

ACALANES ADULT EDUCATION

FALL Q1 CATALOG

REGISTRATION BEGINS:

JULY 27, 2026 AT 8:00 A.M.

FALL Q1 CLASSES IN SESSION:

AUGUST 10 – OCTOBER 9, 2026

2026



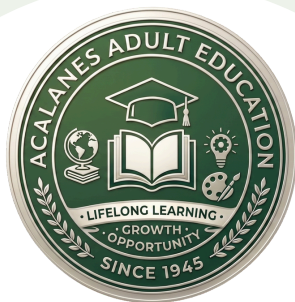
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Acalanes Adult Education Guests,

Welcome to Fall Quarter 1 of 2026! Whether you are a familiar face returning to our campus or a new Guest joining us for the very first time, I am absolutely thrilled to welcome you to a new season of lifelong learning.

At Acalanes Adult Education, we believe that education is a continuous journey. This fall, we are immensely proud to offer a curriculum that truly reflects the diverse passions and goals of our community. The breadth and depth of our courses are designed specifically for you, our adult learners. Whether you are looking to master a new technological skill for career advancement, explore your creative side in our arts and enrichment courses, or improve your health and wellness, we have carefully curated a schedule that offers something meaningful for everyone.

New This Fall: Spanish 1 Series

As part of our commitment to expanding our dynamic language department, I am exceptionally excited to announce our NEW Spanish 1 Series.

Welcome to the foundational Spanish track at Acalanes Adult Education! This dynamic four-part series (1A through 1D) is designed specifically for adult learners, focusing on practical communication, cultural competency, and building a confident linguistic base.

What to expect from the **Spanish 1 Series**:

- **Format:** Each course runs for 8 - 10 weeks, meeting once weekly.
- **Focus:** Conversational readiness, cultural immersion, and foundational grammar.
- **Flexibility:** Guests are welcome to enroll in any level to refresh their skills or seamlessly continue their linguistic journey.

"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."

We invite you to begin this rewarding journey with us!

As you browse the Fall Quarter 1 catalog, I encourage you to challenge yourself, step outside your comfort zone, and try something completely new. Our dedicated instructors and supportive staff are here to ensure your experience is nothing short of exceptional.

Thank you for choosing to learn, grow, and connect with us. I look forward to seeing our classrooms come alive with your energy and curiosity this fall.

Thank you,
Steven France, Director Acalanes Adult Education



REGISTRATION

Registration	Fall Quarter 1 Registration begins 7/27/2026 at 8:00 a.m.
Office Hours	Mondays - Fridays, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Rooms	Room numbers may change. Check room schedule on the monitors in the hallways.
Calendar	Fall Quarter 1 Term Begins: Monday, August 10, 2026 Fall Quarter 2 Term Begins: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 Winter Quarter 3 Term Begins: Monday, January 4, 2027 Spring Quarter 4 Term Begins: Tuesday, March 16, 2027 Summer Term Begins: Tuesday, June 1, 2027
Campus Location	Del Valle Education Center (DVEC) Acalanes Adult Education (AAE) 1963 Tice Valley Blvd. Walnut Creek, CA 94595
Contact	925-280-3980, extension 8001 Fax: 925-280-3981 Email: adulted@auhsdschools.org Website: www.auhsd.org/adulted
Senior Discount	Guests 65 years of age or older receive a 10% discount for classes.

ENROLLMENT, FEES, AND REFUND POLICY

Refund Policy

All requests for refunds must be made in writing (email accepted). Refund of fees will only be given if requested at least 72-hours before the first scheduled class meeting. There is a \$25 service fee for cancellations. No refunds will be granted after class start date. A complete refund (no processing fee) will be made if AAE cancels a class. Please carefully choose your classes.

Enrollment

All Guests **18 years of age or older** may enroll in adult education classes with no residency restrictions.

Fees

Fees are based on a minimum number of enrolled Guests. Fee-based classes may be canceled, hours reduced, or fees increased if minimum enrollments are not achieved. No discount is given for classes missed for any reason.

Forms of Payment

- Cash;
- Check; or,
- Credit Card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa).

A bank fee applies on all returned checks.

Extenuating Circumstances Refund Policy Due to Unforeseen Events (ex. pandemic) and/or Natural Disaster:

Due to the fluid nature of unforeseen events (ex. pandemic) and/or natural disasters, an extenuating circumstances refund policy may apply for course refunds.

ENROLLMENT, FEES, AND REFUND POLICY

Class Canceled	Automatic refunds (no processing fee) will be processed by AAE if a class is canceled due to the unforeseen event and/or natural disaster.
Class Postponements	If a class is postponed due to the unforeseen event and/or natural disaster, and you are unable to attend the postponed class as scheduled, a full refund (no processing fee) will be granted provided Guests notify the AAE office within 72-hours of class postponement announcement.
Class Instructional Platform Change	If the class instructional platform is changed due to the unforeseen event and/or natural disaster (ex. face-to-face changed to online/distance learning, etc.) and a Guest has already attended the initial class instruction, but now wishes to cancel the class due to the change of instructional platform, a prorated refund will be issued and a \$25 service fee will be applied.
No Auditing of Classes Policy	Acalanes Adult Education does not permit the formal or informal auditing of classes. All Guests attending courses must be officially registered for the course(s) and pay the associated fees. This policy ensures equitable access to educational resources, maintains accurate enrollment records, and protects the integrity of our academic program. It also ensures that all Guests benefiting from instructional resources contribute appropriately to their cost. No exceptions to this policy will be granted. Any individual found to be attending a class without official registration will be asked to leave the classroom. Instructors are empowered to enforce this policy in their classrooms.

REGISTRATION FORM

Disclaimer: I realize that there is an inherent risk of injury when participating in these classes or recreational activities. I understand and acknowledge that, in order to participate in these activities, I agree to assume liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks, which may be associated with participation in such activities. I understand that the Acalanes Union High School District does not carry medical accident insurance for injuries sustained in its programs and I therefore assume the risk of any injuries arising out of or in connection with participation in said classes or activities. In the event of any emergency, I authorize the school officials to secure from any licensed hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of all services rendered. In the event that the Guest is a minor, the above consent must be agreed upon and signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

AAE reserves the right to photograph facilities, school, or classroom activities and program participants for possible use in advertising, brochures, and the website. All photos remain property of AAE.

I have read and fully understand the agreement above, assume all risk for any injuries sustained and consent to emergency medical treatment, if appropriate. I also have read and agree to abide by the registration/refund policies published in the current AAE brochure and the AUHSD Student Technology Device Internet, and Network Responsible Use Agreement currently posted online via this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary
(Month). (Day). (Year)

Course Number	Course Title	Fee	Day	Time	Instructor
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Payments:

☐ Check - make check payable to ACALANES ADULT EDUCATION (AAE)

☐ Cash - please bring to the AAE office in the 100-wing

Credit Card: ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Signature: _____

Account Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct

Acalanes Adult Education Guests at the Del Valle Education Center

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Acalanes Adult Education Guests are expected to maintain a professional and respectful demeanor at all times. As role models for minor students, adult learners should uphold the highest standards of conduct, both inside and outside the classroom.

CAMPUS ACCESS

RESTRICTED AREAS

To ensure the safety and well-being of all Guests and students, Acalanes Adult Education Guests will have limited access to certain areas of the campus. These restricted areas include, but are not limited to:

- **200-wing/High School Classrooms during school hours:** Unless specifically enrolled in a class held in a high school classroom, Acalanes Adult Education Guests are not permitted in these areas during the high school's instructional day.
- **Designated High School Student Common Areas:** Areas such as high school student lounges, or specific courtyards during high school lunch breaks or passing periods may be restricted to minimize interaction between adult and minor students.
- **Fire Lanes and Restricted Access Areas:** Access to designated fire lanes, such as those behind the 100, 200, and 300 wings, is strictly prohibited for parking or loitering at all times. These areas are for emergency use only.

PERMITTED AREAS

Acalanes Adult Education Guests are generally permitted access to:

- **Designated Adult Education Classrooms and Offices:** These areas are specifically for adult learning programs.
- **On the Hill Cafe:** Located in the 100 wing and available only during specific, designated hours for Acalanes Adult Education Guests.
- **General Campus Pathways and Grounds:** For transit to and from adult education facilities. Unnecessary loitering should be avoided, except when essential for transit.

