

Michiana Covenant Academy

Course Descriptions

2010-2011

*Texts may be purchased new or used as desired as long as it is the **required** edition.*

2nd Trimester

Art (K-2):

This is a foundation art class that will focus on the elements and techniques of art. In this first trimester, student artwork will be based on what they learn about Aegean, Greek and Etruscan art. Students will explore both two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork. A syllabus will be sent home with supplementary information about the styles, techniques and art terms that we discuss in class. All artwork will remain in class until the last class when students can take their portfolios home. Students will need to wear old clothing or an apron as some supplies will not wash out of clothing. All art materials will be supplied; there is a \$5.00 material fee.

Class size: 7	Class time: 1:30-2:20 pm
Class level: K-2	Taught by: Ninette Deliyannides
Materials fee: \$5 per student	Materials needed: An art apron to wear, internet access will be useful for the syllabus.
Class code: ND 5	

Art (3-5):

This is a foundation art class that will focus on the elements and techniques of art. In this second trimester, student artwork will be based on what they learn about Carolingian, Celtic, Early Christian, Romanesque and Gothic art and artists. Students will explore both two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork. A syllabus will be sent home with supplementary information about the areas, styles, techniques and art terms that we discuss in class. All artwork will remain in class until the last class when students can take their portfolios home. Students will need to wear old clothing or an apron as some supplies will not wash out of clothing. All art materials will be supplied; there is a \$5.00 material fee.

Class size: 12	Class time: 12:30-1:20 pm
Class level: 3-5	Taught by: Ninette Deliyannides
Materials fee: \$5 per student	Materials needed: An art apron to wear, internet access will be useful for the syllabus.
Class code: ND 4	

Art (6-8):

This second trimester students will learn about the Survival of Antiquity and High Renaissance art and artist. Students will work with a wide range of media as they study the art and artists. A syllabus will be sent home with supplementary information about the styles, techniques and history of what we discuss in class. All artwork will remain in class until the last class when students can take their portfolios home. Students will need to wear old clothing or an apron as some supplies will not wash out of clothing. All art materials will be supplied; there is a \$5.00 material fee.

Class size: 12	Class time: 2:30-3:20 pm
Class level: 6-8	Taught by: Ninette Deliyannides
Materials fee: \$5 per student	Materials needed: An art apron to wear, internet access will be useful for the syllabus.
Class code: ND 6	

Art (9-12):

This fine arts class will focus on Impressionism art and artists. Students will examine works of art and use the styles and techniques to create original works of their own. A syllabus will be sent home with supplementary information about the styles, techniques and history of what we discuss in class. All artwork will remain in class until the last class when students can take their portfolios home. Students will need to wear old clothing or an apron as some supplies will not wash out of clothing. All art materials will be supplied; there is a \$5.00 material fee.

Class size: 12	Class time: 3:30-4:20 pm
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Ninette Deliyannides
Materials fee: \$5 per student	Materials needed: An art apron to wear, Internet access.

Class code: ND 7	
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Drawing (7-12):

Students will use the five basic elements of shape and focus on drawing what they see. This second trimester students will focus on symmetry of both regular and transparent forms. We will focus on sighting, measuring and point of reference techniques. There will be 2-3 hours of homework per week. Students may take their portfolios home on the last day of class. This is an ungraded class unless parents request otherwise before the first class.

Class size: 18	Class time: 11:00-11:50 am
Class level: : 7-12	Taught by: Ninette Deliyannides
Materials fee: \$5	Materials needed: one 9" x 12" spiral pad of drawing paper (60lb minimum), 1 pencil each of 2B, 4B, HB, 2H, 4H, 1 kneaded eraser, 1 white plastic eraser, 1 ruler and 1 triangle ruler with both a 90° and 45° angle
Class code: ND 3	

General Science (6-8):

[Exploring Creation with General Science, 2nd edition \(www.apologia.com\)](http://www.apologia.com) The second trimester continues the study of geology and the fossil record, a discussion of different theories of Creation, and an introduction to the life sciences. There will be about two hours of homework per week, to include reading from the text and other sources, answering questions from the text, and analysis of laboratory work done in the classroom. Grades will be based on lab work, homework assignments and chapter tests. Students will need internet access for reading assignments, research, homework and tests. Students will need a folder or notebook for handouts and lab work. There is a \$5 lab fee.

