



SPIRIT ACADEMY

2010-2011

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Secondary Literature Course Descriptions

Literature 7

Seventh Grade

First Semester

Second Semester

Students will be introduced to the five-paragraph composition, including an original thesis, an outline, and introductory and concluding paragraphs. They will correct and revise their compositions using new grammar concepts. An important element of the curriculum is its stress on vocabulary development, thereby preparing the students for increased reading comprehension in all academic subjects. Students will be introduced to many genres of literature through short stories, poetry, non-fiction, drama and novels, and learn to evaluate them by Biblical standards and principles.

Parent Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Sixth Grade Language Arts

Literature 8

Eighth Grade

First Semester

Second Semester

Students will refine their ability to write a standard seven-paragraph composition with outline and thesis on a variety of academic subjects, using the text, classic literature, and research to support the thesis and to provide interesting and relevant introductions and conclusions. Students will be introduced to many genres of literature through short stories and novels and learn to evaluate them by Biblical principles. The class will also place an emphasis on literary terms as well as the analysis of literature studied in class. An important element of the curriculum is its stress on vocabulary development, thereby preparing the students for increased reading comprehension in all academic subjects.

Parent Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Seventh Grade Literature

Fundamentals of Literature

Freshman

First Semester

Second Semester

Using short stories and poems in the Bob Jones University literature text, *Fundamentals of Literature*, the class explores the different elements of literature including conflict, theme, characterization and structure. These ideas are reinforced as the class takes an in depth look at core novels. The use of twenty-five minute writes prepares students for the timed essay portion of the SAT and sharpens their ability to brainstorm and develop ideas quickly. Students will test their ability to write analytically about the literature encountered in both short informal writes and longer formal essays. They will also have an opportunity to use their imaginations in creative writing assignments and other projects. Review of essential language skills will be implemented and vocabulary is expanded. Extended reading requirements encourage students to read books of their choice and hopefully find a love for reading. The overall objective of the course is to help build practical reading and writing skills while learning about literature.

Parent Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Eighth Grade Literature



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Secondary Literature Course Descriptions

Elements of Literature

Sophomore

First Semester

Second Semester

This class takes the next step from Bob Jones University's *Fundamentals of Literature*, and explores the *Elements of Literature*, a collection of short stories, excerpts, poems, and some complete works, such as William Shakespeare's famous love story, Romeo and Juliet. To supplement this literature, the class also examines core novels. Classical vocabulary assignments will be given in addition to other assignments that supplement the core works of literature. The use of twenty-five minute writes prepares students for the timed essay portion of the SAT and sharpens their ability to brainstorm and develop ideas quickly. Argument and analysis are stressed in this class in both classroom discussions and writing assignments. Creative writing will also be explored.

Parent Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Fundamentals of English Literature-Freshman

American Literature

Junior

First Semester

Second Semester

With two preparatory courses in both fundamentals and elements of literature, this course explores American Literature as arranged by Pearson/Prentice Hall. To compliment this survey study, core novels are explored in-depth. Classical vocabulary assignments will be given in addition to work that will supplement the core works of literature. The use of twenty-five minute writes prepares students for the timed essay portion of the SAT and sharpens their ability to brainstorm and develop ideas quickly. Argument and analysis are stressed in this class in both classroom discussions and writing assignments. Creative writing will also be explored.

Parent Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Elements of Literature-Sophomore

British Literature

Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course uses the Prentice Hall Literature text *The British Tradition*. It provides an overview of British literature and is a resource text for the year. It covers the eight major periods in British Literature, from the Old English era to the Modern Era. In addition, each quarter we will be doing an in-depth study of a supplementary text. We will be reading *Beowulf* (an epic poem) during the first quarter. The second quarter will be focused on several of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. During our study of the Romantic era, we will be reading *Jane Eyre*, and our final quarter will include a study of *The Screwtape Letters*. We will be practicing a variety of writing styles, including narratives, compare/contrast essays, persuasive essays, and a final research paper, as well as creative and informal writing projects. The goal of this course is to increase student appreciation for the British heritage and influence, prepare students for college level writing, and encourage a love of reading.