CODE OF CONDUCT

INTERACTION WITH MINOR STUDENTS

Direct interaction with minor students should be kept to a minimum and always be appropriate and civil.

- **Avoid Unnecessary Contact:** Acalanes Adult Education Guests should refrain from initiating conversations or contact with minor students unless it is in the context of an approved educational activity or an emergency.
- **Civility Boundaries:** Maintain clear civil and respectful boundaries with all minor students. Do not offer rides, exchange personal contact information, or engage in any behavior that could be perceived as inappropriate.
- **Reporting Concerns:** Any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior involving minor students, whether by other adults or minors, should be immediately reported to campus administration.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Acalanes Adult Education Guests should use designated parking areas. Loitering in parking lots, especially those used by high school students, is prohibited.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The possession, use, distribution, or sale of the following substances is strictly prohibited on campus property and at all institution-sponsored events:

- **Tobacco Products:** This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff), electronic cigarettes (vapes), and all associated paraphernalia.
- **Illegal Drugs and Controlled Substances:** Any substance whose possession or use is prohibited by federal, state, or local law. This includes, but is not limited to, marijuana (even if permitted for recreational use under state law, it is prohibited under this policy due to federal laws and institutional mandate), cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and synthetic cannabinoids.
- **Alcohol:** The consumption, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- **Unauthorized Prescription or Over-the-Counter Medication:** The misuse, sale, or distribution of prescription or over-the-counter medication is prohibited. Guests, faculty, and staff are expected to use prescribed medication only as directed by a licensed medical professional.
- **Paraphernalia:** The possession of drug paraphernalia (e.g., bongs, pipes, syringes not for medical use) is prohibited.

CODE OF CONDUCT

USE OF FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

- **Respect for Shared Spaces:** Acalanes Adult Education Guests are expected to treat all shared campus facilities, including restrooms, with respect and keep them clean.
- **Technology Use:** Adherence to the campus's acceptable use policy for all technology resources is required. This includes responsible internet usage and respect for privacy.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY

- **Identification:** Acalanes Adult Education Guests may be required to wear identification badges while on campus.
- **Emergency Procedures:** Familiarize yourself with campus emergency procedures, including evacuation routes and lockdown protocols.
- **Reporting Suspicious Activity:** Immediately report any suspicious individuals or activities to campus administration.

VIOLATIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Failure to adhere to these rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the adult education program and ban from campus.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or clarification regarding these rules and regulations, please contact the Director of the Del Valle Education Center.

ADHERENCE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I confirm that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct for the Del Valle Education Center and Acalanes Adult Education. I also understand that any non-compliance with this Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action, including removal from the Acalanes Adult Education program and a ban from the Del Valle Education Center.

Signature:_____

Printed Name:_____

Date:_____

ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION

Adult High School Diploma

Acalanes Adult Education (AAE) awards an Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) diploma to Guests enrolled in the high school diploma program who complete the following graduation requirements. Prior earned credits, which meet the AUHSD requirements, may be included in the completion of units. Prospective Guests must obtain official transcripts for all academic courses previously completed, so that an accurate course enrollment plan may be developed to work towards a high school diploma.

High School Equivalency (GED and HiSET)

Guests who do not have transcripts from their previous school(s), or who need more than 60 credits to earn their high school diploma, may wish to take their GED or HiSET high school equivalency (HSE) test. The HSE comprises of 5 subtests: science, social science, reading, writing, and math. The GED combines reading and writing into one subtest. The HSE certificate is accepted at community colleges, most career training programs, and the military.

The AAE HSE program is offered to Guests through online and individual support. A GED textbook is available to complement the program. While AAE is not a GED/HiSET testing center, Guests may register online and select a test location within Contra Costa County.

Enrollment

To enroll in the high school diploma and/or high school equivalency program, prospective Guests must first attend an enrollment meeting with the Director of the Del Valle Education Center (DVEC) and/or the Administrative Assistant to the Director of the DVEC. Please email adulted@auhdschools.org for more information.

FALL Q1 SESSION: 8/10/2026 - 10/9/2026

FALL Q2 SESSION: 10/13/2026 - 12/18/2026

WINTER SESSION: 1/4/2027 - 3/12/2027

SPRING SESSION: 3/16/2027 - 5/28/2027



Credits to Earn Acalanes Adult Education Diploma	
Subject	Credits Required
English	40
Algebra 1	10
Math Beyond Algebra 1	20
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
World History/Geography	10
US History	10
US Government	5
Economics	5
World Language/Tech Ed	20
Visual/Performing Arts	10
Health	5
Electives	65
TOTAL CREDITS TO EARN DIPLOMA	220

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

APPLE

ALL ABOUT ICLOUD - (1 CLASS SESSION)

iCloud is the foundational, central coordinating system that powers and unifies your entire Apple ecosystem. It is an essential cloud service designed not just for storage, but for the seamless integration and synchronization of your digital life across all your Apple hardware, including iPhones, iPads, Macs, Apple Watches, and Apple TVs.

Its primary function is to store a wide variety of information, such as photos, videos, documents, app data, notes, reminders, contacts, calendars, and device backups, in the cloud. By keeping this data in a secure, remote location, iCloud ensures that the most current version of any file or piece of information is instantly accessible and automatically updated across every device associated with your Apple ID. For instance, a note created on your iPhone will appear instantly on your Mac, and a photo taken on your iPad will synchronize to your iCloud Photo Library for viewing on all your other devices.

Beyond personal device synchronization, iCloud facilitates easy and secure sharing and collaboration with other users. Features like Shared Albums allow users to share specific photo collections, while Family Sharing consolidates purchases and subscriptions, and enhances privacy and security for all family members. For professional and collaborative tasks, iCloud Drive allows users to share documents and folders, enabling real-time collaboration on files stored in the cloud.

CT120.1	Thursday	8/20/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 109	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Matthews
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APPLE AND AI AND YOU - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Artificial Intelligence is no longer just a buzzword; it is the driving force behind today's most exciting technological advancements. Step into the future and learn what Apple has in store as they embrace this rapidly changing landscape. In this class, you will uncover the latest AI integrations coming to Apple products and learn how these powerful, intuitive new tools will enhance your daily digital life.

CT132.1	Friday	10/9/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Matthews
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APPLE

I H8 PA\$\$WORDS - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Tired of password chaos? Enroll now and discover the future of digital security! This essential course will unlock the power of Passkeys and professional password managers, transforming your complex digital life into a streamlined, secure experience. Say goodbye to forgotten passwords and hello to effortless, impenetrable access, leaving password pain squarely in the past!

CT102.1	Friday	8/21/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Matthews
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PHOTOS: TAKE, ORGANIZE, EDIT, AND SHARE - (3 CLASS SESSIONS)

This course is essential for anyone who wants to master their iPhone photography, even if you have taken a similar class before. Apple's latest iOS 18 update has radically transformed the Photos app with a complete redesign and innovative features powered by Apple Intelligence.

In this class, we will delve deep into all aspects of the Camera and Photos apps. We will explore the redesigned interface and how to navigate it effectively. You will learn how to leverage the new features to organize, edit, and share your photos like never before. We will also discuss the advancements in Apple Intelligence and how it enhances your photo experience, from automatically categorizing your photos to generating personalized memories.

Whether you are a casual photographer or a seasoned pro, this course will equip you with the skills to take full advantage of the Camera and Photos apps in iOS 18.

CT115.1	Monday	8/10/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$70.00 Seniors \$63.00	Matthews
	Tuesday	8/11/2026				
	Thursday	8/13/2026				

STAYING SAFE WITH APPLE PRODUCTS - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Are you concerned about your digital privacy and online security? Grab your iPhone, iPad, or MacBook and join us for an interactive, hands-on workshop designed specifically to help you navigate the digital world with confidence. In this class, we will demystify cybersecurity and explore the powerful, built-in tools already available at your fingertips. You will learn practical, step-by-step strategies to fortify your home Wi-Fi network against outside threats, lock down your personal devices to prevent unauthorized access, and safeguard your most sensitive data, including passwords, photos, and financial information. Beyond the technology, we will empower you with the knowledge to recognize common phishing scams and online fraud, ensuring that you leave with the skills necessary to protect your identity and enjoy total peace of mind.