Class size: 6	Class time: 12:30-1:20 pm
Class level: 6-8	Taught by: Sally Hanson
Materials fee: \$5 per student	Materials needed: textbook, email address
Class code: SH 4	

Geography (3-5):

Students will travel through Africa in this second trimester. They will learn about African culture, various regions, history, music, art, and economics. Students will be using basic map reading skills and they should have access to an atlas. There will be some research homework and this course will be graded.

Class size:	Class time: 9:00-9:50 am
Class level: 3-5	Taught by: Sandra Zylstra
Material Fee:	Materials needed: pocket folder or binder, pencil, notebook paper
Class Code: SZ1	

Grammar 6 (5-7)

This is Shurley English Homeschooling Level 6. The class will cover approximately one chapter per week. Class time will be spent learning and reinforcing grammar concepts and oral recitation. Students will learn basic editing and writing skills. Writing assignments will reinforce learned concepts. Weekly homework will include a take home test, writing assignments and brief exercises to reinforce what is learned during class. Homework will be due at the start of class each week.

Class size: 10	Class time: 9:00-9:50 am
Class level: 5-7	Taught by: Kate Henreckson
Materials fee:	Materials needed: Shurley English Homeschooling Workbook Level 6 , college-ruled paper, 3-ring binder, and pen/pencil.
Class code: KH 1	

History II, Medieval (5-8):

This is the second of three courses that will provide an introductory survey of the medieval world as part of a four-year sequence in world history. This world history survey is designed to provide students with a solid background for the high school history and literature classes.

This class, “The High Middle Ages, 962-1300,” will introduce students to the basic outline of high medieval history. The student’s primary work will be learning how to use Wikipedia (and other resources) to identify key people, events, and places. The information gathered during the week will be analyzed and discussed in class to show how it all fits together.

The final grade will be based on class participation, completion of weekly assignments, quizzes, and a final exam.

Class size:	Class time: 1:30-2:30 pm
Class level: 5-8	Taught by: Dr. Peter J. Wallace
Materials fee:	Materials needed:
Class code: PW 5	

History II, Medieval (9–12):

This is the second of three courses that will cover several classic works of medieval history as part of the second year of a four-year sequence of college preparatory history classes. The course dovetails with the “Medieval Literature II” course in order to help students understand the interplay of literature, politics, religion, and culture. The instructors of the two courses confer regularly in order to help students connect history and literature within a Christian worldview. The final grade will be based on class participation, completion of study questions, quizzes, essay, and a final exam. To facilitate class discussion, the following editions will be *required*:

Abelard, Bernard & Papacy (coursepack)

Chronicles of the Crusades (Penguin Classics)

<http://www.amazon.com/Chronicles-Crusades-Penguin-Classics-Joinville/dp/0140441247>

Mandeville, Travel to the East (Penguin Classics – reprinted by Dover)

<http://www.amazon.com/Travels-Sir-John-Mandeville-14th-Century/dp/0486443787/>

Albert Craig, William Graham, Donald Kagan, Steven Ozment, Frank M. Turner, *The Western Heritage*, Combined volume (any edition) **This volume will be used to provide background reading for three years (you can find inexpensive used versions at Amazon or other online sources).**

<http://www.amazon.com/Heritage-World-Civilizations-Combined-7th/dp/0131926233/>

Class size:	Class time: 11:00-11:50 am
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Dr. Peter J. Wallace
Materials fee:	Materials needed:
Class code: PW 3	

Literature (3-5):

Take a trip into a land of fantasy during the second trimester with “Cricket in Times Square” by George Selden, “Bridge to Terabithia” by Katherine Paterson, and “The Secret Garden” by Frances Burnett. Students will track how each of the main characters develop throughout the story and learn about themes and plots within a book.