Parent Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: American Literature-Junior



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Secondary Literature Course Descriptions

World Literature First Semester Second Semester

Senior

This senior literature course will examine literature from a historical and geographical perspective, covering ages from Ancient Greece to modern times. A textbook will be used to introduce short fiction and poetry, and will be supplemented with Shakespearean drama and classic novels from a variety of continents and eras. Analytical essays will be used to evaluate the student's comprehension, and to develop research and expository skills. The overall objective of this course is to help prepare students for college level writing and literature courses.

Parent Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisites: American Literature – Junior



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Secondary Mathematics Course Descriptions

Math – Course 2 First Semester Second Semester

Seventh – Eighth Grade

This course is an introduction to basic math skills. Fractions, percents, basic word problems and a continuation of required math skills will be covered.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Sixth Grade Math

Pre Algebra First Semester Second Semester

Seventh Grade – Eighth Grade

The class will start with a focus on algebraic expressions and the manipulation of integers. One step linear equations and inequalities will then be introduced, gradually moving the student from integers to using equations comprised of decimals, fractions, exponents, ratios, proportions and percentages.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Sixth or Seventh Grade Math

Algebra 1A First Semester Second Semester

Eighth Grade - Freshman

The objectives of this course include the following: the understanding of the properties and structure of our number system and its operations, the development of skills basic to the solving of quantitative problems that arise in science, business and more advanced mathematics, and the extension of the techniques of reasoning. The course content includes the following: work with sets of rational and irrational numbers and their properties, solution of linear equations and inequalities and graphs of both linear and quadratic functions, solving systems of equations both graphically and with linear combinations, products and factoring of polynomial, rational expressions, exponents, elementary statistics and probability, and problem-solving.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Pre Algebra



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Secondary Mathematics Course Descriptions

Algebra 1B First Semester Second Semester

Eighth Grade - Freshman

The Algebra 1B computer lab focuses on allowing the student to interact with a concept before the concept is developed. The journey begins with the student discovering the concept through a virtual manipulative or game. After this interaction, the concept is introduced in a logical manner, allowing the student to see why and how the mathematical process works. Problem-solving strategies and real-life occurrences are woven into the concept-building part of the course. Students are assigned projects that reinforce practical application of basic Algebra 1 concepts. Students and parents are encouraged to explore www.spiritmath.com to review classroom activities and to learn more about how math is used in their world today. Algebra 1B classroom follow-up provides in-depth exploration of concepts through instruction, group analysis, and individual homework help. Instruction and teacher-led discussion provides numerous opportunities for students to take notes, to demonstrate their understanding through answering questions and by going to the white board to work out solutions. Online Assessment: Many of the tests and quizzes are given in the form of online assessment. With the aid of the EXAMVIEW PRO computer testing software and www.spiritmath.com, tests and quizzes can be administered offsite, and submitted for grading from the home computer. Students and families have some flexibility in the time frame for administering an assessment as allowed by the teacher. By offering online assessment, the instruction time onsite can be better utilized for instruction and student cooperative learning.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study
Prerequisite: Pre Algebra

Geometry First Semester Second Semester

Freshman - Sophomore

This is a traditional course in Euclidean plane and three-dimensional geometry. Special emphasis is placed on logic and proof. This course is designed to help students become logical thinkers and to help prepare them for college or vocational level courses.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study
Prerequisite: Algebra 1

Consumer Math First Semester Second Semester

Freshman - Senior

This course prepares students to make financial decisions by giving instruction about credit card charges, taxes, interest on loans and savings, personal banking, and costs of transportation, food, clothing, utilities, insurance, and filling out income tax forms. Being a good steward of the Lord's money is the primary emphasis.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study
Prerequisite: None



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Secondary Mathematics Course Descriptions

Algebra 2

Sophomore - Junior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course includes the study of functions and second degree equations, approached both graphically and analytically, as well as topics in probability and data analysis. A graphing calculator is required.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Geometry