CT133.1	Thursday	8/27/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 109	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Matthews
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THE MAGIC OF AIRPODS - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Wireless headphones have become quite the sensation in recent years, and AirPods, in particular, are truly the rock stars of this booming scene. If you're fortunate enough to be rocking a pair of these cutting-edge gadgets, then you already know that their sound quality is as sweet and satisfying as a hit single from your favorite artist. Not only that, but they're also as convenient and handy as a pocket-sized genie, ready to grant your wish for seamless audio at a moment's notice. But let me tell you, there's so much more to these little wonders than just their ability to deliver ear-pleasing tunes! From their sleek design to their advanced technological features, AirPods offer a multitude of benefits that enhance your listening experience and simplify your day-to-day life in ways that go beyond just music. Whether you're using them for work calls, podcasts, or simply enjoying a moment of peace with your favorite sounds, AirPods have a knack for making every auditory experience feel special and effortlessly enjoyable.

CT129.1	Friday	8/28/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Matthews
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TURNING THE PAGE ON CALENDARS - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Step aside, paper calendars! Enter the electronic calendar, the superhero of organization. In this fast-paced, ever-changing world, where staying on top of appointments, deadlines, and events can be downright overwhelming, electronic calendars swoop in to save the day. Join us as we reveal how this digital wonder can transform your chaotic schedule into a perfectly orchestrated symphony of simplicity and order! With features like automatic reminders, easy sharing options, and seamless syncing across multiple devices, electronic calendars offer unparalleled convenience and efficiency. Say goodbye to the days of scribbling on paper, losing track of important dates, and struggling to read your own handwriting. Embrace the future of planning with electronic calendars, where your life becomes a well-organized masterpiece, and you gain back precious time to focus on what truly matters.

CT130.1	Friday	8/14/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Matthews
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WALLET AND APPLE PAY - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Discover the seamless blend of security and convenience with Apple Pay and the Wallet app, your gateway to effortless transactions on your iPhone. Transform your purchasing experience by embracing a digital wallet that eliminates the need to carry physical cards, reducing bulk and enhancing your mobility. Imagine a world where checkouts are swift, payments are simplified, and your financial details are protected with advanced encryption. With Apple Pay, that world is a reality. Each transaction is authorized through Face ID, Touch ID, or a unique passcode, providing an extra layer of security that safeguards your information from potential threats. Experience the joy of tapping your iPhone to pay at countless stores, restaurants, and online retailers. Not only will you lighten your load and travel with less physical clutter, but you will also find yourself enjoying a significantly faster, easier, and ultimately safer way to handle your everyday financial interactions, all within the familiar ecosystem of your iPhone.

CT108.1	Tuesday	8/18/2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Matthews
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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

GOOGLE AND MICROSOFT

GETTING STARTED WITH GOOGLE DRIVE, DOCS, SHEETS, AND SLIDES - (2 CLASS SESSIONS*)

This class is an introduction the most common Google applications Drive, Docs, Sheets, and Slides. We will cover document sharing, uploading and downloading, and strategies for document control. For each application we will create new documents, learn how to edit or convert existing MS Office equivalents (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and discuss some key differences.

Basic understanding of word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation software is helpful, but not necessary.

Guests may bring their own computer (PC or Mac) with Google Chrome Browser installed, or use the lab computers. iPad not recommended.

A free Google account (Gmail) will be required to do the course exercises.

***This course will be held on: Tuesday, August 18; and, Thursday, August 20.**

CT112.1	Tuesday Thursday	8/18/2026 8/20/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$50.00 Seniors \$45.00	Gibb
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GETTING STARTED WITH MICROSOFT EXCEL AND SPREADSHEETS - (4 CLASS SESSIONS*)

This course introduces the fundamentals and progresses to intermediate skills in spreadsheet creation and comprehension. Topics covered include data entry, utilizing formulas and functions, formatting tables and numbers, and sorting and filtering data. Additionally, the course addresses formatting for printing and sharing, alongside the creation and editing of charts and graphs. Guests are welcome to bring their personal computers (PC or Mac) with Excel installed or utilize the computers available in the lab.

***This course will be held on: Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 18, 20, 25, and 27.**

CT106.1A	Tuesday Thursday Tuesday Thursday	8/18/2026 8/20/2026 8/25/2026 8/27/2026	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$80.00 Seniors \$72.00	Gibb
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GOOGLE AND MICROSOFT

GOING FARTHER WITH EXCEL: FORMATTING FOR PRESENTATION AND SHARING - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Elevate your data presentation skills with this focused workshop designed to help you share your Microsoft Excel spreadsheets with confidence. Moving beyond the basics, this class takes a deeper dive into dynamic design and document integrity. You will learn how to apply conditional formatting so your spreadsheets automatically highlight key trends and data points based on cell contents, alongside techniques for building custom number formats tailored to your specific reporting needs. Because collaborating often leaves your files vulnerable to unintended edits, we will thoroughly explore essential security strategies, teaching you how to lock specific cells, protect entire worksheets, and safeguard your workbook's structure before distribution to ensure your work remains exactly as you intended. Guests are welcome to bring their own personal laptops (PC or Mac) with Microsoft Excel pre-installed, or they may take advantage of the fully equipped PC workstations available in our on-site computer lab.

CT134.1	Thursday	8/27/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Gibb
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GOING FARTHER WITH EXCEL: PIVOTTABLES AND DATA BASICS - (1 CLASS SESSION)

Transform the way you handle large spreadsheets with this comprehensive introduction to the Microsoft Excel PivotTable function. This course guides you through the essentials of what a PivotTable is and how to leverage it for foundational data analysis, allowing you to effortlessly group, summarize, and extract meaningful insights from extensive datasets. Because a PivotTable is only as good as the information feeding it, we will emphasize the specific data requirements and structural setups needed for it to function correctly. Additionally, you will learn practical tips and techniques for seamlessly importing data from CSV and other text files, ensuring your information is properly formatted from the very start. Guests are welcome to bring their own personal laptops (PC or Mac) with Microsoft Excel pre-installed, or they may take advantage of the fully equipped PC workstations available in our on-site computer lab.

CT126.1	Tuesday	8/25/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 110	Reg. \$25.00 Seniors \$22.50	Gibb
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ADVANCED CREATIVE WRITING - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Designed for returning Guests familiar with the creative writing process, this course focuses on sustaining momentum and refining technique. Each week features craft-focused readings and an interactive, in-class writing exercise designed to spark new ideas. Returning Guests will share new or ongoing projects with a trusted community of peers and engage in rigorous, supportive peer feedback.

ELA106.1	Thursday	8/13/2026 - 10/8/2026	12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Room 112	Reg. \$225.00 Seniors \$202.50	Papadopoulos
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BEGINNING CREATIVE WRITING - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Have you always wanted to write stories, poems, or personal essays, but felt intimidated by the blank page? This course is designed specifically for adults who have never taken a creative writing class. Whether or not your writing path is clear, you are invited to join a class community in which you can develop ideas, write regularly, and be creative. In a warm and supportive environment, you will discover how to unlock your imagination, build simple writing habits, and turn everyday observations into engaging narratives.

NOTE: New to creative writing? Welcome! Priority enrollment goes to beginners and Guests who have not recently taken a creative writing course at Acalanes Adult Education.

ELA107.1	Wednesday	8/12/2026 - 10/7/2026	12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Room 112	Reg. \$225.00 Seniors \$202.50	Papadopoulos
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

CALENDAR:

Fall Q1 Classes 8/10/2026 - 10/9/2026

Fall Q1 No School/Holidays: September 7, 2026

ORIENTATION/TESTING DATES*:

Please note that all ELL testing dates will offer sessions from either **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** or **1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** It is mandatory that **ALL** returning and new ELL Guests complete their testing on one of these designated dates and times.

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Friday, July 24, 2026

Monday, July 27, 2026

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Friday, July 31, 2026

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Thursday, August 6, 2026

*All testing is done at the **Del Valle Education Center**,

1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595

NEW STUDENTS (GUESTS):

In order to attend class, Guests must first take a placement examination and be assigned to a class. Guests can register for a testing/orientation session on our website. Orientation usually takes 20 minutes and testing takes about 2 hours. Registration is required.