Class size:	Class time: 10:00-10:50 am
Class level: 3-5	Taught by: Sandra Zylstra
Material Fee:	Materials needed: two pocket folder or binder, pencil “Cricket in Times Square” by George Selden
Class Code: SZ 2	“Bridge to Terabithia” by Katherine Paterson “The Secret Garden” by Frances Burnett

Literature (6-8):

The goal of this class is to help intermediate students discern and understand literature and literary devices in both a novel and a play. In this second trimester students will read:

Macbeth by William Shakespeare, and

Les Miserables by Victor Hugo

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0449300021/ref=oss_product

Publisher: Fawcett; Abridged edition (December 12, 1982) [Charles E. Wilbour](#) (Translator), [James K. Robinson](#) (Introduction).

Students will read *Macbeth* both in class and as homework. We will approach the literature within a Christian worldview. The final grade will be based on class participation, study questions, weekly quizzes, one essay and final exam. Reading load will be about 100 pages per week.

Class size: 10	Class time: 10:00-10:50am
Class level: 6-8	Taught by: Ninette Deliyannides
Materials fee:	Materials needed: MacBeth by William Shakespeare, and the same edition of Les Miserables, shown above.
Class code: ND 2	

Literature II, Medieval (9–12):

This is the second of three courses that will cover several classic works of medieval literature as part of the second year of a four-year sequence of college preparatory literature courses. The course dovetails with the “Medieval History II” course in order to help students understand the interplay of literature, politics, religion, and culture. The instructors of the two courses confer regularly in order to help students connect history and literature within a Christian worldview. The final grade will be based on class participation, completion of study questions, weekly quizzes, one essay, and a final exam. To facilitate class discussion, the following editions will be *required*:

Chrétien de Troyes, *Perceval* (TBA)

Marie de France, *Lais* (course packet)

Guillaume de Lorris & Jean de Meun, *The Romance of the Rose* (Oxford World’s Classics edition)

tinyurl.com/23I5rf3

Dante Alighieri, *The Inferno* (Penguin Classics edition) tinyurl.com/2ccb5w2

Class size:	Class time: 12:30-1:20 pm
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Dr. A.B. Deliyannides
Materials fee:	Materials needed:
Class code: AD 4	

Logic (9-12):

This is an introductory course to the “Art of Argument,” by Aaron Larsen, which will help your student(s) to become more adept at critically thinking through issues they may face. By peering into the other side of the coin, our young people will become better equipped to counter wrong ideas when confronted and be able to recognize a “moot” point when they hear it. Fallacies of relevance and most of the fallacies of presumption are explored in this second trimester, as we continue to work through 31 lessons of logic. We will cover approximately 7 pages of text per week. There will be vocabulary, quizzes and tests throughout the term. A final grade will be given based upon the material covered during the trimester. Why not give Logic a try?

Class size: 10	Class time: 9:00-9:50 am
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee: None, if you have the text	Materials needed: Text, <i>the Art of Argument</i> , by Aaron Larsen and Joelle Hodge, pens, pencils, folder.

Class code: KW 1	
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Music (K-3):

Students will continue to learn more basic music concepts and how to apply them. We will be practicing clapping and tapping out rhythms. In this second trimester they will learn about, listen to, and sing some songs from jazz, ragtime, and big band music! Our year end goal will be to perform at the Academy's spring open house! This course will not be graded.

Class size:	Class time: 11:00-11:50 am
Class level: K-3	Taught by: Sandra Zylstra
Material Fee:	Materials needed:
Class Code: SZ 3	

Music (4-12):

During the second trimester, students will continue to increase their basic music concepts, focus on learning how to figure out key signatures, and continue to increase in their sight reading skills. Students will learn about, sing, and listen to: jazz, ragtime, and big band music! Our year end goal will be to perform at the Academy's spring open house! This course will not be graded.

Class size:	Class time: 1:30-2:20 pm
Class level: 4-12	Taught by: Sandra Zylstra
Material Fee:	Materials needed: pencil, two pocket folder or binder
Class Code: SZ 5	

Poetry (8-12): Part I

This course presents the definitions of poetry while offering a chance to develop those deeper thought patterns your children have inside of them. We will alternate learning two lessons of the text one week with a second week practicing the techniques learned through our own writing of poetry. A chance to explore classic and popular poetry will also be included. Vocabulary and weekly exercises complement the study. This trimester grade will be based upon material covered this trimester. However, a final test will be given for those students who take both trimesters, and a grade will be given accordingly for that material.

