to improve reading comprehension and composition skills. Also includes vocabulary development and grammar, speaking/listening and research skills. The completion of homework assignments, participation in daily discussion, and fulfillment of independent reading assignments are required for success in this challenging class. Course will help to prepare student to take and be successful on the CAASPP exam during their 11th grade year.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 10

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b

0252 English 2CP

Continues to focus on the study of the novel, the short story, drama, poetry, and non-fiction to improve reading comprehension and composition skills. Continued practice in literary analysis and inferential reading. Continued instruction in vocabulary development, grammar, and public speaking. Course will help to prepare student to take and be successful on the CAASPP exam during their 11th grade year.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 10

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b



ENGLISH

0279 American Literature AP (Advanced Placement)

For academically talented juniors who have met the criteria to enter the English Advanced Placement program. Emphasizes the development of literary analysis and composition skills through the study of American Literature and non-fiction. Also includes the study of vocabulary, grammar, mechanics, and usage as they relate to the development of a mature writing style. Prepares students to take the Advanced Placement Language and Composition Examination. The completion of nightly homework assignments, participation in daily discussions, and completion of long-term assignments such as outside reading and a research paper are required for success in this challenging course. A summer reading assignment is required. Course will help to prepare student to take and be successful on the CAASPP exam during their 11th grade year. ("A" = 5 points)

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 11

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b

0261 English 3 CP

Offers opportunities to improve literary analysis and composition skills through the study of American literature and non-fiction. Also includes the development of vocabulary, grammar, mechanics, speaking/listening skills, and research skills through reading, writing, and discussion. Course will help to prepare student to take and be successful on the CAASPP exam during their 11th grade year.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 11

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b



ENGLISH

0297 World Literature AP (Advanced Placement)

For academically talented seniors who have met the criteria to enter the English Advanced Placement program. Emphasizes the development of literary analysis and composition skills through the study of World Literature. Also includes the study of vocabulary, grammar, mechanics, and usage as they relate to the development of a mature writing style. Prepares students to take the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Examination. The completion of nightly homework assignments, participation in daily discussions, and completion of long-term assignments such as outside reading and a research paper are required for success in this challenging course. All students complete the Senior Project and take the AP Lit and Composition Exam in spring semester. Summer reading required. (A = 5 GPA)

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 12

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b

0262 English 4 CP

Includes reading, expository writing, library research, grammar, speaking/listening and resume writing. Focuses on preparing seniors for the Senior Project in spring semester.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 12

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: b

0788 ELL

This is a multi-leveled class of students with varying English proficiencies. It is designed to allow students to grow in their English skills at a pace that best fits their

learning style and needs with the ultimate goal of achieving a score of 4 on the ELPAC test. The class curriculum centers around the computer-based program Read 180, which focuses on reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English. Time is given for support in other academic classes.

Prerequisite: CELDT Scores, teacher recommendation

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: English (E)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None



MATH

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0488 Math 1 Readiness

Math 1 Readiness is a class designed to fill gaps of content knowledge, prepare students for Math 1, and introduce Math 1 concepts. The course is teacher driven and will use Big Ideas Curriculum as well as computer driven curriculum to assess and address individual student needs. The goal of this course is to prepare students to be successful in Math 1.

Prerequisite: Placement test/Teacher recommendation

Grades: 9,10

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

0451 Math 1 CP

Math 1 is the first year of a three year integrated mathematics program that covers the California Common Core State Standards. Instruction in Math 1 will focus on six critical areas: (1) extend understanding of numerical manipulation to algebraic manipulation; (2) synthesize understanding of a function; (3) deepen and extend understanding of linear relationships; (4) apply linear models to data that exhibit a linear trend; (5) establish criteria for congruence based on rigid motions; (6) apply the Pythagorean Theorem to the coordinate plane.