ELL LOCATION AND CLASSES:

Del Valle Education Center

1963 Tice Valley Blvd.

Walnut Creek, CA 94595

925-280-3980 extension 8001

Morning Sessions:

All levels in-person - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Evening Sessions:

In-person - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced)

NO FEE POLICY

The Acalanes Adult Education English Language Learner (ELL) program is a **free program**. This program offers ELL levels ranging from basic literacy to advanced English language development. All levels are available during the day and most are available during the evening hours.

No tuition may be charged or collected in the following California Adult Education Program (CAEP) areas by either community colleges or K12 adult schools:

- Adult Elementary and Secondary Basic Skills, including programs leading to a high school diploma or its equivalent;
- Programs for immigrants eligible for educational services in citizenship, ELL/ESL, and workforce preparation;
- Adults, including but not limited to older adults, designed to develop knowledge and skills to help elementary and secondary school children succeed academically in school; and,
- Programs for adults with disabilities.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

PATHWAY A: WORKPLACE AND CAREER FOCUS

Fast-track your career aspirations with Pathway A. Designed specifically for highly motivated Guests with clear professional objectives, this intensive, immersive track bridges the gap between your current skills and your future career. We go beyond traditional language instruction to provide a comprehensive, 360-degree professional development experience.

Whether you are looking to resume a career in your established field, pivot to a new industry, or climb the corporate ladder, this curriculum is engineered to give you a competitive edge.

What to Expect in This Track:

- **Targeted English Proficiency:** Master the language of your specific industry. We focus on advanced, context-driven communication, from writing polished professional emails and reports to confidently presenting ideas and navigating industry-specific terminology.
- **Essential Workplace Soft Skills:** Understand and thrive in the modern work environment. You will develop crucial skills in cross-cultural communication, conflict resolution, time management, and collaborative teamwork to seamlessly integrate into any professional setting.
- **Strategic Networking:** Build a robust professional circle. Learn how to uncover hidden job markets, leverage platforms like LinkedIn, and master the art of the "elevator pitch." We connect Guests directly with industry mentors, guest speakers, and local professional associations.
- **Hands-on Vocational Exposure:** Experience your target industry firsthand. Through guided job shadowing, industry-specific workshops, and portfolio-building projects, you will gain practical insights and tangible experience that stand out on a resume.

Who should choose this pathway?

Guests who are **ready to commit to an accelerated pace**, have a **clear vision for their career trajectory**, and want to **build a strong, hireable professional profile**.

PLEASE NOTE: ELL Pathway A (Workplace and Career) is exclusively available for Guests during daytime classes. The pathway is **not** offered during the evening schedule.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

PATHWAY A: WORKPLACE AND CAREER FOCUS

HIGH BEGINNING/LOW INTERMEDIATE ELL

Learners at the High Beginning to Low Intermediate ELL stage are actively transitioning from basic survival English to functional, conversational communication. Equipped with a foundation of common vocabulary, they can successfully navigate routine social and workplace interactions, engage in simple face-to-face conversations on familiar topics, and understand clear, moderately paced speech. While they can comprehend and write short, basic texts, they still require support with complex sentence structures, sustained dialogue, and rapid or idiomatic language. The primary learning focus at this level is expanding functional vocabulary, mastering foundational verb tenses, and building the confidence to communicate independently without heavy reliance on translation tools.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 111	Shah-Zaeem
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HIGH INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED ELL

Learners at the High Intermediate to Advanced ELL stage possess a strong command of the English language and communicate with a high degree of fluency, accuracy, and spontaneity. They can comfortably navigate complex, abstract, and professional topics, actively participating in extended discussions while understanding native speakers at a natural pace, including nuance, humor, and idiomatic language. In reading and writing, they can independently comprehend lengthy, sophisticated texts and produce clear, well-structured professional or academic documents, though minor stylistic or grammatical errors may occasionally occur. The primary learning focus at this level is mastering nuanced vocabulary, perfecting complex grammatical structures, refining pronunciation, and expertly adapting tone and register across diverse workplace, academic, and social settings.

Intermediate	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/11/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 102	Cautero
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Advanced	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/11/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 112	Papadopoulos
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

PATHWAY B

Embark on a rewarding journey of linguistic and personal discovery with Pathway B. Tailored for Guests seeking a thorough, well-rounded approach to English, this track provides the structure and support needed to build deep, lasting language skills. Whether your goal is to confidently navigate your new community, prepare for future academic pursuits, or simply experience the joy of personal growth, this pathway provides a supportive and comprehensive learning environment.

Rather than focusing solely on immediate professional outcomes, this track allows you to progress through a traditional, step-by-step proficiency ladder to ensure mastery at every level.

What to Expect in This Track:

- **Structured Proficiency Ladder:** Progress confidently through a clear, expertly designed curriculum. We provide a balanced, methodical focus on all four core pillars of language acquisition, reading, writing, listening, and speaking, ensuring a rock-solid grammatical foundation.
- **Community & Cultural Integration:** Feel truly at home in your new surroundings. You will learn the practical, everyday English needed to connect with neighbors, confidently navigate healthcare and community resources, participate in local events, and understand vital cultural nuances.
- **Academic Preparation:** Lay the groundwork for future educational success. For Guests looking toward higher education, degree equivalency, or specialized training down the road, this track builds the essential academic vocabulary, reading comprehension, and study skills necessary to thrive in traditional classroom settings.
- **Personal Growth & Confidence:** Learn at a pace that fosters genuine understanding and long-term retention. This supportive environment celebrates personal milestones, focusing on building the self-assurance you need to express your authentic self, tell your story, and engage fully with the world around you.

Who should choose this pathway?

Guests who prefer a structured, step-by-step approach to learning, are focused on long-term educational or personal goals, and want to build a deep, meaningful connection with their local community.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

PATHWAY B

BEGINNING LITERACY ELL

This course is designed to build upon emerging English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills at the beginning literacy level. The instruction will include the development of basic literacy skills and communication for everyday living, which will help Guests progress towards their personal, academic, and/or professional goals. Integrated throughout the course will be workplace readiness skills, including critical thinking, diversity awareness, and soft skills.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 105	Measure
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BEGINNING LOW ELL

The focus of this class is to develop basic speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills in English. This will be accomplished through oral and written exercises, life skills activities, conversation, and the use of multimedia sources, so Guests gain confidence and acquire skills needed for everyday life in the United States.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 105	Measure
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HIGH BEGINNING ELL

This course provides practice in everyday conversations about essential life skills through basic lessons in vocabulary, grammar, reading/writing, listening/speaking, and pronunciation. It enables Guests to acquire functional English communication skills that are required for entry-level jobs and everyday life in the United States.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 104	Kahangi
Monday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Online/Zoom	Baker

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

PATHWAY B

INTERMEDIATE ELL

The focus in this class is instruction in English grammar and reading and are designed for adults who have good speaking skills, but who may need help with reading and writing in English. This course aims to improve Guests' English grammar, pronunciation, conversation, life skills, reading and writing, while learning about the culture within the United States.

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/7/2026	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Room 113	Carver
Tuesday Thursday	8/11/2026 - 10/8/2026	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Online/Zoom	Berenboim

ADVANCED ELL

This is a non-credit, open-enrollment course that is designed for Guests who have some advanced English language skills. This course aims to develop Guests' proficiency levels in all four domains of the English language (reading, writing, speaking and listening) in order to efficiently communicate in everyday situations. It is also meant to support Guests in the development of critical thinking skills. The use of technology will also be integrated.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 103	Steckel
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Online/Zoom	Avila

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

SUPPORT CLASSES

ELL CITIZENSHIP

Become a United States citizen with the help of Acalanes Adult Education. Our Citizenship class prepares Guests for the Department of Homeland Security test by building their understanding of English and the required knowledge. The curriculum includes U.S. History and federal, state, and local government. Guests will have access to sample tests for practice. Please note that Guests need to be registered in an Acalanes Adult Education ELL course and an Intermediate Low level of English competency is highly recommended.

To join our Citizenship program, Guests must first register for our ELL Orientation/Testing session.

We also offer an additional ELL Citizenship US History Focus class for those interested in more in-depth instruction on U.S. History, as well as further development of listening comprehension and speaking skills, in conjunction with the standard ELL Citizenship course.

