

# AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



**2021-2022**

Junior High Course Catalog



**QUEEN CREEK CAMPUS**  
23908 Hawes Rd.  
Queen Creek, AZ 85142



**GILBERT NORTH CAMPUS**  
1070 S. Higley Rd.  
Gilbert, AZ 85296



**IRONWOOD CAMPUS**  
850 W. Combs Rd.  
Queen Creek, AZ 85140

**WEST FOOTHILLS CAMPUS**  
Future location in  
Waddell, AZ



**ANTHEM SOUTH CAMPUS**  
8565 E. Franklin Rd.  
Florence, AZ 85132

This catalog lists the junior high courses offered at American Leadership Academy. Students need to carefully consider the information in this catalog, so they can make informed decisions about their course of study while attending ALA. A student services guidance counselor is available to assist students with course selections and to answer questions about their schedules. Please be sure to review [graduation requirements](#) *before making course decisions*.

## Definitions

- **Honors Courses:** Students will be eligible to enter honors courses based on performance testing, which may include district benchmark assessments, state testing, or initial placement tests. All Honors placement is subject to administrative approval. Honors courses receive a weighted grade based on a 5.0 scale.
  - Honors courses are designed to provide acceleration and enrichment. The pace is designed to challenge students and provide exploration and discovery at greater depth. Consider student capacity and desire when making course selections.
- **Gifted Testing:** A student may be referred to the gifted program by parents, teachers, or Administrative. Students who score in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile on the COGAT test will be eligible for gifted curriculum which may include Honors and/or AP courses. The COGAT test is given once yearly. State testing, psychoeducational evaluations, and other assessments may also be used in consideration for gifted placement.
- **Prerequisites:** Some courses have prerequisite requirements. Students must complete the prerequisites before enrolling in these classes.
- **Although a course is listed, it will not be offered unless a sufficient number of students register for the class. ALA reserves the right to add and remove classes at its discretion.** It is important that students make thoughtful course selections in the spring pre-registration period because course offerings and teacher assignments are based on spring registration numbers.
- **Transfer Courses:** Acceptance of transfer courses from schools outside ALA is not automatic. Please meet with a guidance counselor to determine whether credits will be transferred *before enrolling*.
- **Course Fees:** Course fees are due prior to the first day in class. **Course fees are assessed PER SEMESTER.**

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## Course Credits

One unit of credit is granted to students who receive a passing grade in a course that meets for one period during the entire academic year. One-half unit of credit is granted to students who receive a passing grade in a one-semester course.

## Course Grading

All courses taught for credit receive a letter grade or a pass/fail option. All grades are based on 50% Assessment, 20% Final Assessment, 20% Classwork, 10% Homework. Percentage Letter Grade point value is listed below. Honors courses are weighted based on the Honors category.

Percentage	Grade	GPA Regular	GPA Honors
93%-100%	A	4.0	5.0
89.5%-92.9%	A-	3.7	4.7
87%-89.4%	B+	3.3	4.3
83%-86.9%	B	3.0	4.0
79.5%-82.9%	B-	2.7	3.7
77%-79.4%	C+	2.3	3.3
73%-76.9%	C	2.0	3.0
69.5%-72.9%	C-	1.7	2.7
67%-69.4%	D+	1.3	2.3
63%-66.9%	D	1.0	2.0
59.5%-62.9%	D-	0.7	1.7
Below 59.5%	F	0.0	0.0
Withdrawal	W or W/D	0.0	0.0
Pass / Fail	P/F	NA	NA

## State Assessments

Students enrolled in public education in Arizona are required by state law to participate in state assessments. Students in grade 10 will participate in AzM2 reading, writing, and math, as identified by the state of Arizona. Students identified as Cohort 2022 (typically Grade 11) will participate in AzSci for the state science assessment, as identified by the state of Arizona. Students in Grade 11 will also take the ACT assessment. Alternate assessments may be given based on a student's eligibility. The American Civics Act requires high school students to correctly answer at least 60 out of 100 questions on the state-mandated civics exam to receive a high school diploma. Students will be tested during their **8th grade year**. Any student who does not pass the assessment in the eighth grade will be given

opportunities to re-test in high school. Students will be afforded as many opportunities as necessary to take the exam to receive a passing score.

### Program Planning

Special Education students are required to complete the course of study as prescribed in their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

### Junior High School Transfer Credit

High school course credit will be given to junior high school students that have previously taken and passed Algebra 1, and/or Geometry. Students who complete High School level foreign language in Junior High may qualify for one High School foreign language credit by completing the course with a passing grade of C or above and passing the final exam with at least 80%. High school transcripts will reflect the credit and the grade earned by the student. The grade earned by Jr. High students will be calculated in the student's high school GPA. All other coursework taken at the Jr. High cannot be used for high school credit.