Trigonometry

Sophomore - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

The goal of this class will help to prepare the student for pre-calculus and college level mathematics courses. This course is designed to cover analytic geometry (including polar coordinates and parametric equations) in addition to trigonometric functions and their graphs. Side-by-side solutions for select examples include multiple problem solving approaches—such as algebraic, graphical, and numerical. A graphing calculator is required.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Algebra 2

Pre-Calculus

Junior - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course continues the study of functions, examining them both graphically and analytically. It emphasizes trigonometry, analytic geometry, conic sections and quantitative literacy. A graphing calculator is required.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Algebra 2



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Foreign Language Course Descriptions

Spanish I First Semester

Freshman – Senior

Second Semester

This is an introductory course to the Spanish language and the Spanish people. Classroom time will be spent in developing listening skills and practicing appropriate levels of conversation. There will be a strong emphasis on becoming comfortable with the foundational structures of the Spanish language. The most frequently used forms of speech will be highlighted. Vocabulary acquisition and conjugating a variety of regular and irregular verbs in the present tense will be of greatest importance. Grammatical concepts such as accuracy in noun/adjective agreement, effective usage of the comparative forms of adjectives and adverbs, correct placement of direct object pronouns and precision in utilizing interrogatives will all be significant. We will be learning greetings and introductions, how to find one's way in a new situation, and using numbers in telling time, money transactions and dates. We will be memorizing Scripture and Gospel phrases, as well as acquainting ourselves with the Latino way of life, which is intended to impart to us all a love for and understanding of Spanish-speaking people.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Spanish II First Semester

Sophomore – Senior

Second Semester

Spanish II will continue the emphasis of Spanish I. We will add new situations and life insights which will bring a deeper grasp of ways to relate and communicate in this romantic language. There will be a continuing focus on giving students practical tools for everyday occasions. We will highlight Latin America, the people and their usage of the language. We will learn to go shopping, to eat in a restaurant, to visit the doctor, to make a hotel reservation, and to share the Gospel. Conversation will become more important in the classroom. Grammatical concepts will continually be explained, reviewed and monitored to see that each student knows what he or she is saying. We will thoroughly explore the preterit and imperfect verb tenses.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: Spanish I

Spanish III First Semester

Junior – Senior

Second Semester

Spanish III allows the student to continue to grow in his/her command of Spanish. Conversational involvement becomes even more important to this growth. New concepts this year include identifying and using the subjunctive mode. By course design, much of the material has been taught in levels I and II. Our adventure in level III will be to experience the language and the people. Proper usage will continually be assured by explanation and practice. Appropriate insights into Latino life will be provided in order to give the student opportunity to develop this beautiful language into a significant help to his/her own life. The course material provides a broad spectrum of practical situations for this to take place. We will use Bible verses and continue our focus on equipping the students to share their faith.

Parental Role: Course Monitor

Prerequisite: Spanish II



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Science Course Descriptions

Life Science

Seventh Grade

First Semester

Second Semester

This class includes a survey of life, the cell, beginnings, genetics, the five kingdoms, ecology and the human body. The emphasis is on learning through labs and class activities, reinforced by written work and projects.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Physical Science

Eighth Grade

First Semester

Second Semester

Through a variety of projects, laboratory activities, and group and class discussions, students will explore the scientific concepts of chemistry, astronomy, and physics. This course utilizes a hands-on, inquiry based approach to learning. Use of scientific tools and instruments is stressed, as well as thinking critically, reading comprehensively, writing and evaluating laboratory results and working cooperatively in groups.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Biology

Freshman – Sophomore

First Semester

Second Semester

This class will include the study of all five kingdoms, the cell and organic chemistry, beginnings, genetics, ecosystems, and the human body. The emphasis will be on learning through labs, reinforced by written work and projects.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Anatomy and Physiology

Sophomore - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is designed for students who have a strong interest in biology and wish to learn in detail about the structure and function of the human body. It is an upper level life science elective that is demanding, but not as rigorous as an advanced placement course. Laboratory investigations, simulations and dissections are an integral part of the course. The course is well suited for students wishing to pursue a career in the health care field.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 "C" or better, Biology "B" or better, & Chemistry "C" or better OR concurrent enrollment in Chemistry & instructor approval