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8/11/2026 - 9/24/2026	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Room 102	Bessette
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ELL COMPUTER BASICS

The ELL computer basics class is designed to introduce ELL Guests to computer basics, keyboarding, and Microsoft Word. By the end of this class, Guests will know how to identify parts of a computer desktop, create and name folders, add desktop shortcuts, pin programs to the taskbar, identify parts of a Word window, format text, use the CTRL key for shortcuts such as cut, copy, and paste, insert pictures, insert shapes, insert text boxes, and insert tables. Guests will create several end of quarter projects to showcase what they have learned. Guests will progress towards their personal, academic, and/or professional goals. Integrated throughout the course will be communication skills, writing skills, workplace readiness skills, including critical thinking, diversity awareness, and soft skills.

Tuesday Thursday	TBD	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Room 111	Shah-Zaeem
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ELL CONVERSATION

This class is for Intermediate and Advanced Guests. Guests will engage in a variety of formal and informal speaking activities such as small or whole group discussions, individual or group presentations, informal debates, among others. The focus will be on speaking fluency, as well as using specific grammatical structures, incorporating vocabulary, or utilizing the structure of formal presentation. **Note:** This class is designed to help ELL Guests speak English more naturally, confidently, and fluently. **ELL Guests should already be at an Intermediate High to Advanced level. Is this class right for you?** To make sure you get the most out of this course, all Guests will complete a short eligibility assessment with the instructor. This helps us ensure that everyone is comfortably placed at the Intermediate High to Advanced speaking level.

Tuesday Wednesday	TBD	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Room 103	Steckel
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FITNESS AND HEALTH

ACTIVE MOBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY TRAINING – (17 CLASS SESSIONS)

This fitness course helps with improving mobility, strength building, and body awareness through low-impact activities. Workouts incorporate slow and controlled movements to increase bone density and muscle functionality.

Emphasis is placed on safety and overall physical wellness. Exercises are simple and safe to do but effective without being overwhelming. Includes standing, seated, and chair assisted exercises.

All activities require no equipment, no exercises that require lying down or kneeling and can be modified to accommodate individual capabilities.

FH107.1	Monday Wednesday	8/10/2026 – 10/7/2026	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Room 101	Reg. \$170.00 Seniors \$153.00	Villasanta
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EIGHT BROCADES QIGONG, PART ONE – (5 CLASS SESSIONS)

The origins of the Eight Brocades Qigong movement form go back 900 years. This form helps release stress, benefit your internal organs, and develop balance, strength, and vitality. Class includes guided visualizations to harmonize our energies of body/mind/spirit with Mother Earth and Father Sky.

All levels welcome. Parts One and Two do not need to be taken together.

FH108.1	Tuesday	9/8/2026 – 10/6/2026	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Room 101	Reg. \$50.00 Seniors \$45.00	Dirlam-Ching
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GENTLE YOGA – (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Gentle yoga flows through poses connecting breath to movement. Creating a union of mind and body while working on strength, flexibility, and balance. Suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced practice. We will practice movement and meditation while connecting as a community. Bring a mat and a smile. All are welcome.

FH101.1	Wednesday	8/12/2026 – 10/7/2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Del Valle Theater	Reg. \$90.00 Seniors \$81.00	Runckel
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SOCIAL SCIENCES

HISTORY OF ROME: EMPIRE COLLAPSE - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

In this course, Guests will study and explore the Roman Empire from its origins with Augustus, the first two hundred years of peace and prosperity known as the Pax Romana, and the turmoil of a series of volatile leaders and political regimes. The reigns of several emperors and the tumultuous pattern of alternating periods of peace, political and economic stability, prosperity, and “mad” emperors and extremely socio-politically volatile times. These volatile times included civil wars, riots in the city of Rome, imperial assassinations, and military coups. Like its republic, despite this chaotic pattern of times of peace and civil conflict, the Roman Empire could thrive and survive for centuries. It grew significantly, stretching from Rome into most of Europe, North Africa, and a large section of the Near East, eventually splitting into two empires at the end of the third century CE. Both empires would continue to thrive until the pressures of the migration era and economic and political instability led to the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476 CE. Guests will explore how Rome grew a successful empire despite its continuing pattern of periods of peace and growth and great domestic turmoil and instability, how the “Roman” cultural identity continued to shift and change based on the interactions and influences of the many cultures the empire encountered and in some cases, absorbed through its growth. This course will examine the history of the Empire from its beginning in the first century CE, its growth peaked in the late third century, and the eventual collapse of the Western Empire nearly a century later.

Guests will explore Rome's growth and collapse as an Empire through a cross-disciplinary study using conventional methods, multimedia elements such as videos, interactive and hands-on exercises, and experiential means such as investigating and handling recreations of Roman artifacts, demonstrations, and other interactive means.

SS105.1	Tuesday	8/11/2026 - 10/6/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Doherty
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art

ACRYLIC AND OIL PAINTING LAB - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

This course offers Guests an immersive studio experience, providing a dedicated three-hour block per class session for the focused practice of either drawing or painting. Guests are encouraged to explore and develop their skills by working on subjects that resonate with their individual artistic interests on any given day. The instructor will be readily available throughout each session to provide personalized guidance, constructive feedback, and address any technical or conceptual challenges Guests may encounter. This extended class time allows for in-depth exploration of chosen subjects, experimentation with various techniques and materials, and the development of a sustained artistic practice within a supportive learning environment.

VP101.1A	Friday	8/14/2026 - 10/9/2026	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$270.00 Seniors \$243.00	Antkowiak
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ART STUDIO - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Discover the joy of creating in our open studio art class! Designed for both beginners and continuing Guests, this welcoming course offers a self-paced approach where you can work on individual projects using any medium you choose. Enjoy a supportive environment to explore your ideas, share feedback, and connect with fellow artists. Whether you thrive on collaborative discussion or prefer quiet, focused work sessions, this flexible space adapts to your creative style. No previous experience is required; guidance, inspiration, and source materials are always available to help you bring your vision to life.

VP117.1	Wednesday	8/12/2026 - 10/7/2026	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$270.00 Seniors \$243.00	Villasanta
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BASICS OF GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

This is a hands-on, practice focused course that gives an introduction to drawing through the principles used in graphic novels and illustrative art.

Lessons begin with simple shapes, quick gestures, and shading principles to mold these drawings into human figures. The class covers how these techniques can be applied to drawing animals, vehicles, and environments in perspective.

Emphasis is placed on clarity, dynamism, and design. No previous experience required.

This course is accessible to beginners and aspiring artists.

View Instructor Portfolio at www.artstation.com/sampiro

VP115.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 10/5/2026	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$240.00 Seniors \$216.00	Villasanta
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

This beginner watercolor course introduces foundational techniques, including brush control, washes, and layering. Guests will explore essential color theory concepts such as mixing, harmony, and value to build confidence with paint. Each session includes instructor-guided paintings that demonstrate step-by-step processes in a supportive, low-pressure environment. By the end of the course, participants will have completed several finished pieces and developed a strong base for further watercolor practice.

VP119.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 10/5/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$200.00 Seniors \$216.00	Baaten
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CONTINUED WATERCOLOR PAINTING FOR CREATIVE EXPRESSION - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

This intermediate course is designed for artists who are ready to build on their foundational skills and continue exploring watercolor as a vibrant medium of art.

Lessons will focus on developing painting techniques through demonstrations and hands-on projects. Artists will strengthen their understanding of color and value theory, as well as composition and brushwork.

We will explore a variety of subjects such as food, people, landscapes, florals, and many others.

Prior watercolor experience is recommended but not required.

VP118.1	Thursday	8/13/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$225.00 Seniors \$205.50	Villasanta
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art

FUNDAMENTALS OF DRAWING AND BEYOND - (4 OR 5 CLASS SESSIONS)

This drawing course is designed to increase your visual awareness and attain methods to help create lines and the effect of three dimensional drawings while having fun. Drawing is fundamental to most forms of art. We will explore the use of line, value, form, perspective, texture, and proportions throughout various drawing exercises. Guests will have group and individual instruction. Demonstrations and lectures will be given to educate each Guest. We will work from photographs of your choice, as well as occasional still lifes. Many class projects are geared for beginners and intermediate Guests. Advanced and intermediate Guests are welcome to work on their own personal projects to further perfect their skills. Please view the instructor's website at www.garybergren.com

Five (5) Class Sessions

VP104.1	Thursday	8/13/2026 - 9/10/2026	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$150.00 Seniors \$135.00	Bergren
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Four (4) Class Sessions

VP103.1	Thursday	9/17/2026 - 10/8/2026	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$120.00 Seniors \$108.00	Bergren
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MOSAIC ART WORKSHOP - (7 CLASS SESSIONS*)

There is something for just about everyone in this Mosaic workshop. While working at your own pace on the projects of your choice, beginners and experienced artists alike can explore mosaic craft and find inspiration from each other. The class is monitored by an instructor who provides direction for newbies and support for the experienced. While most work with glass, experiments with new materials and techniques are encouraged. Open yourself to the world of mosaics!