Prerequisite: Placement test/Teacher recommendation

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Math (M)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: c

0478 Math 2 CP

Math 2 CP is the second year of a three year integrated mathematics program that covers the California Common Core State Standards. This course will help students see the relationship between Algebra, Geometry and Statistics. Instruction in Math 2 will focus on six critical areas; (1) quadratic functions; (2) Exploration of the different number systems; (3) data and probability; (4) similarity in triangles; (5) geometric proofs; (6) Volume of cylinders, pyramids and cones.

Prerequisite: Completion of Math 1 with a C or better

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Math (M)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: c

0484 Math 3 CP

Math 3 CP is the third year of a three year integrated mathematics program that covers the California Common Core State Standards. This course will further help students see the relationship between Algebra, Geometry and Statistics. Instruction in Math 3 will focus on 1) expanding understanding of area and volume; 2) polynomial functions; 3) radical and rational functions; 4) logarithmic functions; 5) trigonometric functions; and 6) statistical data and probability distributions.

Prerequisite: Completion of Math 2 with a C or better

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Math (M)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: c

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0490 Trigonometry/Analysis CP (Pre-Calculus)

This is a college prep course open to all students who have successfully completed the equivalent of one year of Algebra II. Trigonometry/Analysis is the equivalent of Pre-Calculus. Course content includes trigonometric functions and graphs, quadratic functions, exponential and logarithmic functions and graphs, radian and degree measurement, laws of sines and cosines, etc. A graphing calculator is highly recommended for this class.

Prerequisite: Completion of Math 3 or Algebra II with a C or better

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Math (M)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: c

0493 Calculus AB AP

This course is designed for the college bound student who wishes to take the College Board AB Calculus Advanced Placement Exam to receive one semester college credit or placement in college courses with a qualifying score. The course explores the ideas and properties pertaining to functions, graphs, limits, continuity, differential and integral calculus, and their basic applications. A graphing calculator is highly recommended for this class. ("A" = 5 grade points)

Prerequisite: Completion of Trigonometry/Analysis or Pre-Calculus with a C or better

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Math (M)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: c

0495 Calculus BC AP

This course is designed for the college bound student who wishes to take the College Board BC Calculus Advanced Placement Exam to receive one full year of college credit or placement in college courses with a qualifying score. This course develops the ideas and properties of functions, graphs, limits, continuity, differential and integral calculus, and more advanced applications. Additional topics include vector functions, parametric equations, sequences and series. A graphing calculator is highly recommended for this class. ("A" = 5 grade points.)

Prerequisite: Completion of Calculus AB AP with a C or better

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Math (M)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: c

0468 Technical Math

Technical Math is designed to help develop and refine job-related mathematical skills. The course focuses on arithmetic operations, problem-solving techniques, estimation of answers, measurement skills, geometry, data handling, simple statistics, and the use of algebraic formulas to solve problems. The problems require the use of arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and simple trigonometry to solve problems from the world of work. This course also covers introductory financial mathematics.

Prerequisite: Completion of Math 1

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Math (M)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

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PERFORMING ARTS

0700 Beginning Band

Open to all students interested in learning to play a band instrument. No music experience required. **Students are expected to enroll for the entire year.**

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

0704 Concert Band "Golden Regiment"

Open to all students with experience playing a band instrument. The band will perform at home football games in the fall and concerts during winter. Spring activities include the Round-Up Parade. **Students are expected to enroll for the entire year.**

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

0702 Advanced Band CP "Golden Regiment"

Open to students with experience playing a band instrument. The band will perform at home football games in the fall and concerts during winter. Spring activities include the Round-Up Parade. **Students are expected to enroll for the entire year.**

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0701 Wind Ensemble CP "Golden Regiment"

Open to students, by audition, with experience playing a band instrument. The band will perform at home football games in the fall and concerts during winter. Spring activities include the Round-Up Parade. Students are expected to enroll for the entire year.

Prerequisite: Try-out / Teacher recommendation

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0703 Jazz Band CP

This class meets "0" period and/or "7th" period and will perform at selected events and festivals.

Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in Concert Band, Advanced Band or Wind Ensemble

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

PERFORMING ARTS

0722 Concert Choir CP

Students will learn and perform music for unison, 2-part, 3-part, and 4-part voices. A variety of music is sung including Concert, Broadway, Jazz and popular styles. Emphasis on tonal blend, correct breathing and posture, diction, and placement. Some after school concerts and rehearsals will be required.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0725 Drama CP

Beginning drama is a one year course that is open to all students. This course gives students the opportunity to become familiar with drama in general and various dramatic activities. Also offers students the chance to act on stage and develop their talents in this area.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0726 Advanced Drama CP

Designed for serious drama students. Focuses on the reading and performance of monologues, scenes, and one act plays. Develops specific acting skills (voice, movement, and character) and furthers the understanding of acting theory and textural analysis.

Prerequisite: Drama; students must audition to be in this course.

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: f

0706 Beginning Guitar

Opportunity to learn guitar. Must provide own acoustic guitar. Students learn music notation and theory, open and movable power chords, single note melodies, and major/minor scales. Students will play in 1st and 5th position. Music includes rock, blues, classical and other styles.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Fine Art (FA)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

0512 Physical Education 1/Health

PE 1 Health is the required physical education course for ninth-grade students. PE 1 Health combines instruction in health and physical education in a full-year, integrated course. This course features the most up to date health information that encompasses physical, emotional, mental, and social health. Students will participate in a variety of units including but not limited to weight room, aquatics, dance, archery, golf, track and field and team sports. Development of aerobic capacity, muscular strength, and endurance are emphasized. Fitness logs are maintained to record individual data and monitor student progress. Mandatory State Physical Fitness testing will be conducted in the spring.

In accordance with the Sonora Union High School Board Policy and the California Department of Education, students will participate in the Healthy Fitness Zone testing requirements for 5 out of 6 identified fitness skills. All students in PE1 Health who have not yet passed the FitnessGram test will be continuously enrolled in Physical Education courses until they meet the FitnessGram testing requirements.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Education (PE)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

0513 Physical Education 2

PE 2 is designed to build upon the skills and activities introduced and developed in PE 1 Health. This course has a strong focus on improving personal fitness as well as providing a variety of physical activities that will promote a lifetime appreciation and recognition of the importance of physical fitness. Students will focus on development of skill related components of fitness, exercise and training principles, the importance of social etiquette during game play and evaluate movement through participation in a variety of physical activities. The curriculum includes but is not limited to team sports, net sports, gymnastics, and basic water rescue. Instructors encourage students to become actively involved in their own health education.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 10

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Education (PE)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

Fitness for Life

This course is designed to give students the opportunity to work out daily to continue their fitness throughout their high school career and is an alternative to a traditional weights and conditioning course. This course focuses on activities that encourage a lifetime of participation and appreciation for life-long fitness. Exercise activities may include but are not limited to yoga, pilates, spin, tabata, body toning and sculpting, nutrition, flexibility, weight maintenance, power development, and jogging. Self Discipline is a key to success for this course.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None



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Team Sports

Students will participate daily in sports and games that focus on teamwork, movement and etiquette of the various activities. Class will be structured around a “game play” environment with students actively participating in competitive play situations designed around specific sports such as; soccer, football, volleyball, badminton, pickleball, basketball and more. This course is designed for the already physically active student that has completed PE credit requirements, but wants to continue with their physical fitness through play.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: None

Weights & Conditioning

This course is designed for students to participate daily in strength and conditioning workouts. These workouts will emphasize the building of strength, power, stamina and endurance. The environment will be intense in nature with the ultimate goal being to develop each student to their physical peak. **This course is designed for the already physically active student that has completed PE credit requirements, but wants to continue with their physical fitness through weight training and physical conditioning.

Prerequisite: Completion of PE 2 or concurrent enrollment in PE 2 with instructor approval

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: None

0510 Athletics

This course will include varsity interscholastic competition and preparation. When not in sport season, athletes will participate in a rigorous conditioning program.