### New Students

New students to ALA in grades 7 & 8 must provide proof of the successful completion of the previous grade level to be placed in the correct grade level upon enrollment. Proof can be provided by the end-of-year report card or other documents provided by the previous school.

### Schedule Changes

***Please make your pre-registration choices well. If you do not choose your electives, they will be chosen for you.*** Elective choices are not guaranteed. Any schedule changes should be completed prior to the first day of the semester. Class changes may only be considered by filling out a Class Request Change Form obtained from the school counselor, signed by parent/guardian, and change must take place within the first 10 days of the semester. After this time, administrative approval will be required. ***Not all schedule changes can be honored due to scheduling conflicts.***

### Schedules will only be changed for the following reasons:

- Missing courses required for graduation
- Open period in schedule
- Duplication of a class
- Lacking Prerequisite
- Unsuccessful completion of an accredited course
- Successful completion of accredited course prior to the beginning of the current semester (i.e. summer school)
- Documented health reasons

### Withdrawals

Approved withdrawals from courses will be posted on the student's transcript according to the following timeline:

- Schedule changes made within the first ten (10) days of the semester will not be reflected on the transcript.
- Withdrawals from the eleventh (11) day to the end of the quarter in each semester will be posted with a "W/F". *Receiving a "W/F" will result in a "0" being factored into a student's GPA.*
- A "W/F" will make the student ineligible to participate in AIA sponsored activities for the remainder of the semester.
- No withdrawals are permitted within the second quarter of the semester.
- Modifications to this process may be reviewed on an individual basis with the student, parent, counselor, and administrator.

### Attendance Requirements

Since regular attendance is a key to academic success, students need to be in attendance daily. School attendance is the responsibility of the student and their family. Please review the attendance/tardiness policy listed in the [Student](#)

[Handbook](#) for additional information.

- Failure to meet the attendance policy standards may lead to retention of student. Cases involving prolonged illness or unusual circumstances will be reviewed by the school Administration. Additional documentation may be requested.
- Teachers are responsible for recording daily attendance and tardiness.
- Students are responsible for making up missed work.

### **Student Fees**

Fees for transportation, extra-curricular activities, course fees, and athletic fees will be collected prior to participation in the event or activity. Please check the fee schedule or current course catalog for more information on fees. Fees may be paid by cash, check or online through the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). Failure to pay may result in removal from the program.

### **Grades**

Our primary forms of communication are through email and our Student Information System, Infinite Campus. Students and Parents will be provided with log-on information to give them access to up-to-the-minute grades, attendance, fees, and class schedules. The website for Infinite Campus Parent Portal is <https://azcloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/ala.jsp>. Contact the front office if you experience login problems. You can find our current school calendar, Student Handbook including the Dress Code Policy, Discipline Policy and Transportation Policy at [www.alaschools.org](http://www.alaschools.org).

### **Teacher Certification**

Teacher resumes for all instructional staff may be viewed upon request at the school front office.

### **Accreditation**

All American Leadership Academy campuses are accredited institutions based upon the standards and assurances of the Cognia (previously AdvancED) accreditation commission. This accreditation is recognized by all post-secondary institutions.

## Junior High Completion Requirements

### ALA Junior High School Completion Requirements

### ALA High School Graduation

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## Core Courses at a Glance

Grade		Course Name	School					
			GNJH	IWJH	QCJH	ANJH	WFJH	Virtual
X		English 7	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		English 7 Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	English 8	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	English 8 Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		Math 7	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		Pre-algebra Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	Algebra 1 Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	Algebra		X	X	X	X	X
	X	Pre-algebra	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	Geometry Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		Science 7	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		Science 7 Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	Science 8	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	Science 8 Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		History 7	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		History 7 Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	History 8	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	History 8 Honors	X	X	X	X	X	X

X	X	Success Lab	X	X	X	X	X	
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## English 7

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 English**

English 7 emphasizes essential reading, writing, and speaking and listening skills. Students in this course will study composition techniques, literary analysis, spelling, vocabulary acquisition, and basic grammar. Literary genres include: short stories, novels, poetry, and nonfiction selections. In addition, study skills and leadership are taught to ensure the success of students across the curriculum. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Language Arts Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 English credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## English 7 Honors

**Prerequisites: Proficiency on State and/or District Assessment**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Honors English**

English 7 Honors emphasizes an in-depth study of reading, writing, and speaking and listening skills. Students in this course will study composition techniques, literary analysis, spelling, vocabulary acquisition, and grammar at both a rigorous pace and depth. Literary genres include: short stories, novels, poetry, and nonfiction selections. In addition, study skills and leadership are taught to ensure the success of students across the curriculum. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Language Arts Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Honors English credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## English 8