A fee of \$30.00 is to be paid to the instructor. Guests may have additional material costs depending on their projects.

PLEASE NOTE: Class will not be held on Monday, August 31, 2026 and Monday, September 7, 2026.

VP120.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 10/5/2026*	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$210.00 Seniors \$189.00	Zuckerman
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art

OIL OR ACRYLICS PAINTING (LANDSCAPES AND PORTRAITURE PAINTING) - (4 OR 5 CLASS SESSIONS)

This class is designed for beginning, intermediate, and beyond Guests. Learn to expand your creativity and art education while having fun. Paint from photos of your choice. Learn strong composition by lectures, and how to attain accurate color, values, and representation through painting demonstrations and individual instruction including critiques. Powerpoint lectures on various forms of composition and a portrait video is available upon request and is encouraged for further advancement towards professionalism. Please view instructor's website at www.garybergren.com

Five (5) Class Sessions

VP108.1	Thursday	8/13/2026 - 9/10/2026	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$150.00 Seniors \$135.00	Bergren
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Four (4) Class Sessions

VP107.1	Thursday	9/17/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$120.00 Seniors \$108.00	Bergren
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Crafting

PUMPKIN SPICE AND PAPER NICE - (1 CLASS SESSION) EVENING CLASS

Get ready for fall without the mess, mud, or pumpkin guts! Using decorative paper and easy-to-follow templates, you will create charming 3D paper pumpkins perfect for decorating your home, office, or any space that could use a little autumn flair. No artistic talent required—we will guide you step-by-step from flat paper to festive pumpkin. Best of all, these pumpkins will not wilt, rot, or attract squirrels.

Materials are provided.

A \$5.00 lab fee, payable to the instructor, covers the cost of supplies.

VP211.1	Tuesday	9/29/2026	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$20.00 Seniors \$18.00	Guderian
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WASHI, TAPE, REPEAT - LET'S MAKE CARDS! - (1 CLASS SESSION) EVENING CLASS

Tired of paying \$7.00 for a card someone else wrote? Come make your own! In this fun, beginner-friendly class, you will create up to ten (10) handmade cards for fall, Halloween, birthdays, thank-yous, congratulations, and whatever else life throws at you. We will provide the cardstock, scrapbook paper, washi tape, glue, scissors, and plenty of inspiration. No crafting experience required—if you can use scissors and enjoy having fun, you are qualified. Leave with a stack of unique cards and a new excuse to tell people, "I made it myself!"

Materials fee: \$10.00, payable to the instructor.

VP212.1	Tuesday	9/15/2026	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$20.00 Seniors \$18.00	Guderian
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Film Appreciation

REEL-TO-REAL TALK: A FILM FORUM - (5 CLASS SESSIONS)

Fall Quarter 1 2026 Theme: Oscar-Winning Costume Design

Join our interactive film forum where acclaimed cinema becomes the starting point for discussing universal issues and timely topics. Through collaborative post-viewing discussions, we break down how movies create meaning and provoke social commentary.

What to Expect:

- **Fall Quarter 1 2026 Focus:** Watch Academy Award-winning films for Best Costume Design and discover how wardrobe choices "open your eyes to new ways of watching and understanding visual storytelling" (Maggie Morgan).
- **Literary Analysis:** Examine how character conflicts, irony, foreshadowing, symbols, and themes shape a story.
- **Cinematic Techniques:** Explore the impact of performance, directing, cinematography, editing, visual effects, and sound design.
- **Engaging Discussions:** Share relevant ideas and social commentary in a welcoming, conversational environment.

In the 2026 Fall Quarter 1 Term, we will view a variety of films that include:

- *Roman Holiday* (1953 - 2 hours);
- *Star Wars* (1977 - 2 hours, 3 minutes);
- *Dangerous Liaisons* (1988 - 2 hours);
- *Black Panther* (2018 - 2 hours, 14 minutes); and,
- *An American in Paris* (1951 - 1 hour, 54 minutes).

VP302.1	Tuesday	9/8/2026 - 10/6/2026	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Del Valle Theater	Reg. \$150.00 Seniors \$135.00	Thorner
VP303.1	Thursday	9/10/2026 - 10/8/2026	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Del Valle Theater	Reg. \$150.00 Seniors \$135.00	Thorner

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Floral Design

MULTI-LEVEL FLORAL DESIGN – 6 CLASS SESSIONS

This floral design class offers courses for all levels, from beginner to master, catering to individuals seeking personal enrichment or professional certification. Course offerings include Basic, Advanced, Modern, Wedding, Instructor Training, and Master Floral Design. Advanced Guests interested in Ikebana, the Japanese art of floral arrangement, are also encouraged to enroll.

Please note that participants will be responsible for the cost of any extra materials needed for their weekly arrangements.

A one-time lab fee of \$25.00 is to be paid to the instructor on the first day of class for class supplies for the first class session.

VP402.1	Tuesday	9/1/2026 – 10/6/2026	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$150.00 Seniors \$135.00	Nagata
VP403.1	Wednesday	9/2/2026 – 10/7/2026	9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$150.00 Seniors \$135.00	Nagata

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Music – Guitar

CLASSIC GUITAR FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS - (8 CLASS SESSIONS) EVENING CLASS

Take your guitar skills to the next level and explore the beautiful world of classical music! Designed for Guests with a basic understanding of the guitar, this class will teach you how to read musical notation and practice easy, elegant compositions. By the end of the course, you will be able to confidently play simple pieces of classical guitar music while demonstrating a solid understanding of the guitar's neck and proper hand positioning.

Please note: Guests are required to bring their own nylon-string guitar and a footstool to each class.

VP504.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 10/5/2026	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Rooms 101	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Davora
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Photography

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY I - (5 CLASS SESSIONS) EVENING CLASS

Have you enjoyed taking photos with your phone and want to take your photography to the next level? Did you take photographs on film back in the day and want to learn how to use today's digital cameras? If so, this is the class for you. Unlock the full potential of your photography in this five-week class and learn how to use shutter speed, aperture, exposure, composition and more to make compelling pictures. We will go over camera settings, lenses, equipment and basic photo editing software. Taught by award-winning fine art photographer and photojournalist Jeff Heyman, this class offers you everything you need to turn your snapshots into stunning, frame-worthy photographs. Digital camera required for class.

NOTE - For New Photography Guests Only: To ensure the best environment for beginners, enrollment is exclusively reserved for Acalanes Adult Education Guests who have never taken a photography class with us before. Our goal is to welcome first-time photography Guests eager to learn the art form, take fresh photos, and grow their skills through guided peer and instructor critiques.

VP603.1	Tuesday	9/1/2026 - 9/29/2026	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Room 108	Reg. \$100.00 Seniors \$90.00	Heyman
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Sewing

FABRIC COLLAGE - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Discover the artist within and transform everyday fabric scraps into stunning works of art! In this hands-on, creative course, you will learn the art of fabric collage to craft richly layered pieces, from lush floral still lifes to expressive figurative portraits. Drawing inspiration from fine art and textile traditions, we will explore how to select, compose, and secure fabric pieces, using hand or machine stitching to build vibrant color, depth, and texture. Whether you want to recreate classic compositions or develop your own original scenes using materials from your home stash, you will leave with the skills to bring your textile visions to life. No prior art experience is required, just bring your love of fabric and a willingness to play!

VP704.1	Tuesday	8/11/2026 - 10/6/2026	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Room 109	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Baaten
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SEWING WORKSHOP - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

In this course, Guests are encouraged to select a sewing pattern of their choosing and will get hands-on support from the instructor in constructing it. Class will run like a workshop where Guests can ask questions and get help with some of the trickier aspects of sewing, such as fit and pattern adjustment.

