ECH Programs of Study and Course Descriptions

ENGLISH

English I College Preparatory

Prerequisite: None Credit: 1 Unit This course provides a comprehensive study of literature, grammar, composition, vocabulary development, speaking, listening skills, and reference skills. Students must complete a research project.

English II College Preparatory

Prerequisite: English I Credit: 1 Unit
This course will continue to build on the skills
acquired in English I, with a continued focus on
literary analysis, interpretation of purpose
within a variety of communication formats,
extensive reading within different genres, and
development of a personal voice in writing. The
South Carolina End-of- Course exam will be
given to all students.

English III College Preparatory

Prerequisite: English II Credit: 1 Unit
This course offers an in-depth study of
American literature beginning with the Native
American period. Students will refine skills in the
areas of literary analysis, grammar,
composition, research, vocabulary
development, and public speaking. In order to
receive credit for the course, students must
successfully complete a research
paper/project.

English IV College Preparatory

Prerequisite: English III Credit: 1 Unit This course offers an in-depth study of British literature. Literary criticism, expository and persuasive writing, critical thinking, vocabulary, and research are emphasized. In order to receive credit for this course students must successfully complete a research paper.

ENG 155 English Composition

Prerequisites: ENG 100 (minimum grade of C) or appropriate placement scores
Credit: 1 Unit

This course introduces the principles of expository writing and public speaking through practice and development of communication skills.

ENG 101 English Composition

Prerequisites: ENG 100 (minimum grade of C) or appropriate placement scores Credit: 1 Unit

This is a (college transfer) course in which the following topics are presented: a study of composition in conjunction with appropriate literary selections, with frequent theme assignments to reinforce effective writing. A review of standard usage and the basic techniques of research are also presented.

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ENG 102 English Composition II

Prerequisites: ENG 101 (minimum grade of C) Credit: 1 Unit

This is a (college transfer) course in which the following topics are presented: development of writing skills through logical organization, effective style, literary analysis and research. An introduction to literary genre is also included.

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1



Prerequisite: None Credit: 1 Unit This course focuses on the development of your ability to use a variety of representations, tools, and technologies to model mathematical situations in order to solve meaningful problems. The course topics include generalizations, algebraic symbols, matrices, algebraic expressions in problem-solving situations. relationships, equations, inequalities. interpretations, linear functions, systems of linear equations, quadratic functions and data representations. The state Algebra 1 end-of-course test will be given at the completion of the course.

Geometry

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 Credit: 1 Unit This course is the mathematical study of shapes, their properties, and their relationships. Emphasis is placed on student discovery and exploration and on formulating and defending conjectures. Geometry includes an in-depth study of reasoning, polygons, congruence, similarity, right triangles, circles, area, volume, and transformations.

Algebra 2

Prerequisite: Geometry Credit: 1 Unit This course is an in-depth study of functions, patterns, relations, and concepts of number systems. This includes linear, quadratic, exponential, absolute value, radical, and rational functions. Conic sections are also addressed.

Algebra 3 Trigonometry

Prerequisite: Algebra 2 Credit: 1 Unit
This course is an extension of concepts
taught in earlier courses with emphasis on
applications of polynomial,
rational, exponential, logarithmic,
trigonometric functions. Emphasis is on
active participation through modeling,
technology lab activities, group activities,
and communication in mathematics. This
course is a logical choice for students
preparing for college level mathematics.

MATHEMATICS

Probability & Statistics

Corequisite: Algebra II Credit: 1 Unit In this course, you will learn the fundamental principles of probability and statistics and apply these principles to data analysis. The course topics include foundations of data analysis, univariate data displays, interpret graphical display, bivariate data and scatter plots, basic probability concepts and applications, probability distributions, statistical inference, hypothesis testing, and project design.

MAT 101 Beginning Algebra

Prerequisites: ACCUPLACER scores Credit: 1 Unit (non-transferable) This course includes techniques and applications of the following topics: properties of and operations with real numbers, elementary algebra, consumer mathematics, applied geometry, measurement, graph sketching and interpretations, and descriptive statistics.

MAT 101 Beginning Algebra

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement scores Credit: 1 Unit

This course includes the following topics: operations with signed numbers; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with algebraic expressions; factoring; techniques for solving linear and fractional equations; and an introduction to graphing.

MAT 110 College Algebra

Prerequisites: MAT 101 (minimum grade of C) or appropriate placement scores Credit: 1 Unit

This course includes the following topics: polynomial, rational, logarithmic, and exponential functions; inequalities; systems of equations and inequalities; matrices; determinants; and solutions of higher degree polynomials.

MAT 120 Probability and Statistics

Prerequisites: MAT 101 or MAT 110 (minimum grade of C) or appropriate placement scores

Credit: 1 Unit

This course includes the following topics: introductory probability and statistics, including organization of data, sample space concepts, random variables, counting problems, binomial and normal distributions, central limit theorem, confidence intervals, and test hypothesis for large and small samples; types I and II errors; linear regression; and correlation.

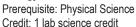
SCIENCE

Physical Science

Credit: 1 science credit

This course is an introductory course in which you explore natural laws and scientific principles as they relate to the topics of physics and chemistry. Concepts include measurement, analyzing and graphing data, properties of matter, forms of energy, and the interaction of matter and energy. Concepts are reinforced by numerous laboratory demonstrations and investigations. This course is not recognized as a lab science by most colleges.

Biology I



This lab science course includes a study of living things and their interrelationships. levels of biological organization, human biology, and social implications.

Laboratory investigations reinforce the understanding of living things, their functions, and their interdependence. Students must take the SC Biology End-of-Course test.