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fee: None**

**Credit: 1.0 English**

English 8 involves the study of composition skills, as well as short stories, novels, informational text, and poetry. This course will build on student's prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, speaking and listening, and the mechanics of writing to develop their critical thinking and writing skills. Composition instruction includes but is not limited to narratives, poetry, research and argumentative essays. This course will also expose students to the writing process as it applies to literature and informational text. Students will follow MLA formatting and ADE rubrics to develop their academic writing skills. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Language Arts Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 English credits upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## English 8 Honors

**Prerequisites: Proficiency on State and/or District Assessment**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Honors English**

English 8 Honors involves the in depth and rigorous study of composition skills, as well as short stories, novels, informational text, and poetry at an accelerated pace. This course will build on student's prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, speaking and listening, and the mechanics of writing to develop and deepen their critical thinking and writing skills. Composition instruction includes but is not limited to narratives, poetry, research and argumentative essays. This course will also expose students to the writing process as it applies to literature and informational text. Students will follow MLA formatting and ADE rubrics to develop their academic writing skills. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Language Arts Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 English credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Math 7

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Math**

Math 7 builds on the foundations of Grade 6 Math and teaches students to develop an understanding of proportional relationships, operations with rational numbers and work with expressions, inequalities and linear equations. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Math Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Pre-Algebra Honors

**Prerequisites:** See Core Courses Chart Above

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 Honors Math

The Pre-algebra course is an extension of the concepts taught in previous math courses. This course will emphasize the application of pre-algebraic concepts to prepare for advanced high school math courses. Honors students will develop an understanding of irrational numbers and solve linear equations, linear inequalities and systems of linear equations. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Math Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Honors Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Algebra 1 Honors (High School Course)

**Prerequisites:** Admin Approval/1080 MI Score

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 Honors HS Math

Algebra 1 Honors is a high school level course offered to accelerated junior high students. Topics include solving equations and systems, linear and nonlinear relationships, quadratic functions and linear models. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Math Content Standards for Algebra 1. 7th grade students in Algebra 1 Honors will be required to take both Math 7 AzMerit and Algebra 1 AzMerit. *Students will receive 1.0 Honors High School Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Algebra (High School Course)

**Prerequisites:** Admin Approval/1080 MI Score

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 HS Math

Algebra 1 is a first-year high school course and is an extension of the concepts taught in previous math courses. Algebra 1 topics focus on the real number system, quantities, expressions, polynomials, equations, inequalities, functions, similarity, right triangles, and probability. Students may be required to take a Success Lab course based on AzMerit proficiency. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona Mathematics Content Standards for Algebra 1. *Students will receive 1.0 High School Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Pre-Algebra

**Prerequisites:** None

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 Math

The Pre-algebra course is an extension of the concepts taught in previous math courses. This course will emphasize the application of pre-algebraic concepts to prepare for advanced high school math courses. Students will develop an understanding of irrational numbers, expressions and equations, and the concept of a function. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Math Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Geometry Honors (High School Course)

**Prerequisites:** Admin Approval/1080 MI Score

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 Honors HS Math

Geometry Honors includes all topics covered in Geometry. Additionally, Honors Geometry students will apply trigonometry to general triangles, explain volume formulas, understand and apply theorems about circles, translate descriptions and equations for conic sections, and use Cavalieri's principle to solve volume problems. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona Mathematics Content and Plus Standards for Geometry. *Students will receive 1.0 Honors High School Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Success Lab

**Prerequisites:** None

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Elective**

The Success Lab provides students with individualized math support using research-based adaptive software. The goal of the course is to ensure mastery of foundational math skills so that students are equipped for college and career. Students enter and exit the lab based upon data from the mathematics statewide assessment. Students will receive 1.0 Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester)

## Science 7

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Science**

Students will explore science concepts using an inquiry-based approach with emphasis on the skills of observation and hypothesis generation, scientific testing, and analysis and interpretation of scientific data. Topics will include science and technology is society, living systems and ecosystems, diversity, adaptation and behavior, matter, motion, forces and energy, and the processes of the earth. Topics will include a study of the historical and social perspective. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona Science Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Science credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Science 7 Honors

**Prerequisites: Proficiency on State and/or District Assessment**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Honors Science**