VP703.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 10/5/2026	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Room 109	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Baaten
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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Theater – Improv

IMPROV FOR LAUGHTER AND BUILDING SKILLS TO THINK ON YOUR FEET! – (4 CLASS SESSIONS)

Discover the joy of improvisation in this fun, laugh-filled class! Focused on the three core principles of improv: "Yes, And...", "Make Your Partner Look Good," and "Be Spontaneous", this course will help you think on your feet and comfortably share your ideas in a warm, welcoming environment. As the group bonds through playful exercises, we will transition into creative scene work, giving you the chance to take on new characters and collaboratively play alongside your classmates.

VP803.1	Thursday	9/17/2026 – 10/8/2026	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Room 101	Reg. \$60.00 Seniors \$54.00	Rich
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WORLD LANGUAGES

French

FRENCH 1A/BEGINNING FRENCH 2A – (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

French 1/Beginning French 2 is a communicative course for novice French learners or those wanting to reinforce foundational skills. The curriculum emphasizes basic French conversation, straightforward sentence formation, and essential grammar, enabling immediate speaking ability. Each session incorporates grammar exercises, videos, online activities, and engaging cultural lessons to foster elementary French communication. A beginner's textbook will be utilized.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; ewilly@auhsdschools.org

WL300.1	Tuesday	8/11/2026 – 10/6/2026	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Willy
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FRENCH 2A INTERMEDIATE/FRENCH 3A – (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

This conversation-based course is designed for Guests who have completed French 1 or 2 and wish to continue their language studies. The curriculum emphasizes spoken French through engaging activities, introduces more advanced grammar concepts, and incorporates a significant cultural component. While a textbook will be used as a supplementary resource, Guests will receive comprehensive weekly lessons. These lessons will include videos, online assessments, reading selections, and vocabulary development exercises to further enhance language comprehension.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; ewilly@auhsdschools.org

WL301.1	Monday	8/10/2026 – 10/5/2026	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Willy
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WORLD LANGUAGES

French

FRENCH 5A PLUS - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

Continue your French language journey with this advanced intermediate course, designed as the perfect follow-up to our French 5 A-D (2025) sequence. Together, we will dive into advanced grammar topics while expanding your vocabulary and conversational fluency through lively discussions on various topics of interest. Through focused reading exercises and traditional dictées (dictations), you will refine your core abilities in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The ultimate goal is to help you communicate more effectively and confidently in real-world French.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; kwaeny@auhsdschools.org

WL309.1	Thursday	8/13/2026 - 10/1/2026	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Room 106	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Waeny
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FRENCH 5.5A PLUS - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

Build on the foundation of French 5.5 A-D (2025) and elevate your language skills in this dynamic continuation course! Designed to enhance both your oral and written communication, this class centers on reading engaging dialogues across a variety of themes. You will answer questions and participate in lively group discussions to build your conversational confidence and fluency. Additionally, we will tackle more advanced grammatical concepts through targeted practice exercises and explore captivating stories matched to your level.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; kwaeny@auhsdschools.org

WL310.1	Friday	8/14/2026 - 10/2/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 106	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Waeny
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WORLD LANGUAGES

French

FRENCH INTERMEDIATE (FORMERLY FRENCH 6) - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Continuing from Sherry's French 6, this intermediate French course is designed to strengthen your communication, comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary. Through a dynamic mix of verbal, written, and listening activities, you will immerse yourself in the language using a grammar book, short stories, and engaging audio and video clips. Be prepared to speak up! This is a highly interactive, discussion-heavy class where a willingness to participate and volunteer is a must.

Prerequisites: Completion of French 6 or equivalent. If you have prior French experience and are unsure of your level, please contact the instructor for placement.

For placement questions and information on required books, please email swangaxelrod@auhsdschools.org.

WL311.1	Wednesday	8/12/2026 - 10/7/2026	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Room 106	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Wang-Axelrod
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FRENCH 6A PLUS - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

Take your French skills to the next level with this beginning advanced course! Designed to follow a full year of French 6 A-D (2025) or its equivalent, this class will enhance your oral and written communication through a variety of engaging activities. We will focus on the "perfectionnement" (refinement) of your French grammar while developing your comprehension through targeted reading assignments. Get ready to actively use the language as you participate in dynamic class conversations and deliver presentations.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; kwaeny@auhsdschools.org

WL312.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 10/5/2026	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Room 106	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Waeny
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WORLD LANGUAGES

French

FRENCH 6.5A COMMUNICATION PLUS – (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

Continue your journey toward French fluency in this advanced communication course, designed as a follow-up to French 6.5 A-D Communication (2025). This class is tailored to enhance your spoken French through lively discussions on diverse topics and interactive group activities. Alongside conversation practice, you will study advanced grammar concepts to refine your skills and build true conversational confidence. To deepen your appreciation of French literature and culture, we will also continue reading and analyzing a French novel together.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; kwaeny@auhsdschools.org

WL313.1	Tuesday	8/11/2026 – 9/29/2026	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Room 106	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Waeny
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ADVANCED FRENCH – 7 CLASS SESSIONS

Advanced French is conducted in French and will take Guests to a higher level of verbal communication by using more complex grammar topics and colloquial expressions. The first half of the class focuses on interactive grammar exercises and the second half of the class includes group discussions, vocabulary building and analysis of contemporary French short stories. Guests work on their listening comprehension and pronunciation with the help of French news clips, recorded dialogues and cultural YouTube clips.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; cmaiden@auhsdschools.org

WL307.1	Wednesday	8/26/2026 – 10/7/2026	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Room 106	Reg. \$140.00 Seniors \$126.00	Maiden
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WORLD LANGUAGES

Italian

ITALIAN 1A – (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Italian 1 will give Guests the opportunity to learn how to listen and communicate with others in the Italian language. It comprises an Italian for Travelers program. Also, as each individual Guest learns in different ways, we will adopt various types of exercises and reading materials.

Italian 1a – No Prerequisite.

Please Note: A textbook may be required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; jmaycock@auhsdschools.org

WL400.1	Wednesday	8/12/2026 – 10/7/2026	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Room 105	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Maycock
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ITALIAN 2A – (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Each lesson is geared towards specific conversations needed for traveling. Also, grammar, comprehension, and various forms of communication and teaching techniques. Emphasis on Italian culture.

Italian 2a Prerequisite – Italian 1 or equivalent.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; lfalcone@auhsdschools.org

WL401.1	Wednesday	8/12/2026 – 10/7/2026	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Room 107	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Falcone
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ITALIAN 3A AND CONVERSATION – (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

This class will combine a variety of activities such as videos, lectures, games, grammar exercises, and quizzes. The Guests will develop an understanding of Italian culture, traditions, and society.

Italian 3a Prerequisite – Italian 2 or equivalent.

Please Note: A textbook may be required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; jmaycock@auhsdschools.org

WL402.1	Friday	8/14/2026 – 10/9/2026	9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Room 105	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Maycock
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WORLD LANGUAGES

Japanese

JAPANESE 1A INTRODUCTION - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Begin your journey into the Japanese language and culture with this complete introductory course! Designed for absolute beginners, this class will provide a solid foundation in fundamental grammar and introduce you to the basics of the Japanese writing system. Whether you are planning a trip, interested in the culture, or simply love learning new languages, you will build the essential skills needed to start communicating.

Please note: A textbook is not required for the first day, but Guests will need to purchase *Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese* (3rd Edition, ISBN: 978-4-7890-1730-5) for all subsequent sessions.

WL501.1	Friday	8/14/2026 - 10/9/2026	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Room 103	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Osoegawa
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JAPANESE 2A - (9 CLASS SESSIONS)

Continue your Japanese language journey in this course designed to pick up right where the Japanese 1 series left off! Welcoming both returning Guests and intermediate learners, this class builds upon your existing foundation to further develop your communication skills. Having a basic knowledge of Japanese grammar and the ability to read Hiragana will be highly beneficial as we dive deeper into the language.

We will continue to use the *Genki I* (3rd Edition) textbook to expand your vocabulary, grammar, and conversational abilities.

