

Salem High School

International Entertainment & Business Leadership Academy • 2020-2021

Ninth Grade elective course descriptions*

CTAE (Career, Technical & Agricultural Education) PATHWAYS

AP Computer Science Principles A & B

Students explore their understanding of computer science through working with data, collaborating to solve problems & developing computer programs. This course may possibly also satisfy the fourth science requirement for students. **Pre-requisite: Algebra credit.**

Audio and Video Technology and Film I (AVT I) A & B

The Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications Career Cluster includes designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content in the field of radio broadcasting. This pathway consists of 3 classes: AVT I, II & III.

Introduction to Business and Technology A & B

Designed for high school students as a gateway to the career pathways listed and provides an overview of business & technology skills required for today's business environment. This intro level course opens the door to either a third-year Accounting or Entrepreneurship course or both depending on the second-year course(s) [Financial Literacy and Legal Environment of Business] selected.

Introduction to Digital Technology A & B

Exposure to foundational knowledge in hardware, software, programming, web design, IT support, and networks is offered in this introductory level course. This pathway consists of 3 classes: Introduction to Digital Technology, Digital Design and Web Design.

MCJROTC I Leadership Education A & B

Successful completion of at least three units of credit in the JROTC program qualifies one for advanced placement in a college ROTC program or accelerated promotion in the military. **Requires boys to have trimmed hair; students cannot have neon-like hair colors.** This leadership pathway consists of 4 classes: MCJROTC I, II, III and IV and may be taken each year of high school.

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FINE ARTS PATHWAYS

Band A & B (Advanced placement by audition/experience)

Provides opportunities for performers to increase their skills and precision on a wind, brass or percussion instrument. Includes performance and production, historical and cultural contributions and influences, creative aspects of music and appreciation of music. **Requires willingness/commitment to participate in Marching Band.** Students may take a Band course each year of their high school career.

Chorus A & B

Provides opportunities to develop performance skills & knowledge in mixed choral singing. Covers performance, production, analysis and theoretical studies, historical/cultural contributions & influences. Students may take a Chorus course each year of their high school career. **Advanced courses are based on audition.**

Drama/Theatre A & B

Develops and applies theatre skills through basic vocal, physical and emotional exercises; includes improvisation and scene study and related technical art forms. Students may take a Theatre course each year of their high school career.

Performance courses are based on audition.

Visual Arts/Comprehensive (Intro to Art) A & B

This course emphasizes the ability to understand and use elements and principles of design through a variety of media & explores master artworks for historical & cultural significance. **This is not a freestyle art class.** Students may take an Art course each year of their high school career. The courses are: Intro to Visual Arts, Drawing, Painting and Draw/Paint.

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ACADEMIC ELECTIVES**

AVID A & B

Advancement Via Individual Determination seeks to help students prepare for a successful college and career transition by helping them to develop skills such as critical thinking, teamwork and organization. **Requires an *application to be completed*.** Students may take an AVID course each year of their high school career.

Current Issues—1st semester

Analyzes current issues and influences that are related to them and examines how decisions are made concerning those issues.

World Affairs—2nd semester

Focuses on global interrelationships, analyzing strategic geographic, political, economic and social issues that influence the United States' relationships with other countries in an interdependent world.

AP Human Geography A & B

Per College Board, students will explore how humans have understood, used, & changed the Earth by using the tools & thinking processes of geographers to examine patterns of human population, migration & land use.

Individual and the Law—1st semester

Course analyzes the foundations & functions of the American legal system and examines types of laws, the individual's relationship to the law.

World Geography—2nd semester

Investigates regions of the world & how these regions influence the historical, economic, political & cultural development of the world.

Psychology—1st semester

Investigates the principles of psychology, developmental psychology, heredity environmental aspects of psychology, learning theory, personality, intelligence, social disorders and research methods.

Sociology—2nd semester

Course investigates principles of group behavior, the individual in groups, social institutions, social control and the use of research methods to examine social problems. Integrates and reinforces social studies skills.

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Journalism A & B

This course focuses on journalistic writing through analysis of newspapers, yearbooks, literary magazines, and broadcast journalism publications. Students will participate in news gathering, the study of ethics, & the aspects of copy writing, editing & revising.

Multicultural Literature A & B

Students will develop an understanding of historical context and the relevance of cultural philosophies that impact diverse literary voices. Focus: cultures of diverse writers & the meaning of the literature that they produce.

Speech (Oral and Written Communication) A & B

This course focuses on developing public speaking skills as well as critical thinking, organizing ideas, researching counter viewpoints and communicating appropriately for different audiences and purposes.

**The full course description catalog is located on the Salem Home page. The list above is abridged.*

***Unless otherwise indicated, academic electives may only be taken once for high school credit.*