Students will explore science concepts using an inquiry-based approach with emphasis on the skills of observation and hypothesis generation, scientific testing, and analysis and interpretation of scientific data. Topics will include science and technology is society, living systems and ecosystems, diversity, adaptation and behavior, matter, motion, forces and energy, and the processes of the earth. Topics will include a study of the historical and social perspective. Honors students will enhance their understanding through exploratory labs and analysis of scientific information for the purpose of proving phenomena in the world around them. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona Science Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Honors Science credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Science 8

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Science**

Students will explore science concepts using an inquiry-based approach with emphasis on the skills of observation and hypothesis generation, scientific testing, and analysis and interpretation of scientific data. Integrated topics will include reproduction and heredity; diversity, adaptation and behavior; properties and changes of properties in matter; and motion and forces. Topics will include a study of the historical and social perspective. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona Science Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Science credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Science 8 Honors

**Prerequisites: Proficiency on State and/or District Assessment**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Honors Science**

Students will explore science concepts using an inquiry-based approach with emphasis on the skills of observation and hypothesis generation, scientific testing, and analysis and interpretation of scientific data. Integrated topics will include reproduction and heredity; diversity, adaptation and behavior; properties and changes of properties in matter; and motion and forces. Topics will include a study of the historical and social perspective. Honors students will apply their knowledge of forces and motion through the study of circuits

in preparation for Physics Honors. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona Science Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Honors Science credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## History 7

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 History**

The seventh-grade history and social science course is designed to introduce students to the study of the interconnected global world through an analysis of major political, social, cultural, economic, and geographic events. Students will begin their course of study in the 17th century with the advent of new approaches to learning and thinking. This focus on new ideas and change will allow students to connect how events in one part of the world can dramatically impact and shape other parts of the globe, leading to the creation of new political systems, conflict and global warfare, and the emergence of the 21st century era of globalization. Students will be introduced to numerous literary sources both primary and secondary to develop their ability to think critically, research and write. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona History and Social Science Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 History/Social Science credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## History 7 Honors

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## History 8

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 History**

The eighth-grade history and social science course provides students with the ability to make connections between historical and current events, identifying how and why change occurs. Students will examine the relationship between historic events/major turning points and: people, new ideas, and beliefs through the lense of United States history and civic engagement. Students will begin the course by exploring the philosophical antecedents upon which the US is based through primary source analysis, research, debate, and writing. Students will continue their course of study evaluating the application of American constitutional principles to modern society. Additionally, students will evaluate how humans have shaped both the political and environmental landscape. This course was designed to address the requirements of the Arizona History and Social Science Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 History/Social Science credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## History 8 Honors

**Prerequisites: Proficiency on State and/or District Assessment**

**Fees: None**

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## Electives

Grade		Course Name	School					
7	8		GNJH	IWJH	QCJH	ANJH	WFJH	Virtual
X		JH Technology I (Required)	X	X	X	X	X	
	X	JH Technology II		X				X
X	X	JH Yearbook		X	X			
X	X	JH Speech & Debate	X	X		X	X	
X	X	Music Appreciation						X
X	X	JH Choir I	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Choir II	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Choir III	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Band I	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Band II	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Band III	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Jazz Band	X	X	X			
X	X	JH Percussion Ensemble	X	X	X	X	X	
	X	JH Marching Band	X		X			
X	X	JH Color Guard	X	X				
X	X	JH Orchestra I	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Orchestra II	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Orchestra III	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	Art Appreciation						X
X	X	JH Art I	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Art II	X	X				
X	X	JH Theatre I	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Theatre II	X	X	X			
X	X	Fitness & Nutrition						X

X	X	JH PE I	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH PE II - Activities PE Girls	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH PE II - Activities PE Boys	X	X	X	X	X	
	X	JH Social Dance	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Dance I	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Dance II	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	JH Dance III	X		X			
	X	Spanish 1	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	French 1	X		X	X	X	X
	X	German 1	X		X	X	X	
	X	American Sign Language 1	X					
X	X	JH Student Government	X	X	X			
X	X	JH Robotics	X		X			
X	X	JH Equine Management I			X			
X	X	JH Equine Management II			X			
X	X	JH Equine Management III			X			

\*Fees are assessed per semester and do not include uniform or performance attire.