WL504.1	Friday	8/14/2026 - 10/9/2026	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Room 103	Reg. \$180.00 Seniors \$162.00	Osoegawa
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WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish

THE SPANISH 1 SERIES

Welcome to the foundational Spanish track at Acalanes Adult Education. This four-part series (1A through 1D) is designed specifically for adult learners, focusing on practical communication, cultural competency, and building a confident linguistic base.

Each course runs for 8 – 10 weeks, depending upon the quarter, meeting once weekly. Guests are welcome to enroll in any level to refresh their skills or continue their journey.

Quarterly Course Descriptions:

Spanish 1A: The Essentials (Fall Q1)

- **Focus:** Phonetics, greetings, goodbyes, nouns, articles and using formal and informal greetings.
- **Key Topics:** The alphabet, numbers 0–30, the calendar, time telling, pronouns and the verb ser (to be).
- **Outcome:** Guests can introduce themselves and friends, ask about and tell time, and say goodbye.

Spanish 1B: Daily Life and Action (Fall Q2)

- **Focus:** Regular -ar, -er, and -ir verbs, the verb estar (to be), the verb tener (to have) and forming questions.
- **Key Topics:** Family vocabulary, question words, numbers 30+, professions and occupations.
- **Outcome:** Guests can describe their family and friends, and ask questions about people and things.

Spanish 1C: Navigation and Needs (Winter Q3)

- **Focus:** The verb ir (to go), the four types of stem-changing verbs and "go" verbs (tener, salir, venir).
- **Key Topics:** Pastimes, hobbies, sports and places in a city.
- **Outcome:** Guests can discuss things they like to do, their weekend plans and accept/decline invitations.

Spanish 1D: Near Future and Pairing Verbs for Deeper Conversations (Spring Q4)

- **Focus:** The present progressive, the near future (ir + a + infinitive) and using two verbs together.
- **Key Topics:** Travel, vacations, hotels, weather expressions and saber vs conocer (to know/to be acquainted with).
- **Outcome:** Guests can describe what is happening at the moment and what will happen soon.

Is this the right class for you?

Our Spanish 1 Series is built from the ground up for absolute beginners! Because this series focuses on the very basics of the language and the instructor is not able to individualize the curriculum for higher proficiency levels, it is not appropriate for Guests who have already advanced beyond foundational Spanish 1. If you are currently at the Spanish 2, 3, 4, 5, or Advanced level, this introductory series may not benefit your language journey. Please check out our intermediate and advanced classes to find the perfect fit for your skill level!

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish

SPANISH 1A - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

Welcome to the foundational Spanish track at Acalanes Adult Education! This four-part series (1A through 1D) is designed specifically for adult learners, focusing on practical communication in the present tense, cultural competency, and building a confident linguistic base. Whether you are starting from scratch or looking to refresh your skills, you are welcome to join us at any level to continue your language journey.

Course Focus & Key Topics:

In this first quarter, we lay the groundwork for your Spanish-speaking journey by focusing heavily on phonetics, greetings, and "survival" Spanish. You will master:

- The Spanish alphabet and pronunciation basics; and,
- Numbers 1–30, the calendar, time telling, pronouns, and the verb ser (form of "to be").

Your Learning Outcome:

By the end of Spanish 1A, you will be able to confidently introduce yourself, describe your immediate surroundings, and handle basic, real-world social interactions.

Note to returning Guests: This course is part of a sequential series. Guests are always welcome to enroll in any level to refresh their skills or continue their journey.

WL611.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 10/5/2026	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 105	Reg. \$80.00 Seniors \$72.00	DaRe
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WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish

SPANISH 2A - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

This course segment will commence with a concise yet comprehensive review of two fundamental Spanish verb tenses: the present and the preterit. The review aims to solidify Guests' understanding of the conjugation, usage, and nuances of both tenses, ensuring a strong foundation for more complex grammatical structures. Following this tense review, the curriculum will delve into several key grammatical topics essential for building fluency and accuracy in Spanish. These topics will include a detailed examination of the distinctions and appropriate usage of the prepositions *Por* and *Para*, often a source of confusion for learners. Furthermore, Guests will gain a thorough understanding of demonstrative adjectives and pronouns, enabling them to effectively indicate and identify nouns. The course will also cover the formation and application of comparative adjectives and adverbs, allowing Guests to express comparisons in a grammatically correct manner. Finally, a selection of other relevant grammatical concepts will be introduced and explored, further enriching the Guests' grammatical toolkit and enhancing their ability to communicate effectively in Spanish.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; mruiiz@auhsdschools.org

WL602.1	Wednesday	8/12/2026 - 9/30/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 114	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Ruiz
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SPANISH 3A - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

This quarter of Spanish will offer Guests a thorough review and significant expansion upon their existing understanding of both simple and compound verb tenses. We will move beyond basic recognition and usage to explore the nuances and specific contexts in which each tense is most appropriately applied. Through a variety of exercises and activities, Guests will solidify their grasp of the present, past (preterite and imperfect), future, conditional, and perfect tenses.

In conjunction with this in-depth exploration of verb tenses, the course will also cover several crucial grammatical concepts. Guests will learn to confidently identify and correctly utilize direct and indirect objects, understanding their function within sentence structure and mastering their corresponding pronouns. Furthermore, we will dedicate significant time to the often-confused prepositions *por* and *para*, clarifying their distinct meanings and applications through practical examples and exercises. Beyond these core topics, we will address other relevant grammatical elements as needed to enhance Guests' overall fluency and accuracy in Spanish. The goal is to provide a comprehensive and practical understanding of these fundamental grammatical building blocks.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; mruiiz@auhsdschools.org

WL603.1	Thursday	8/13/2026 - 10/1/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 114	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Ruiz
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WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish

SPANISH 4A - (8 CLASS SESSIONS)

This course delves into a comprehensive exploration of the subjunctive mood, focusing specifically on its various tenses. Guests will engage in an in-depth study of each subjunctive tense, gaining a nuanced understanding of their formation, usage, and semantic distinctions. Furthermore, the curriculum will incorporate the review and instruction of essential grammatical concepts as necessary. These supplementary grammatical topics will be addressed strategically to ensure Guests possess a complete and robust understanding of the linguistic structures underpinning the subjunctive mood and facilitating a thorough comprehension of all course content.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; mruiz@auhsdschools.org

WL604.1	Tuesday	8/11/2026 - 9/29/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 114	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Ruiz
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INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED SPANISH CONVERSATION - (7 CLASS SESSIONS)

This dynamic and interactive course is designed to empower Guests with the essential vocabulary and communicative strategies needed to engage in natural and spontaneous conversations. The primary objective is to cultivate a comfortable and confident oral expression, enabling Guests to maintain fluent and meaningful exchanges with their peers. Through a series of engaging activities, role-playing scenarios, and structured discussions, Guests will not only expand their lexical repertoire but also refine their ability to articulate thoughts, express opinions, and understand diverse perspectives. The emphasis will be on practical application, ensuring that Guests can seamlessly integrate new vocabulary and grammatical structures into their real-time interactions, fostering a genuine sense of connection and understanding within the learning community. By the end of this course, Guests will possess the tools and confidence to navigate a wide range of conversational topics with ease, enhancing their overall communication prowess and fostering stronger interpersonal connections.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; mruiz@auhsdschools.org

WL612.1	Monday	8/10/2026 - 9/28/2026	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room 114	Reg. \$140.00 Seniors \$126.00	Ruiz
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WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish

ADVANCED SPANISH – 8 CLASS SESSIONS

This course takes Spanish Guests to an advanced level by increasing Guests' verbal communication, levels of critical thinking, and understanding of analytical statements in Spanish through the use of more complex grammar structures that will be applied in conversation.

Please Note: A textbook is required. Please contact your instructor for information on ordering the textbook; mruiz@auhsdschools.org

WL607.1	Friday	8/14/2026 – 10/2/2026	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Room 114	Reg. \$160.00 Seniors \$144.00	Ruiz
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ACALANES ADULT EDUCATION

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2026 - 2027

ACALANES ADULT EDUCATION													
2026 - 2027 Academic Calendar													
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Fall Q1: August 10 - October 9							44 School Days						
Fall Q2: October 13 - December 18							43 School Days						
Winter Q3: January 4 - March 12							47 School Days						
Spring Q4: March 16 - May 28							49 School Days						
Summer: June 1 - June 30							21 School Days						
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							March 4, 2026						