

Michiana Covenant Academy

Course Descriptions 2010-2011

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

3rd Trimester

Art (K-2):

This is a foundation art class that will focus on the elements and techniques of art. In this third trimester, student artwork will be based on what they learn about Fauvism, Expressionism, Cubism and Futurism art and artists. 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 of art. In this third trimester, student artwork will be based on what they learn about Abstract, Dada and Surrealist art and artists. 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: 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 third trimester students will learn about Latin American and Modern American 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 International Styles, Architecture, Baroque and Rococo 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	

Drawing (7-12):

Students will use the five basic elements of shape and focus on drawing what they see. This third trimester students will focus on value, texture and depth. 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
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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, HB, 2H, 1 kneaded eraser, 1 white plastic eraser, 1 ruler and 1 triangle ruler with both a 90° and 45° angle.
Class code: ND 3	

Geography (3-5):

The focus of this third trimester will be taking a look at Asia. Students will get to take a journey to several countries, such as Russia, Egypt, Israel, Afghanistan, India, China, and many other places. Students will be using basic map reading skills and they should have access to an atlas. There will be some research homework in this class and it 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: SZ 1	

General Science (6-8):

Exploring [Creation with General Science, 2nd edition](http://www.apologia.com) (www.apologia.com) will conclude with an in-depth study of the human body. We will explore all the major systems of the body (bones, muscles, metabolism, digestion, respiratory, lymphatic and nervous), and dissection demonstrations will occur in the classroom. 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	

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 III, Medieval (5-8):

This is the third 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 Late Middle Ages, 1300-1492,” 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: 1:30-2:20 pm
Class level: 5-8	Taught by: Dr. Peter J. Wallace
Materials fee:	Materials needed:
Class code: PW 5	

History III, Medieval (9–12):

This is the third 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 III” 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*:

The Book of Margery Kempe (Norton Critical Edition)

<http://www.amazon.com/Margery-Kempe-Norton-Critical-Editions/dp/0393976394/>

Religion and politics, 1300-1550 (coursepack)

Luther & Erasmus, Free Will and Salvation

<http://www.amazon.com/Luther-Erasmus-Salvation-Christian-Westminster/dp/0664241581>

Calvin & Sadoletto, Reformation Debate

<http://www.amazon.com/Reformation-Debate-John-Calvin/dp/0801023904/>

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	

Latin I (8*-12)

Though rarely spoken today, Latin was the primary language of the West from ancient times through the end of the nineteenth century and is the source of all Romance languages (incl. Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese). Most of the vast body of Latin literature has not been translated, and much has not been translated accurately. In order to make all this literature accessible, the aim of this course is to give the student competence in the foundations of Latin grammar and vocabulary. Besides, learning Latin is all about solving puzzles and is really a lot of fun! The workload consists of in-class verbal and written exercises; weekly in-class quizzes; and homework submitted twice weekly (in person or by e-

mail). Our required textbook is Frederic M. Wheelock, *Wheelock's Latin*, 6th ed. (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 2000). Photocopied materials are supplied in class, and there is a \$5.00 materials fee.

* If your child is younger, and you believe they have the maturity to benefit from this class, please approach the teacher to discuss your situation.

Class size: 10	Class time: 9:00-9:50 am
Class level: 8*-12	Taught by: Nathan Sawatzky
Materials fee: \$5 per student	Materials needed: Frederic M. Wheelock, Wheelock's Latin, 6th ed. (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 2000)
Class code: NS 1	

Literature (3-5):

Taking a look at other cultures will be the focus of this third trimester. "Secret of the Andes" by Ann Clark takes a look at the Incas. "Around the World in 80 days" by Jules Verne takes Phileas Fogg on a journey to many different places: Japan, India, Egypt, England, and the USA, along with other countries. They will also be reading a couple of pieces from "The Baldwin Project" (online) on the Inca culture and reading about some of the lands they visit in their 80 days around the world. Students will have some homework for the class and it will be graded.