## JH Technology I

**Prerequisites:** None

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 Technology or Elective

Students will learn the fundamentals of keyboarding, as well as all aspects of MS Office software applications. An overview and history of the Internet and its resources along with various Internet communication, resource discovery, and information retrieval tools will be taught. Beginning HTML and CSS programming as in introduction to markups and layout design. Students will also explore careers in different career areas and examine how to choose a career, based on their own unique personalities and interests. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Technology Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Technology or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## JH Technology II

**Prerequisites:** JH Technology I

**Fees:** \$25/semester

**Credit:** 1.0 Technology or Elective

Students will focus on the ways that computing can help to solve problems using JavaScript programming to build apps, animations and games, HTML and CSS to build websites, and basic logic and data analysis. This course is designed to help students nurture creativity and problem-solving skills and prepare students for a future in any field. The class focuses on engaging students in computer Science through creativity,

communication and problem-solving. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Technology Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Technology or Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Yearbook**

***Prerequisites: Teacher Approval***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Elective***

Members of this class will produce the school yearbook. This will include all planning, writing, photography, and page design for the book, as well as supervising its distribution. Students should have a background in writing, photography, computers, and graphic design. There is after school, evening and weekend work. May be repeated for credit. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Technology Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Music Appreciation**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

This online course is designed to expand knowledge of musical traditions and styles and enhance the student's ability to listen to music critically. Much of this course will be historically based and will focus on the political, cultural, and social aspects that have shaped the musical genres of each period. It is designed to give the student thorough aural perception, as well as an understanding and appreciation of music as a moving force in Western Culture. Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).

### **JH Choir I**

***Prerequisites: Performance Attire***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

Choir I is an introduction to the art of choral singing, including fundamental techniques of voice production, breathing, phrasing, interpretation, and harmonization. This course will also explore introductory studies in music theory and history providing a good foundation for the beginner or intermediate musician to be able to comfortably move on to high school level music courses. Performances will provide an opportunity to demonstrate growth and participation is required. Performance attire required. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Choir II**

***Prerequisites: Performance Attire***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

JH Choir II is a continuation to the art of choral singing, building upon fundamental techniques of voice production, breathing, phrasing, interpretation, and harmonization. This course will also continue to explore studies in music theory and history providing a good foundation for the intermediate musician to be able to comfortably move onto high school level music courses. Performances will provide an opportunity to demonstrate growth and participation is required. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Choir III**

***Prerequisites: Performance Attire; Audition/Teacher Approval***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

Choir III is an advanced level course that will provide students the opportunity to study a wide variety of music, including chamber literature and more challenging choral works. It will involve advanced vocal techniques and musicianship skills. It will further explore studies in music theory and history preparing the student for college level courses. Depending on course demand enrollment, Choir III may be a men's, women's, or mixed ensemble. Students must audition and/or have teacher approval for this course. This course may involve travel and competition in out-of-state and local events. Performance attire will be required. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Standards for the Arts. Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).

#### **JH Band I**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

JH Band I is a year-long course open to any student. Students may participate in pep band and concert band performances, as well as at least one festival annually. A wide variety of music for winds and percussion will be studied and performed throughout the year. Students are encouraged to attend private or semi-private lessons on a regular basis. In addition, students may have individual opportunities to participate in optional events like Solo and Ensemble Contests. Attendance at all band performances is a course requirement. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

#### **JH Band II**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire/teacher approval***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

JH Band II is a year-long course that requires an audition and/or teacher approval. Students may participate in pep band and concert band performances, as well as at least one festival annually. A wide variety of music for winds and percussion will be studied and performed throughout the year. Students are encouraged to attend private or semi-private lessons on a regular basis. In addition, students may have individual opportunities to participate in optional events like Solo and Ensemble Contests. Attendance at all band performances is a course requirement. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

#### **JH Band III**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire/audition***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

JH Band III is a year-long course that requires an audition and/or teacher approval. Students may participate in pep band and concert band performances, as well as at least one festival annually. A wide variety of music for winds and percussion will be studied and performed throughout the year. Students are encouraged to attend private or semi-private lessons on a regular basis. In addition, students may have individual opportunities to participate in optional events like Solo and Ensemble Contests. Attendance at all band performances is a course requirement. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

#### **JH Jazz Band**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire/audition***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

JH Jazz Band is open to any student with previous instrumental music experience on the saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, piano, bass, or guitar who passes the standard audition. Students will participate in

quarterly Jazz Band performances, as well as at least one festival annually. Music will cover jazz, swing, rock, funk, and other styles. Students are encouraged to attend private or semi-private lessons on a regular basis. Attendance at all band performances is a course requirement. In addition, the group may attend a jazz festival if circumstances allow. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Percussion Ensemble**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire/audition***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

In JH Percussion Ensemble students learn to become active members in a working and performing drum corps. All students will learn to play and will be expected to demonstrate competency on snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and smaller instruments of the ensemble. Grades are based on participation, attendance, and practice and rehearsal technique. Percussion students are expected to perform at concerts, assemblies and sporting events throughout the year. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Marching Band**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire/audition***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