Chemistry

Prerequisite: Algebra 2 and Physical

Science

Credit: 1 lab science credit

This course includes a study of the structure and organization of matter, chemical bonding, chemical equilibrium, chemical reactions, and environmental effects.

Anatomy & Physiology

Prerequisite: Biology Credit: 1 Unit This course involves the study of the human body's form and function. In addition to all body systems that will be studied, medical terminology, diseases, and health care careers will be explored.

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BIO 101 Biological Science

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement Credit: 1 Unit scores

This course is a study of the scientific method, basic biochemistry, cell structure and function, cell physiology, cell reproduction and development, Mendelian genetics, population genetics, natural selection, evolution and ecology.

CHM 110 College Chemistry I

Prerequisites: None Credit: 1 Unit This university parallel transfer course is the first course in a sequence which includes the following topics: Study of atomic and molecular structure, nomenclature and equations, properties, reactions and states of matter, stoichiometry, gas laws, solutions and equilibria.

SOCIAL STUDIES

HIS 202 American History: 1877-

Present

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement scores

Credit: 1 Unit

This course is a survey of U.S. history from 1877 to the present. This course includes political, social, economic and intellectual developments during this period. This course is transferable to public senior institutions as part of the SC Commission on Higher Education Statewide Articulation Agreement.

SOCIAL STUDIES

U.S. History and the Constitution

Credit: 1 Unit

This survey course covers the social, economic and political developments in the United States from the earliest settlement of North America to the present. This span includes the Native Americans, establishment of colonies. creation of a new nation, the U.S. Constitution, territorial expansion to the West, Civil War and Reconstruction. industrialization and immigration of the late nineteenth century, and our nation's role in world affairs in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Students will analyze historical documents, understand varving viewpoints, and evaluate the historical interpretation of others. This course is required for graduation. The SC EOC will be given to all students.

American Government

Credit: 1/2 Unit

This course will focus on the Constitution; political beliefs and behaviors; political parties, interest groups, and mass media; the Congress, presidency, bureaucracy, and the federal courts; public policy; and civil rights and liberties.

Economics

Credit: 1/2 Unit

This one semester course explores the choices and decisions that people make about how to use the world's limited resources. The goal of this course is to equip the student with knowledge that is strongly rooted in economic principles so that the students will be able to differentiate between economic models, understand issues pertaining to global and national economics, gain insight into choices that businesses must make, and learn the importance of managing personal finances and planning for ones future financial security.

HIS 201 American History: Discovery to

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement

scores Credit: 1 Unit

This course is a survey of U.S. history from discovery to 1877. This course includes political, social, economic and intellectual developments during this period. This course is transferable to public senior institutions as part of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Statewide Articulation Agreement.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

SPA 101 Elementary Spanish I

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement

scores Credit: 1 Unit

This course is a study of the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, including an introduction to the Spanish culture. This course is transferable to public senior institutions as part of the SC Commission on Higher Education Statewide Articulation Agreement.

SPA 102 Elementary Spanish II

Prerequisites: SPA 101 with a grade of

−C or better Credit: 1 Unit

This course continues the development of basic language skills and the study of the Spanish culture. This course is transferable to public senior institutions as part of the SC Commission on Higher Education Statewide Articulation Agreement.

SPA 201

Prerequisites: SPA 102 with a grade of —C or better

This course is a review of Spanish grammar with attention given to more complex grammatical structures and reading difficult prose.

ELECTIVES & AVID

AVID 101 & 102

Credit: 1 unit per semester

Freshmen: Emphasizes the development of organizational and study and test-taking skills to ensure success in core academic studies.

Instruction in vocabulary development and critical reading strategies are a focus.

AVID 201 & 202

Credit: ½ unit per semester
Sophomores: Emphasizes the refinement of
students' organizational and study
test-taking skills to ensure success in core
academic studies. Instruction includes a
focus on "writing to learn" and provides
continued practice in vocabulary
development and in using critical reading
strategies.

AVID 301 & 302

Credit: ½ unit per semester
Juniors: Emphasizes college awareness and
the use of academic survival skills, critical
reading strategies, oral communication
skills, and the writing process for success in
college level courses. Preparation for taking
college entrance exams and college
selection is also a focus.

AVID 401 & 402

Credit: ½ unit per semester
Seniors: Emphasizes college readiness
skills to include critical reading strategies,
college testing and selection, completing
college and scholarship applications,
college-level writing and college essays, and
understanding college costs and the
financial aid process.

REQUIRED

PE 1 Personal

Fitness/Comprehensive Health

Credit: 1 unit

This course will provide a wide array of topics related to health, physical fitness and how to establish a high quality life-style. Students will be involved in a wide range of fitness activities, learn how to assess their own health and fitness levels, and participate in a variety of team sports and lifetime activities. PE 1 is a required course to receive a high school diploma. All five standards set up by the state of South Carolina must be passed in order to receive credit for the course.

Public Speaking

Credit: ½ unit elective

This course is an introduction to success in speaking in front of small and large audiences. Elements include basics of oral communication and speech preparation and delivery.

Leadership Development

Credit: 1/2 unit elective

Emphasizes leadership skills, goal setting, effective communication, group dynamics, human relations, problem solving, decision making, time management and stress reduction. Students will be required to perform school and community service.

Creative Writing

Credit: 1/2 Elective Credit

This course is designed to help improve skills in creative writing in the areas of poetry, short story, drama, and nonfiction. Students should enjoy writing and will be encouraged to enter contests and submit writing for publications.