Students are enrolled for the duration of the semester. **Completion of this class does not count towards the PE credit requirements for graduation.**

Prerequisite: Placement on a Varsity Athletic team

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: None

0544 Outdoor Education

This course will expose students to the many great opportunities of the outdoors. Students will learn life-long skills through the study of units such as: fishing, archery, orienteering, survival skills, tackle crafts, hiking, backpacking, camping, outdoor cooking, hunter education, boater education, paddle sports and more.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: None



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SCIENCE

0627 Applied Physics/Pre-Engineering CP

This year- long course covers various introductory physics concepts, and includes elements of engineering, design and mathematics. Students will learn basic concepts of STEM while collaborating with team members doing activities and group projects in optics, sound, kinematics, electricity & magnetism, etc.

Prerequisite: Meet or exceed CAASPP performance objectives in English

Grades: 9

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Science (PS)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: g

0625 Earth Science CP

This year long course is designed to meet the (g) requirement for UC/CSU entrance (College Preparatory Elective). College preparatory earth science is a one-year, lab based course, designed to allow freshmen the opportunity to learn about the role of the chemical and physical processes that formed the universe and continue to shape our planet. The course will include NGSS aligned units covering astronomy, oceanography, geology and meteorology. This course includes significant laboratory activities, regular homework, and will involve one or more project(s) outside of class time, as well as potential field trip(s). This course meets the physical science requirement for graduation.

Prerequisite: Meet or exceed CAASPP performance objectives in English

Grades: 9

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Science (PS)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: g

0618 General Biology

General Biology is an introduction to basic biology, including cells, chemistry, genetics, ecology, and body structure and function, with an emphasis on practical application. General Biology will satisfy the life science component required for graduation, but does not meet the UC/CSU A-G subject area requirement for lab science.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Life Science (LS)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: None

0602 Biology 1 & 2 CP

This year long course meets the UC/CSU requirements for a laboratory science for the college prep student. This course includes a detailed study of the diversity of life, genetics, biochemistry, ecology, and cellular biology. Successful completion of this course meets the one-year Sonora High School life science requirement for graduation. Daily homework is required.

Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in Math 2 or higher

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Life Science (LS)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: d



SCIENCE

0102 Agricultural Biology CP

This year long course focuses on the study of life and the scientific method used to understand the world around us. The course covers the subject specific standards for Biology adopted by the state (NGSS), CTE agri-science standards, and focuses on technical reading and writing necessary for students to be successful in the world beyond high school. Students will be expected to read, write, and communicate using reasoning, critical thinking, and analysis of the subject matter. The major subject areas addressed through this class include the scientific method, cells, genetics, evolution, ecology, and physiology. A large part of the class is lab/activity as this course satisfies the UC a-g requirement for a lab science. Because of this, students will also be expected to learn and practice proper lab techniques and safety throughout the course. In addition, because this is an agriculture class, students will be expected to participate in the FFA, which includes record keeping on a supervised agricultural experience (SAE), leadership activities, as well as community service.

Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in Math 1 or higher

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Life Science (LS)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: d

0622 Ag Earth Science CP

This year long course satisfies the Physical Science requirement for graduation. This course focuses on the study of earth and space science with selected units from physical science. The course covers the subject specific standards for Earth Science adopted by the state (NGSS), the agriculture CTE agri-science standards, and focuses on technical reading and writing necessary for students to be successful in the world beyond high school. Students will be expected to read, write, and communicate using reasoning, critical thinking, and analysis of the subject matter. The major subject areas addressed through this class include the scientific method, history of the earth, Earth's systems, weather and climate, and human sustainability. Part of the class is lab/activity and because of this, students will also be expected to learn and practice proper lab techniques and safety throughout the course. In addition, because this is an agriculture class, students will be expected to participate in the FFA, which includes record keeping on a supervised agricultural experience (SAE), leadership activities, as well as community service.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Science (PS)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: g