Class size: 10	Class time: 12:30-1:20 pm
Class level: 8-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee: None, if you have the text	Materials needed: Text, <i>The Grammar of Poetry</i> , by Matt Whitling, pens, highlighters, rhyming notebook.
Class code: KW 4	

Rhetoric, Classical (9-12)

Quintilian defined rhetoric as the art of “a good man speaking well.” Over the course of three trimesters, students will be introduced to the art of rhetoric as taught by the ancients, as well as modern examples of persuasive speech. Students will learn the tools to compose and deliver personal compositions. Coursework will include reading selections from Aristotle and Cicero and writing assignments on various topics to be read aloud in class.

Book List:

The Rhetoric by Aristotle.

Available online at:

<http://www2.iastate.edu/~honeyl/Rhetoric/index.html>

Rhetorica Ad Herennium by Cicero

Available online at:

http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Rhetorica_ad_Herennium/home.html

Both books are available online, but the student may wish to purchase used copies in order to mark in them or for ease of reading.

Class size:	Class time: 10:00-10:50 am
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kate Henreckson
Materials fee:	Materials needed:

Class code: KH 2	
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SAT Prep – Math (9-12): (A trimester course.)

This course continues where the VERBAL section ended. Students in this course study specifically those techniques which will help them when taking the SAT I exam. Weekly vocabulary quizzes are continued while we focus on topics from elementary algebra and geometry, such as probability, integers and fractions and exponents. No final grade will be given. Bring your Questions!

Class size: 10	Class time: 2:30-3:20 pm
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee:	Materials needed: Barron's SAT I text or similar book to guide the study, pencils, and folder for vocabulary. Calculators are optional.
Class code: KW 6	

Spanish I Class and Lab (8*-12):

This is a 3 trimester course, the first year of high school Spanish. The course focuses on vocabulary of everyday life, the present tense of verbs, and culture. Listening, reading, writing, and speaking the language will be practiced. Lab time will consist of homework review, testing and conversation, while class time will be devoted to vocabulary, grammar and reading. Students will purchase a workbook, available through the instructor, or online.

Text:

[Spanish is Fun, Book 1, Lively lessons for Beginners, Third Edition www.amscopub.com/frameset.htm](http://www.amscopub.com/frameset.htm)

Note that the instructor can purchase the book from the publisher at a discounted price, and will sell to students at cost (\$19, including shipping). When registering, please indicate whether you will be purchasing text through the instructor.

*If your student is younger than 8th grade, but you believe he/she is of the maturity to benefit from this class, please approach the instructor to discuss the situation.

class size: 8	class time: 1:30-2:20 pm <u>and</u> 3:30-4:20 pm
class level: 8*-12 th	taught by: Susan Daniels
materials fee: none	materials needed: 3 ring binder with 3 divider sheets, paper, folder, 8x10 dry erase board and marker
class code: SD 5 <u>and</u> SD 7	

Spanish II Class and Lab (8-12):

Prerequisite: Spanish I. This is a 3 trimester course, the second year of high school Spanish. The coursework is grammar intensive, continuing with past, future, conditional, and compound tenses; vocabulary, conversation, reading and culture will also be emphasized. Lab time will consist of homework review, testing and conversation, while class time will be devoted to grammar and reading. Students will purchase 2 workbooks and a reader. These materials may be purchased on your own or through the instructor at the time of registration, for \$36, including shipping.

Texts:

Easy Spanish Reader (McGraw-Hill/Glencoe) http://www.amazon.com/Easy-Spanish-Reader-William-Tardy/dp/0071428062/ref=tmm_pap_title_0?ie=UTF8&qid=1280413597&sr=1-1

Ya Escribimos (McGraw-Hill/Glencoe) <http://tinyurl.com/2a3f875>
(McGraw-Hill/Glencoe) 1-800-334-7344

