

# Enrichments at the International Academy

## **Program Overview**

Enrichments are a vital and exciting part of the International Academy experience. Students are exposed to new, intellectually challenging concepts and physical challenges delivered in a positive and supportive environment. Participants are encouraged to use this program as an opportunity to develop their personal interests, sample new experiences and challenge themselves outside their normal range of interests.

The Enrichment Program offers a variety of educational experiences in the arts, culture, history, language, science, technology and domestic and international travel. Each enrichment course is approximately twenty hours long and is taught by a qualified instructor.

## **Graduation Requirement**

Enrichments are a graduation requirement of the International Academy (IA). Students who attend the IA for four years must complete six different enrichments, including one career mentorship. Requirements for transfer students are reduced in proportion to the time they spend at the IA. Freshman transferring to the school in January must complete five, new sophomores must complete four, new juniors must complete two and new seniors must complete one. Every student must complete one career mentorship.

## **Online Registration & Account Information**

To register for an enrichment program, please visit our online registration system at <https://iaenrichments.digitalsignup.com/>. Here, you will find complete and detailed information about all of our offerings, including course descriptions, class fees, locations, instructors, and more. We accept MasterCard Visa, checks, and cash. For new students, an account can be created here. If your student took a summer class or has a sibling, please do not create a new account. Please contact the enrichment office for login credentials. Please create the account with the parent as the user. If you forget your password, please click on "Need Help Logging in" on the home page, then "Forgot your Password?". If you forget your username, please contact the Enrichment Office and we will be happy to look it up for you.

## **Enrichment Credit**

To earn enrichment class credit, students must actively participate, complete all work assigned, and meet attendance requirements. Upon conclusion of the program, students must submit an online Enrichment Evaluation/Reflection. Reflective components vary from just the evaluations to performances and finished pieces of work.

## **Attendance Policy**

Students may only be absent for up to two hours of a class and must make up any work they missed. Students with multiple absences will not receive credit and no refund will be issued. Exceptions will be made for documented illness and family emergencies.

## **Eligibility**

Students may register for enrichments at any campus, unless otherwise noted. Please note that several of the programs give preference to seniors and juniors. International and domestic trips may have additional applications for consideration. Each individual trip may have its own requirements, fees and application process.

## Independent, Self-Designed and School Sponsored Enrichments

Current students who participate in activities planned by outside organizations that also meet the requirements of an enrichment program can receive credit as an Independent Enrichment. These programs *must be approved at prior to the start of the activity* by the Enrichment Coordinator. Applications are available on our website and from the Enrichment Office.

### Recommended Completion Schedule

It is recommended that students in grades nine and ten complete a minimum of two enrichments in each of these two years. Students in grades eleven and twelve should complete one enrichment course in each year. Students may use enrichment credit in both eleventh and twelfth grade to earn enrichment credit and CAS hours simultaneously.

### Mentorships

Students may fulfill their mentorship requirement by either taking an enrichment program that qualifies as a mentorship or completing an Independent Career Mentorship. Mentorship programs are described in detail on our registration system. Independent Career Mentorship packets are posted on our website and are available in the Enrichment Office. Students may begin their mentorship in the second semester of their sophomore year.

### Enrichment Website

Many of our forms including Independent, Self-Designed Enrichments and Independent Career Mentorship packets are available on our website at <https://www.iaToday.org/enrichments> Students can also make appointments with Mrs. Belotti here.

### Refund Policy

The most common problem students have with enrichments is conflicting schedules. It is important to note class dates in your calendar and notify us as soon as a conflict arises. ***You must withdraw three weeks prior to the start date of an enrichment class to be eligible for a refund.*** Refunds will also be issued in the following circumstances: a student withdraws from the IA before the beginning of an enrichment; an enrichment is cancelled; a student is unable to attend due to a family emergency or illness (a full or partial refund will be given depending on expenses already incurred for the program). A \$95.00 fee will be assessed for students who do not complete or withdraw from a free enrichment prior to the three week start.

### About Us

The Enrichment Office is located in the International Center at the Okma Campus. We have an Enrichment Coordinator, Lisa Belotti, and an Enrichment Technician, Mrs. Riley. Mrs. Belotti also maintains an office at the East and West Campuses to ensure that all IA students have access to enrichment support. The Enrichment Office is closed during the month of July.

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