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Science Course Descriptions

Chemistry

Sophomore – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is designed to be a first-year high school chemistry course and gives the student a rigorous foundation in chemistry, in order to prepare him or her for a college-level course. The course covers significant figures, units, classification, the mole concept, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, thermodynamics, kinetics, acids and bases, redox reactions, solutions, atomic structure, Lewis structures, molecular geometry, the gas laws, and equilibrium. Students who take and understand this course will be very well-prepared for a tough university chemistry course.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Algebra 1

Physics

Junior – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This college-prep physics course is designed for the student who has completed Algebra 2 and has had an introduction to the definitions of sine, cosine, and tangent. It provides a detailed introduction to the methods and concepts of general physics. Heavily emphasizing vector analysis, this course is ideal preparation for a college-level physics course. It provides the student with a strong background in one-dimensional and two-dimensional motion, Newton's laws and their application, gravity, work and energy, momentum, periodic motion, waves, optics, electrostatics, electrodynamics, electrical circuits, and magnetism.

Parental Role: Guide to Independent Study

Prerequisite: Algebra 2



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Social Studies Course Descriptions

World Studies

Seventh Grade

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is a survey of world history from 1100 to the present time. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of God's sovereign hand upon the world's history, different cultures, world geography, significant people in world history, and important dates in world history.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

American Republic

Eighth Grade

First Semester

Second Semester

Course Description: This course is a survey of American history from the discovery of America to the beginning of the 21st century. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of God's sovereign hand upon the history and events of the United States of America, chronological historical events in America, significant events in American history, significant people in American history, and important dates in American history.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Geography

Freshman – Sophomore

First Semester

Second Semester

Beginning with the Old World, World Geography leads students on a study-tour of the continents, highlighting the different lands and peoples of Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and the Americas. In addition, This class is designed to teach students to draw the world from memory; locating countries, major cities, mountains, rivers, deserts, and other geographical features. They will also explore current events related to the region they are drawing. This accomplishment gives students a picture of God's created world and man's political borders and thus a better understanding of history, politics and current events.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

World History

Freshman – Sophomore

First Semester

Second Semester

The course builds a solid foundation of ancient history, tracing man's history back to the Garden of Eden. It presents neglected Asian and African cultures in a unique ancient-to-modern style, helping the students to recognize other peoples and cultures. An in-depth study of the Greco-Roman culture lays the groundwork for an exciting section on medieval history. The last section brings the student to the very doorstep of current history and vividly depicts world events in light of God's master plan.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Social Studies Course Descriptions

Art History

Sophomore - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is designed to explore History through art appreciation. Key aspects include:

1. Judaism: the symbolism and beauty of God's Tabernacle relating to today's modern symbols.
2. The Early Christian Church and the purpose of mosaics.
3. The Muslim culture with the development of Islam and the effects on the world today.
4. Renaissance and Reformation – Catholics, Lutherans and Protestants
5. Modern Art and Impressionism; Industrial, Revolution and the growth of Religious Cults.
6. Today – pop art, post modernism and the influence of Far East religion and philosophies.

Art projects will include: Computer graphic bumper stickers, mosaic cross, stained glass cross, and a final artist of choice rendition.

Required Field Trip: Getty Museum in the Spring (approx. \$10)

Upon enrollment in this class student will receive credit as a Fine Art Course OR a Social Studies course.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Completion of World History and/or Geography

US History

Junior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is designed to provide the student with a historical perspective of the United States. Only through history can students learn the cause and effect of future decisions. This course introduces the students to the European discovery of the vast land we now call the United States. The immigration of the people and culture has dramatically changed the land from an undeveloped frontier to a world power. This course also explores the economic and political changes experienced in the 20th century from war to industrialization to innovation.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Geography or World History

Government/Economics

Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

Government: This course is an in-depth study of America's founding documents. We will use not only primary source documents, but also the same learning techniques of research, reflect, reason and record that our founding fathers used. This method will give the student a deeper understanding of our country, which has turned out to be the longest lasting republic known in history. The government belongs to the people, so it is imperative that we understand it.