This course is designed for students who have had at least one year of playing experience. They will be taught to march in a collegiate-style show for football halftime performances. After marching season is over, the class will focus on the Winter Concert Band performance in December. With guidance from the teacher, students should choose the appropriate JR High Band class for their second semester. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Orchestra I**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

JH Orchestra I is for those students who have played an orchestra instrument for a year or less. Students will learn instrument specifics including technique, note recognition, rhythmic accuracy, sight-reading, and tonal development. Music history will also be fundamental in their development of music expression. Performances are required. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Orchestra II**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire/audition***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

JH Orchestra II is for those students who have played an orchestra instrument for at least one year and requires an audition and/or teacher approval. Students will expand instrument specifics including technique, note recognition, rhythmic accuracy, sight-reading, and tonal development. Music history will also be fundamental in their development of music expression. Performances are required. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Orchestra III**

***Prerequisites: Instrument rental or purchase; performance attire/audition***

**Fees: \$25/semester**

**Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective**

Students who are proficient with their instruments and with approval from the teacher should register for Orchestra III. Students will be challenged through music theory and may be given the opportunity to perform within the community including at school events, community events, and festivals. Performances are required. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Art Appreciation**

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective**

This course is an exploration of visual art forms and their cultural connections. It includes a brief study of art history and in-depth studies of the elements, media, and methods used in creative processes and thought. In this course, students will learn how to develop a five-step system for understanding visual art in all forms based on: Description, Analysis, Context, Meaning, and Judgement. After completing this course, students will be able to interpret works of art and explain the processes involved in artistic production. This includes themes, and the political, social, cultural, and aesthetic issues that artists examine in their work; and explain the role and effect of the visual arts in societies, history, and other world cultures. Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).

### **JH Art I**

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: None**

**Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective**

This year long course will study of the Elements of Art, Principles of Design, and Art Critique. The students will further apply these concepts to the visual art forms of drawing, painting, sculpture, and expand into the additional forms of textiles, ceramics, printmaking, decorative arts, photography, mixed media, illustration and graphic arts. Class projects will include learning the proper use of additional art media, the history of each art form, and the study of the application of different art forms in society. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Art II**

**Prerequisites: JH Art I**

**Fees: \$25/semester**

**Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective**

This year long course will continue the study of the Elements of Art, Principles of Design, and Art Critique. The students will further apply these concepts to the visual art forms of drawing, painting, sculpture, and expand into the additional forms of textiles, ceramics, printmaking, decorative arts, photography, mixed media, illustration and graphic arts. Class projects will include learning the proper use of additional art media, the history of each art form, and the study of the application of different art forms in society. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Theatre I**

**Prerequisites: None**

**Fees: \$25/semester**

**Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective**

This course is an exploration into the role of the Actor in the Theater. Students will be expected to apply their knowledge of theater history, theater styles, and acting techniques to their various performances of monologues, duo scenes, and group scenes. Skills of self-evaluation and adjustment as well as director evaluation and adjustment will be practiced. This course may culminate in a performance that is written, produced, directed, and acted by the students. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic

Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH Theatre II**

***Prerequisites: C or better in Theatre I***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective***

This year long course is an introduction to the role of an Actor in the Theatre. The student will study and explore the various techniques for acting, roles within the theater, theater history, understanding of the organizational structures and historical and cultural influences on theatre and its literature. Students will have opportunities to strengthen skills in critical listening and thinking, as well as stage presence, monologue work, ensemble work, and gain an understanding of self and peer evaluation and adjustment. Skills in such areas as time management, critical analysis, leadership, and collaboration will be used. Students will be required to participate in performance rehearsals and performances. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Standards for the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Fine Arts or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH Fitness & Nutrition**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

The online Fitness and Nutrition course creates an opportunity for students to extend their learning around a lifetime of fitness and physical activity. This course offers students a foundation in physical education and will focus on fitness concepts, building a fitness baseline, goal setting, and making and following a weekly fitness plan. Students taking this course should be motivated to be physically active and learn about basic nutrition. Students must also have the ability to film and submit video via mobile device or other method. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Physical Education Content Standards. Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).