SCIENCE

0613 Chemistry CP

This upper division, year long course that meets the UC/CSU requirements for laboratory science. The course is designed to give the student an understanding of matter and its interactions at both the macroscopic and at the atomic level using laboratory investigations and problem solving techniques. This course requires a substantial amount of time outside of class and involves daily homework. Students must be able to use Algebra skills and a scientific calculator. This course meets the science standards adopted by Sonora High, as well as the physical science requirement for graduation. Regular attendance is mandatory for success in this laboratory-oriented class.

Prerequisite: "C" or better in C.P. Biology; "C" or better in Math 2; concurrent enrollment in Math 3 or higher recommended; and/or teacher recommendation.

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Science (PS)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: d

0642 A.P. Environmental Science

This upper division, year long course meets the UC/CSU requirements for laboratory science. APES will provide students with the scientific principles, concepts and methodologies required to understand the inter-relationships of the natural world. Students will investigate local, regional and global environmental issues, both natural and human-made, and evaluate risks and solutions to these issues. Extensive laboratory work, field work, individual and group projects, along with significant out-of-class reading and homework, will provide students with a solid scientific foundation that will allow them to make informed environmental decisions. **Students are expected to take the AP Environmental Science exam (or a 3 hour equivalent exam).**

Prerequisite: "C" or better in BOTH C.P./Honors Biology AND C.P./Honors Chemistry AND Instructor Approval

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Physical Science (PS)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: d



SOCIAL STUDIES

0668 World History 1 & 2 CP

In the first semester the rise of western civilization is traced from its 18th century revolutions up to World War I with emphasis on industrialism, nationalism, and imperialism. Other regions are studied as they interact with and are influenced by western dominance during this time. In the second semester the rise of globalization is traced from World War I to present times with emphasis on totalitarianism, the Great Depression, World War II, the cold War and the diverse responses to globalization.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 10

Meets Graduation Requirement: World History (WH)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: a

0670 European History AP

This course covers the main themes of European history from 145- to 2003 and fulfills the state requirement for sophomore World History. It is AP level curriculum. Students are expected to read all required material outside of class and to participate in class discussions about the material during class. This may require 10 hours or more of homework per week! The emphasis is on developing the thinking skills that are needed in order to analyze primary source documents and write historical evaluations. Students are encouraged to take the AP European history exam at the end of the course. Sonora High School will award students a 1. GPA increase for any student scoring at least a “C” in the course.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation. Attending the AP meeting in the spring of your freshman year and completing the assigned summer reading are both highly recommended.

Grades: 10

Meets Graduation Requirement: World History (WH)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: a

0658 US History CP

Emphasis is given to the westward movement, industrial development, and the impact of the United States in world affairs and domestic problems. Geography, culture, politics, and economics are also studied. Focus is placed upon 20th century

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 11

Meets Graduation Requirement: US History (UH)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: a

0659 US History AP

This course is designed to prepare students to take the Advanced Placement U.S. History examination in May (a course requirement). The course involves extensive readings outside of class, coupled with college level writing demands. Successful fulfillment of the course requirements will earn a grade based on a weighted scale (“A” = 5 grade points).

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 11

Meets Graduation Requirement: US History (UH)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: a



SOCIAL STUDIES

0687 US Government and Politics AP

The Advanced Placement program is intended to provide qualified students with a secondary school credit equivalent to a one semester college introductory course in American government and politics. This course is designed to give students a critical perspective in both the study of general concepts used to interpret American politics and the analysis of specific case studies. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that comprise American political reality.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Government

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: a

0686 American Government & Civics

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to increase political awareness through the study of the American political system including: the structure and function of the three branches, the rights and responsibilities of citizens, the development of political parties, the election process, and the role of the United States in international relations. Civic responsibility and exploration of civic involvement are part of the curriculum.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Government