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, "Secret of the Andes" by Ann Clark "Around the Word in 80 Days" by Jules Verne
Class Code: SZ 2	

Literature (6-8):

The goal of this class is to help intermediate students develop their ability to discern how authors convey their worldview through literary devices such as plot, theme, and character. In this third trimester students will read three novels: ***A Separate Peace* by John Knowles**, ***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee**, and ***Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya**. 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
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Class level: 6-8	Taught by: Ninette Deliyannides
Materials fee:	Materials needed: The three books listed above, any edition but no abridged versions, 3 ring binder for course packet (to be handed out in class), and paper for taking notes. Internet access will be helpful.
Class code: ND 2	

Literature III Medieval (9–12):

This is the third 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 III” 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*:

William Langland, *Piers Plowman* (A.V.C. Schmidt translation) tinyurl.com/25y6x9I

Pearl & Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (Borroff translation) tinyurl.com/27gf4xx

Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales* (Oxford World’s Classics edition) tinyurl.com/2392u2s

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 gtfArgument,” 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. The conclusion of fallacies of presumption, the fallacies of Induction and the fallacies of Clarity will be explored as we conclude working through the last 10 of these 31 lessons of logic. A final grade will be given for those students who sustained all three trimesters, and a separate grade will be given for those students who just took

this trimester, covering only the material covered this term. There will be vocabulary, quizzes and tests throughout the term. 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	

Math Concepts (3-5)

Course Description: This course will teach the CONCEPTS behind the mathematical principles which your child(ren) is/are learning at home. Throughout the year, we will use a variety of methods, including occasional drills, out-of-your-seat work, (physical movements such as jumping, clapping, humming, etc.,) some programs, such as “*Brainetics*” to help develop the students’ confidence in math, “skip counting” as taught in the Math-U-See curriculum, and will choose from a wide selection of manipulatives, such as Pattern blocks, Cuisinaire rods, Dice, Games, Clocks and stamps (time concepts) and more. This is to be a fun way to encourage the mathematical potential in your child(ren). By developing this aptitude now, your child(ren) will be better prepared for high school mathematics and the technological world in which they now live.

Class size: Minimum of 3, limit 10	Class time: 1:30-2:20 pm
Class level: 3-5	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee:	Materials needed: Paper, folder, pencils, erasers, QUESTIONS! EAGERNESS!
Class code: KW 5	

Math Helper (6-12)

This study hall enrichment time is available to all students, without charge, who need help with understanding their math. Throughout the year, Mr. Green will answer math questions, review concepts, and generally help the student with their math courses taught at home or through the Academy. Mr. Green can help with questions in most areas of pre-calculus mathematics. Although he is available on a first-come, first-served basis during your child’s study hall period, we ask that you sign up for this enrichment during registration.

Class Size: 1 at a time	Class Time and Class Code: 9:00-9:50 am (TG 1), 10:00-10:50 am (TG 2), 11:00-11:50 am (TG 3), 12:30-1:20 pm (TG 4)
Class Level: 6-12	Taught by: Mr. Rusty Green
Materials Fee: None	Materials Needed: Your own math book and supplies for the assignment you are working on, eraser, pencil, paper. Bring a straight edge and compass for geometry questions. For other questions, a calculator may be needed.

Music (K-3):

Students should be proficient with basic music concepts presented throughout the year and will continue to apply and build on these terms through a variety of fun games. Learning about and singing songs from around the world will be the focus of this third trimester class. 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):

Students will become more proficient in basic music concepts and sight reading. They will also be able to apply concepts they have learned throughout the year to their singing. The focus area of music this third trimester will be learning about, listening to, and singing songs from various places around the world. 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 II

This course uses the text "*The Grammar of Poetry*" by Matt Whitling. This concludes a two-trimester course, covering a variety of poetic devices. Each week, we will explore two lessons from the text, and alternate that with a week of practicing those techniques writing poetry. A chance to explore classic and popular poetry will also be incorporated. Vocabulary and weekly exercises complement the study. A final test will be given for those who take both trimesters; however, a separate grade will be given for those students who only participated in this trimester based only upon the material they covered.

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	

SAT Prep – Verbal (9-12): (A trimester course)

This course uses the Barron's SAT Preparation book to guide us through the vocabulary and a variety of helpful techniques to help you reach your potential when taking the SAT I test. We cover sentence completions, critical reading and offer weekly vocabulary quizzes. You will NOT be graded for this course, but active participation is required.

Class size: 8	Class time: 2:30-3:20 pm
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Materials fee:	Materials needed: OPTIONAL, but helpful, is your own copy of Barron's SAT I Prep Book, pencils, folder for vocabulary.
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
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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):

A cookbook, a book about butterflies, a “how plants grow” book, using pictures to build a story, a flip book, and things on a farm are topics your child will write about in the third trimester. 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	
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