

Legal Studies Academy: Program Requirements

Advanced Studies Diploma Requirements: All students enrolled in the LSA are required to pursue an Advanced Studies diploma.

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
LSA Required Course (4 credits)	Introduction to Law	Introduction to Criminal Justice	Career Strategies Seminar (Internship)	AP Research (Part 2 of AP Capstone)
English (4 credits)	LSA Honors English 9	AP Seminar English 10 (Part 1 of AP Capstone)	LSA Honors English 11 OR LSA AP English 11**	LSA Honors English 12 OR AP English 12** OR DE College Composition***
Social Studies (4 credits)	LSA World History I OR LSA AP Human Geography**	LSA World History II OR LSA AP European History**	LSA VA/US History OR AP US History**	LSA US Government OR AP Government**
Science (4 credits)	LSA Biology (Corequisite: Algebra I)	LSA Chemistry (Corequisite: Algebra II)	LSA Forensic Science OR Physics OR Astronomy OR Oceanography OR AP or DE Science** (TBD)	LSA Forensic Science OR Physics OR Astronomy OR Oceanography OR AP or DE Science** (TBD)
Math (4 credits)	Algebra I (Honors**) Geometry (Honors**) Algebra II Honors	Geometry (Honors**) Algebra II Honors Probability and Statistics Data Science AP Math**	Algebra II Honors Probability and Statistics Data Science AP Math**	Probability and Statistics Data Science AP Math**
Health & PE (2 credits)	Health & PE 9*	Health & PE 10	AP or DE SCIENCE OPTIONS (teacher recommendations): AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, AP or DE Chemistry, AP Physics AP MATH OPTIONS (teacher recommendations): AP PreCalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science A, AP Statistics, AP Micro/Macroeconomics	
Fine Art/CTE (1 credit)	Course can be completed anytime 9 th -12 th grade Recommend: DE Introduction to Business and Business Law (10th-12th grade; offered at TCC or virtual) (HS Credit Keyboarding/Keyboarding Application AND Desktop Multimedia Presentations from MS can apply)			
World Language (3 credits)	Required: 3 years of 1 language OR 2 years each of two different languages; Level IV, V, AP** (Strongly advised: Level IV when meeting success in a language and taking an HS-level language)			
Economics & Personal Finance (1 credit)			Course can be completed after 10 th grade (Digital Campus, Asynchronous, and In-Person - GPA impacted) AP Micro/Macroeconomics satisfies the requirement as well	
26 Total Credits				

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LSA Electives	LSA Mock Trial	LSA Mock Trial Criminology/Criminal Psychology Forensic Science	LSA Mock Trial Criminology/Criminal Psychology Forensic Science	LSA Mock Trial Criminology/Criminal Psychology Forensic Science

*Students are required to complete CPR/AED/First Aid training before graduation. Embedded in H/PE 9

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Required Verified Credits (SOLs)	5 verified credits needed: Reading, Writing, 1 Math, 1 Science, and 1 History
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Other Academy Program Requirements:

- **Community Service:** All students must complete and log 200 hours of community service before May 1st of their senior year
 - o Students who enter the LSA in 10th grade must complete 150 hours
- **Master Classes:** All students must complete a total of 12 master classes before May 1st of their senior year
 - o Suggested sequence of completion:
 - 9th Grade – 4 master classes
 - 10th Grade – 4 master classes
 - 11th Grade – 2 master classes
 - 12th Grade – 2 master classes during the first semester

Other program notes:

1. H/PE 9 and 10 and Econ/Personal Finance may be the only courses allowed to be taken over the summer. Summer school courses must receive prior authorization from the Academy Coordinator before registering for the course.
2. Due to program requirements and scheduling constraints, Legal Studies students may be unable to enroll in programs at the Advanced Technology Center, Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center, Governor's School of the Arts, or the Environmental Studies Program.
3. Every effort will be made to accommodate the student's schedule if they enroll in an additional program. Students must complete the following requirements in order of importance (see below):
 1. High school graduation requirements
 2. LSA graduation requirements
 3. Secondary program requirements

Note: If a student cannot fulfill the above requirements as stated, they will have to choose between programs. Students who select the secondary program must return to their home high school.