## **JH PE I**

***Prerequisites: PE Attire & a lock***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

This course offers students a foundation in physical education by exposing them to a variety of individual and team sports. A strong emphasis on lifetime sports is stressed. Students are required to be in full uniform or approved PE attire. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Physical Education Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH PE II - Girls**

***Prerequisites: PE Attire & a lock***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

This is an athletics survey course that focuses on the skills and conditioning needed to effectively participate in athletics at a high level. Course will introduce students to a variety of sports, the rules associated with those sports, basic strategy, and the basic principles of safe and effective conditioning. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Physical Education Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH PE II - Boys**

***Prerequisites: PE Attire & a lock***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

This is an athletics survey course that focuses on the skills and conditioning needed to effectively participate in athletics at a high level. Course will introduce students to a variety of sports, the rules associated with those sports, basic strategy, and the basic principles of safe and effective conditioning. This course meets the requirements of

Arizona Physical Education Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Dance I**

***Prerequisites: Dance Attire & a lock***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

This dance class introduces beginning dancers to the rules, procedures, etiquette and vocabulary that is necessary for safe and effective participation in dance. This course provides a sequential introduction to dance techniques such as warm up, cool down, conditioning, stretching and injury prevention. Students are introduced to a variety of dance styles including Ballet, Modern, and Jazz. Students conduct creative movement studies using dance concepts and choreographic elements such as relationships, levels, speed, direction, and pathways in individual and group activities. Out-of-school rehearsals and performances may be required. Students are required to be in full uniform or approved PE attire. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Physical Education Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Dance II**

***Prerequisites: Audition; Dance Attire & a lock***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

This course is a continuation of Dance I. Specific genres include Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Ballet and Hip Hop. Daily class curriculum includes progression work, technique training, and choreography for concerts. Students will focus on extensions, creating lines and overall individual progression. Students will gain concepts and verbiage of choreography and create their own final projects for the semester concerts. Students are required to be in approved dance attire. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Physical Education Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Dance III**

***Prerequisites: Audition; Dance Attire & a lock***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

This is a Junior High/High school-Performance team where competitive routines will be learned. A strong emphasis will be placed on choreography as well as Leadership and Community. Students will dig deeper into the dance genres of Lyrical, Contemporary, Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop; as well as develop strong concepts of Teamwork and unity. Students' code of conduct and overall GPA must adhere to the eligibility standards held at American Leadership Academy regarding team sports and leadership roles and opportunities. Students will perform in the showcases at the end of every semester, as well as in numerous opportunities throughout the community and school, all year. Students are required to be in full uniform or approved PE attire. This course meets the requirements of Arizona Physical Education Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Social Dance**

***Prerequisites: Dance Attire & a lock***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 PE or Elective***

***\*\*Only available to students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade\*\****

This introductory course outlines the basics of social interaction, solo and may include partner dancing. American Leadership Academy is proud of the atmosphere of leadership and strong character that is expected out of each student. Throughout the course students will gain a greater understanding of the many genres of dance; the basics of Hip Hop and Beat, rhythm and musicality. As students develop in this class, they may learn the basics of Cha-Cha, Waltz and Triple Swing. Students at this level will begin to teach each other and create their own choreography for final projects. Students will perform routines learned in class in the dance showcase at the end of each semester. Students are required to be in full uniform or approved PE attire. This course meets the requirements of Arizona

Physical Education Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Physical Education or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **Spanish 1**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 Foreign Language or Elective***

This course is an introduction to the language and culture. In Spanish 1 the student learns vocabulary and grammar through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasis is on listening and reading comprehension and simple conversational skills through role-playing, skits and other interactive methods. **This class is not designed for native speakers.** This course meets the requirements of Arizona World and Native Language Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 High School Foreign Language or Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **French 1**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 Foreign Language or Elective***

This course is an introduction to language and culture. In French 1 the student learns vocabulary and grammar through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasis is on listening and reading comprehension and simple conversational skills through role-playing, skits and other interactive methods. **This class is not designed for native speakers.** This course meets the requirements of Arizona World and Native Language Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 High School Foreign Language or Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **German 1**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 Foreign Language or Elective***

This course is an introduction to language and culture. In German 1 the student learns vocabulary and grammar through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasis is on listening and reading comprehension and simple conversational skills through role-playing, skits and other interactive methods. **This class is not designed for native speakers.** This course meets the requirements of Arizona World and Native Language Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 High School Foreign Language or Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **American Sign Language 1**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 Foreign Language or Elective***

This is an introductory class focusing on beginning conversational skills. The course is based on a natural acquisition approach to language education. The class focuses on developing basic knowledge of and beginning skills in the conversational use of American Sign Language. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the world and native language standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Foreign Language or Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### **JH Student Government**

***Prerequisites: Election and after-school activities***

***Fees: \$25/semester***

***Credit: 1.0 Elective***

This course is for activities related to student government and leadership. This course may be repeated in the fall of the following school year. Elections will be held for this class. *Students will receive 1.0 Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH Speech and Debate**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: None***                      ***Credit: 1.0 Elective***

This course is an elective course that provides students with the opportunity to write, speak and think critically focusing efforts on forming sound arguments, citing evidence across multiple sources and forming counter arguments based on evidence. Students will learn speech writing, argumentation, philosophy, research and delivery, preparing them for both presentation and competition. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Language Arts Standards. Students will receive 1.0 Elective credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).