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: a

0676 Economics CP

This course is designed to enable students to understand the principles of economics and the American economic system. Both macroeconomics and microeconomics are studied. Students will compare the economic system used in the United States to those of other countries and make reasonable judgments about personal, policy, and political questions.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Economics

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: g

0685 AP Macroeconomics

The AP Economics course will prepare students to take the College Board Macroeconomics Exam. Its design mimics an introductory college-level course that focuses on the principles that apply to an economic system as a whole. The course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price-level determination; it also develops students' familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. Students learn to use graphs, charts, and data to analyze, describe, and explain economic concepts. Successful fulfillment of the course requirements will earn a grade based on a weighted scale ("A" = 5 grade points).

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Economics

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: g



SOCIAL STUDIES

0675 Psychology CP

This survey course provides an overview of the study of human behavior.. The student will develop an understanding of healthy and unhealthy behaviors, participate in demonstrations designed to increase comprehension, and learn the basic “college approach” to coursework. Major topics include the social and emotional development of people throughout their lives, how the brain functions in our perceptions and ability to learn, personality types, and mental health.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: g

0681 Psychology AP

The main goal of this course is to sufficiently prepare students to pass the Advanced Placement Psychology exam administered by the College Board. The course design will attempt to provide students with a learning experience similar to that obtained in most college introductory courses. Successful fulfillment of the course requirements will earn a grade based on a weighted scale (“A” = 5 grade points).

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU “a-g” subject area: g



WORLD LANGUAGES

0301 Spanish 1 CP

This course has a communicative approach. The order is listening, speaking, reading and writing. Content is based on dialogue, memorization, and drills. Includes familiarization with cultural aspects.

Prerequisite: Placement into English 1 CP or English 1A or teacher recommendation

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language (FL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: e

0302 Spanish 2 CP

This course focuses on reading and conversation for practice in pronunciation and enlargement of vocabulary, oral drills, grammar and verb forms, writing, and dictation. It also stresses appreciation of cultural aspects with emphasis on communication. Students are strongly encouraged to take their foreign language in sequential years. Completion of regular homework is necessary for

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish 1 with C or better

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language (FL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: e

0303 Spanish 3 CP

This course focuses on reading and conversation for practice in pronunciation and enlargement of vocabulary, oral drills, grammar and verb forms, writing, and dictation. It also stresses appreciation of cultural aspects with emphasis on communication. Students are strongly encouraged to take their foreign language in sequential years. Completion of regular homework is necessary for success.

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish 2 with C or better

Grades: 11-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language (FL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: e

0319 Spanish 4 AP

The course is designed for the student who intends to take the Spanish Language Advanced Placement Exam. It covers the equivalent of a third-year college course in advanced Spanish reading, writing, and conversation. It encompasses advanced aural/oral skills, reading comprehension, grammar, and composition. (To obtain the "5-point A" in semester 1, the student will satisfactorily complete a special project. In semester 2, the student will take the AP exam.)

Prerequisite: Completion of Spanish 3 with C or better

Grades: 12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language (FL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: e



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MISCELLANEOUS ELECTIVES

0791 Leadership

Topics covered include communication skills, listening skills, and group dynamics. This course is designed for students elected to the student council or class office, but is open to all students who are on track to graduate. Leadership is an activity class where punctuality and attendance are critical. Hours outside of class are required. Enrollment is subject to teacher approval.

Prerequisite: Teacher approval

Grades: 9-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: None

0797 Yearbook

Yearbook class includes the preparation and distribution of the school yearbook. Students will design, write, photograph, and produce a high quality memory book for their peers. Ad/book sales are a required part of the class. There is a focus on personal responsibility, meeting deadlines, and communication skills - both visual and written.

Prerequisite: Knowledge of keyboarding and photography. "B" or better in English and good attendance. Interest in serving as part of a team.

Grades: 10-12

Meets Graduation Requirement: Elective (EL)

Meets UC/CSU "a-g" subject area: g