Economics: This course covers the basics of economics, including the concepts of competition and market structure, freedom of choice, private ownership, and profit and loss. Basic terms related to economics are covered as well as personal finance and principles of Biblical finance.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Geography or World History and US History



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Biblical Studies Course Descriptions

Junior High Bible First Semester

Seventh – Eighth

Second Semester

Jr. High Bible - Apologetics

This course helps students to develop critical thinking minds in order to defend their Christian faith. It will help students to learn how to demolish many of the arguments against Christianity and to have fun doing it. As a result, students increase their confidence in and understanding of the tenets of the Christian faith, as well as the ability to answer some of the basic arguments against Christianity. Some of the topics are: Is the Bible a reliable text? What does it mean to be a Christian? Is Jesus Christ the Messiah spoken about in the Old Testament? What are some of the problems with evolution?

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Old Testament Survey

Freshman - Sophomore

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is designed to give students an introduction and overview of the Old Testament as it relates to contextual, cultural, and present day understanding. Throughout the course of this class, students will dig deep into the text in an attempt to reconstruct the history of Israel and the events that led up to the formation of the New Testament. Students will be led through the Old Testament Canon (Genesis - Malachi) to understand the context of the writings and the purpose behind them, as well as to formulate a present day application from them.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None

New Testament Survey

Junior – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is designed to give students the background and overview of the New Testament as it relates historically, theologically, and contextually to past and present day understanding. Through this course, students will discover the character of Jesus Christ in his life, teachings, and ministry through the Gospel writings, as well as seek to understand the various letters of Paul and other writings that help to build the foundation of the early church. Using the book of Acts as a foundation, students will discover life applications and biblical principles regarding the morals and character of the Christian faith and life.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Biblical Studies Course Descriptions

Defending Your Faith First Semester

Freshman – Senior

Second Semester

This course is designed to challenge students to hold to a strong Biblical worldview which will serve to strengthen their Christian beliefs as they interact within a hostile secular culture. According to Scripture, there are only two worldviews— a Biblical worldview, and a nonBiblical worldview. The Biblical worldview is based upon Truth, whereas a nonBiblical worldview is based upon lies. The first part of this course will include going through Focus on the Family's apologetic presentation of "The Truth Project." For detailed information on "The Truth Project," please visit www.thetruthproject.org. The second part of this course will deal with examining other belief systems of the world and how they differ from the Christian faith. This course will also integrate the necessary tools of logic and argumentation to better equip students in defending their faith.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Understanding the Times

Junior – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This class is a study of the four basic religious worldviews of our time, which are Secular/Humanism, Marxist/Leninism, Cosmic/Humanism and Biblical Christianity. It includes the roots of each view and the results of each in society. Each worldview's approach to ten basic disciplines is addressed. Practical application units in the current cultural problems, leadership, communication and marriage/family are added.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Biblical Applications

Freshman – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This class is a Thursday night Bible study for high school students. Boys and girls meet separately for intimate discussions on how to use the Bible to deal with every day battles. Fellowship and dinner is always served!

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None

Logic and Debate

Freshman - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

An introduction to the principles of correct reasoning and their application. The emphasis is on improving the skills of thinking and reading critically, analyzing and evaluating arguments objectively, and constructing sound arguments based on relevant evidence. Taking this course, student will either receive Elective credit or Bible credit.

Parent Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Electives Course Descriptions

Speech

Seventh – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

The speech and debate course emphasizes the ability to speak and perform in front of audiences. This course will teach students the skills required for presenting a speech: analyzing an audience, listening, coping with fear, and using visual aids. It will also teach students the skills they will need to prepare a speech: researching a topic, analyzing arguments and texts, and organizing and outlining material. The debate portion of the course covers the principles of persuasion, argumentation, debate and their application to issues of current public interest. This course begins to prepare students for debate tournaments. Study will concentrate on critical thinking and analytic skills as well as the preparation of presentations based on research and reading.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Student Council Leadership Team

Seventh – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This is a class offered to those students who desire to be part of the Spirit Academy Leadership Development Team. This is an opportunity to teach and implement leadership development that encompasses student life programs, class council committee roles for service projects and school events and class officer positions. (For example, but not limited to service projects, mission trips, venturing trips, dances, fund raisers, lunch time activities, etc.)