## **JH Robotics**

***Prerequisites: None***

***Fees: \$25/semester***                      ***Credit: 1.0 Elective***

In this course, students will become familiar and proficient with shop equipment and programming necessary to build, program and drive a competition robot. Previous compositions and robot designs are studied and evaluated to try and improve robot design. Students will compete in FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) competitions throughout the school year. *Students will receive 1.0 Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH Color Guard**

***Prerequisites: Equipment/performance attire***

***Fees: \$25/semester***                      ***Credit: 1.0 Elective***

This course is a performance-based class that functions in conjunction with the marching band (Color Guard) and the Winter Guard International circuit (Winter Guard). The Guard is open to male and female students. Fundamentals of dance, drama, and performance - with the movement of flags, sabres, and rifles - are the core of the curriculum. Students are required to commit to a schedule of rehearsal sessions in class and performances outside of the school day. This course meets the requirements of Arizona's Academic Standards in the Arts. *Students will receive 1.0 Performing Arts Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH Equine Management I**

***Prerequisites: Specific attire***

***Fees: \$25/semester***                      ***Credit: 1.0 Elective***

Equine management teaches leadership through horsemanship. The main topics of study will include: equine care, animal genetics, veterinary practices, hoof care and equine related industry occupations. Once a student progresses through the program and is skilled and safe-minded they will be instructed in the handling, breaking and training of a horse from start to finish. Equestrian competitions may be pursued with instructor approval. *Students will receive 1.0 Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH Equine Management II**

***Prerequisites: JH Equine Management I OR Teacher approval/specific attire***

***Fees: \$25/semester***                      ***Credit: 1.0 Elective***

In this course Students will further their study in equine anatomy, behavior, breeds and breeding. Added emphasis will be placed on handling and riding techniques. *Students will receive 1.0 Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **JH Equine Management III**

**Prerequisites: JH Equine Management II OR Teacher approval/specific attire**

**Fees: \$25/semester**

**Credit: 1.0 Elective**

In this course Students will be taught how to compete, learn different events and rules. Students will also learn how to safely travel with horses. Added emphasis will be placed on Sportsmanship and Horsemanship. *Students will receive 1.0 Elective Credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## Exceptional Student Services (ESS)

Special education classes are offered to eligible students as determined by an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). Students who have been placed in the Skills Program based on an IEP team decision, will have an individualized course plan.

Grade		Course Name	School					
7	8		GNJH	IWJH	QCJH	ANJH	WFJH	Virtual
X		English Concepts 7	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	English Concepts 8	X	X	X	X	X	X
X		Math Concepts 7	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	Math Concepts 8	X	X	X	X	X	X

### English Concepts 7

**Prerequisites:** Admin Approval

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 English

English 7 emphasizes essential reading, writing, and speaking and listening skills. Students in this course will study composition techniques, literary analysis, spelling, vocabulary acquisition, and basic grammar. Literary genres include: short stories, novels, poetry, and nonfiction selections. In addition, study skills and leadership are taught to ensure the success of students across the curriculum. Modifications developed through individualized education plans combined with grade level expectations will drive the academic choices of this course. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Language Arts Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 English credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### English Concepts 8

**Prerequisites:** Admin Approval

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 English

English 8 involves the study of composition skills, as well as short stories, novels, informational text, and poetry. This course will build on student's prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, speaking and listening, and the mechanics of writing to develop their critical thinking and writing skills. Composition instruction includes but is not limited to narratives, poetry, research and argumentative essays. Modifications developed through individualized education plans combined with grade level expectations will drive the academic choices of this course. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Language Arts Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 English credits upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

### Math Concepts 7

**Prerequisites:** Admin Approval

**Fees:** None

**Credit:** 1.0 Math

This course builds on the foundations of Grade 6 Math and teaches students to develop an understanding of proportional relationships, operations with rational numbers and working with expressions, inequalities and linear equations. Modifications developed through individualized education plans combined with grade level expectations will drive the academic choices of this course. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Math Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*

## **Math Concepts 8**

***Prerequisites: Admin Approval***

***Fees: None***

***Credit: 1.0 Math***

Math Concepts 8 is an extension of the concepts taught in previous math courses. This course will emphasize the application of pre-algebraic concepts to prepare for advanced high school math courses. Students will develop an understanding of irrational numbers, expressions and equations, and the concept of a function. Modifications developed through individualized education plans combined with grade level expectations will drive the academic choices of this course. This course is designed to meet the requirements of the Arizona Math Content Standards. *Students will receive 1.0 Math credit upon completion of this two-semester course (0.5 credit each semester).*