Spanish Two Years Workbook (AMSCO Publications) <http://tinyurl.com/29j3s7e>
www.amscopub.com

class size: 10	class time: 1:30-2:20 pm <u>and</u> 2:30-3:20 pm
class level: 8-12	taught by: Susan Daniels
materials fee: none	materials needed: 3 ring binder with folder, paper, and 3 divider sheets, 8x10 dry erase board and marker
class code: SD 5 <u>and</u> SD 6	

Study Hall: (K-12)

This class is designed as a service for the parents. Students signed up for at least one class but need to remain on the premises can sign up for study hall. This will be a supervised time for students to work on quiet homework or read. Students will not be allowed to talk, eat or engage in any activity that is not reading, drawing or schoolwork. Students not signed up for a class or study hall will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

Class size:	Class times and code: 9:00-9:50am (SH 1), 10:00am-10:50am (SH 2), 11:00am-11:50am (SH 3), 12:30pm-1:20pm (XX 4), 1:30pm-2:20pm (SH 5), 2:30pm-3:20pm (SH 6), 3:30pm-4:20pm (SH 7)
Class level: K-12	Taught by: Sally Hanson
Material Fee: No Charge for this class	Materials needed: Homework, drawing or reading material.

Writing (K-1):

In the second trimester students will learn various types of writing by doing descriptive writings, writing about vacations, what's under my bed, a how to book, and about St. Patrick's Day. Small weekly writing assignments may be given. The student does need to have basic printing skills. This course will not be graded.

Class size:	Class time: 12:30-1:20 pm
Class level: K-1	Taught by: Sandra Zylstra
Material Fee:	Materials needed: two pocket folder, pencil, scissors, glue, crayons, construction paper
Class Code: SZ 4	

Writing, Beginning (3-5):

This course is an introduction to formal and creative writing skills. Do you have a "reluctant writer?" Have you ever written a story? Do you want to learn how to write a basic report without tears? This course is for you! Over the course of three trimesters, grades will be offered, based upon completion of weekly assignments. Let me introduce you to the "Key Word Outline"! Writing with style and structure will help your child to write for a variety of purposes yet allow them to develop their creativity as we build upon basic skills during the course of the year. Homework should not take more than 20-30 minutes per day. A final test is offered during the 3rd trimester only for those students who have taken all three trimesters.

Prerequisite: Ability to write a complete sentence and knowledge of basic spelling.

Class size: 10	Class time: 11:00-11:50 am
Class level: 3-5	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee: \$3.00 (copies)	Materials needed: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: <i>Institute for Excellence in Writing</i> , Student Intensive Level A, 3-ring notebook—1 ½" or larger, with 8 tabs or more, PENS, highlighter, notebook paper. A 3-hole punch is helpful.
Class code: KW 3	

Writing, Intermediate (6-8):

Do you have a student who has never written a formal report? Does your child have stories building up in his or her head? Over the course of three trimesters, we will introduce your child to the "Key Word

Outline” which will help them gather information in an orderly and timely manner. From this outline, students learn to write short stories and reports while developing their skills for conciseness and vividness. Help for the reluctant writer is on the way! Daily homework, which shouldn’t take more than 30 minutes to complete, is used to practice incrementally to achieve mastery. A grade will be given, based upon assignments received and progress demonstrated.

Class size: 10	Class time: 3:30-4:20 pm
Class level: 6-8	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee: \$3.00 (copies)	Materials needed: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: <i>Institute for Excellence in Writing</i> , Student Intensive Level B, 3-ring notebook—1 ½” or larger, with 8 tabs or more, PENS, highlighter, notebook paper. A 3-hole punch is helpful.
Class code: KW 7	

Writing, Advanced (9-12):

This course, throughout the school year, is a college preparatory class to refine and hone the necessary writing skills students will need for college. If you have a child who has never written a formal paper, who plans to attend college, then this course could be for you! Daily homework of 25-30 minutes per day is necessary to achieve mastery of writing style and structure. A grade will be given based upon completed homework.

Class size: 10	Class time: 10:00-10:50 am
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee: \$3.00 (copies)	Materials needed: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: <i>Institute for Excellence in Writing</i> , Student Intensive Level C, 3-ring notebook—1 ½” or larger, with 8 tabs or more, PENS, highlighter, notebook paper. A 3-hole punch is helpful.
Class code: KW 2	