Parent Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None

Strengthening Reading, Listening, Note Taking & Writing

Seventh – Senior

First Semester Only

This class will give the students practice they need to ensure comprehension and good tests scores today and good life skills for tomorrow. They will learn to organize their thoughts for writing assignments and homework, comprehend reading passages and construct strong written responses on tests, and perform effectively on listening test items. This course is offered with Basic Keyboarding (see below).

Parent Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Keyboarding – Second Semester Only

This 7-12 grade course is designed to increase student keyboarding skill through drill practice and reinforcement of correct techniques. Students will use word processing software to create, format, and edit personal and business documents.

Parent Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Electives Course Descriptions

Yearbook

Freshman – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course will provide students with the opportunity to plan, develop, and produce the school's yearbook. In order to achieve this goal, students will create page layouts, choose appropriate photos, and skillfully write copy for pages assigned to them. They will also help choose and develop the yearbook's theme.

Please note: Computer Credit is not given for this course; it is an elective.

Parental Role: Project Assistant

Prerequisite: Approval of Yearbook Teacher.

Cooking, Entertaining and Party Planning

Freshman - Senior

First Semester

(Junior High upon approval)

Second Semester

This course is designed to help the student recognize and use common, everyday cooking utensils. We will talk about kitchen safety and start to prepare easy meals. By the end of the year, we will host and provide food for an event. Special attention will be given to creating a menu, choosing a theme, shopping for groceries, staying within a budget, setting a table, making a centerpiece, creating a guest list, sending out an invitation and cooking a meal. Come cook with me. Boys and girls welcome.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None

Logic and Debate

Freshman - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

An introduction to the principles of correct reasoning and their application. The emphasis is on improving the skills of thinking and reading critically, analyzing and evaluating arguments objectively, and constructing sound arguments based on relevant evidence. Taking this course, student will either receive Elective credit or Bible credit.

Parent Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Electives Course Descriptions

Foundations for Personal Finance Junior – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

Foundations in Personal Finance is designed to empower students to make Biblically sound financial decisions for life. Using methods that are both entertaining and engaging, this class provides the next generation a solid foundation on which they can build their financial future. Students will learn the value of earning, saving, & giving and how debt is the enemy of wealth.

This class will teach the students how to:

DESCRIBE THE MANY DANGERS OF DEBT

ESTABLISH A BUDGET THAT WORKS

SAVE MONEY AND BUILD WEALTH

IDENTIFY AND UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT TYPES OF INVESTMENTS

SET AND ACHIEVE FINANCIAL AND CAREER GOALS

BECOME AN AWARE CONSUMER

NEGOTIATE GREAT DEALS

RECOGNIZE THE ADVANTAGES OF RENTING & OWNING A HOME

UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSURANCE AND WHAT'S BEST FOR THEM

Parent Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None

Student Aid

Freshman - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This is designed for students who want to be a TA for teachers during school hours. Tasks will consist of photocopying, etc.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Teacher Approval



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Fine Arts Course Descriptions

Jr. High Fine Arts Color and Composition First Semester Second Semester

Seventh – Eighth Grade

This course will present an in-depth look at color theory and how to apply it using dry media of soft, hard, and oil pastels. The element of color is explored. Composition as it relates to color is further examined covering ideas of depth and perspective found throughout the world. This is a comprehensive Art program designed to involve the student in the creative process while developing observation skills. Plus Master works featuring World Art are presented.

Parental Role: Project Assistant

Prerequisite: None

Sr. High Fine Arts Color and Composition First Semester Second Semester

Freshman - Senior

This course will present the fundamentals of color theory along with a thorough study of watercolor techniques. Composition is emphasized in abstract and realistic works using landscape, still life, and portraits. Critical analysis of art work is stressed in the application of the creative process. Art appreciation is included as students evaluate works of European masters and apply techniques.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: None

Photography First Semester Second Semester

Freshman – Senior

In this class, we will learn both the technical aspects of photography as well as the artistic aspects. We will emphasize portraiture and people in the first semester, and art photography in the second semester. We will be learning on digital cameras, so we will be learning basics of retouching and photo manipulation in Adobe Photoshop. Depending on time, we may also learn some alternative photographic techniques, such as infrared photography and hand-tinting, and the importance of expressing emotion and personal style in your photographic work.

Parental Role: Project Assistant

Prerequisite: Basic operating knowledge of digital camera



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Fine Arts Course Descriptions

Art History

Sophomore - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is designed to explore History through art appreciation. Key aspects include:

1. Judaism: the symbolism and beauty of God's Tabernacle relating to today's modern symbols.
2. The Early Christian Church and the purpose of mosaics.
3. The Muslim culture with the development of Islam and the effects on the world today.
4. Renaissance and Reformation – Catholics, Lutherans and Protestants
5. Modern Art and Impressionism; Industrial, Revolution and the growth of Religious Cults.
6. Today – pop art, post modernism and the influence of Far East religion and philosophies.

Art projects will include: Computer graphic bumper stickers, mosaic cross, stained glass cross, and a final artist of choice rendition.

Required Field Trip: Getty Museum in the Spring (approx. \$10)

Upon enrollment in this class student will receive credit as a Fine Art Course OR a Social Studies course.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study

Prerequisite: Completion of World History and/or Geography



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Computer Science Course Descriptions

Graphic Design

Jr. High - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

Graphic Design is intended to be a first course in computer aided page design. The skillful combining of images and text become the core of this course. It is a working studio class and through demonstrations and hands on work you will learn to solve visual problems using Adobe Photoshop CS2 and Adobe InDesign CS2. This "hands on" experience is the key to success in this class. In the end, you will work on traditional design problems leading to a portfolio of 10 pieces illustrating concepts learned.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Microsoft Office

Freshman - Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

Microsoft Office consists of several programs: a word processor (Word), a spreadsheet program (Excel), a presentation graphics program (PowerPoint), a personal information organizer (Outlook), a data base program (Access), and a Web page design and management program (FrontPage). Although every program shares similar commands and menus to make them all easier to use, you may still find the task of figuring out how to use each program a bit daunting. That's why the Microsoft Office class explicitly and gently explains the basics for using each program so that you can get started using them right away.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None

Video Editing

Freshman – Senior

First Semester

Second Semester

This course is an introduction to the study and practice of electronic cinematography techniques. The main focus of the course will be practical, affording students ample time to produce original works. In doing so, students will begin to master the use of the computer as an artistic tool and to explore how they might draw on other media (music, painting, theater, and sculpture) in their productions. We will inform this practical focus by attending, as well, to the theoretical and historical context of digital cinema in order to better understand the current problems facing the genre and the role that digital technology might have in expanding cinematic language and tradition.

Parental Role: Guide for Dependent Study

Prerequisite: None



Spirit Academy 2010-2011 Physical Education Course Description

Physical Education-Co-Ed First Semester Second Semester

Seventh Grade – Senior

This class is designed to present a comprehensive physical fitness program or just compliment an already existing sports program. We will be continually working on building strength and endurance, with an emphasis on correct form and technique. This class will accommodate all levels of fitness and is sure to improve strength and cardio fitness. Our classes' goals are to receive the Presidential Fitness Award, and improve overall health and fitness. Plus we have fun!!

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study
Prerequisite: None

Physical Education-GIRLS ONLY Strength & Stretching First Semester Second Semester

Seventh Grade - Senior

A class concentrating on body sculpting and toning using resistance with weights and bands. Stretching will be incorporated to lengthen and relax muscles.

Parental Role: Guide for Independent Study
Prerequisite: None