

Michiana Covenant Academy
Course Descriptions First Trimester 2009-2010
Class (grades) (trimester)

Art (K-2) (first of three trimesters): This is a foundation art class that will focus on learning the elements of art. In this first trimester, students will become familiar with African and Oceanic art and imitate what they learn. 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.

<i>class size:</i> 10	<i>class time:</i> 12:30-1:20pm
<i>class level:</i> K-2nd	<i>taught by:</i> Ninette Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i> \$5	<i>materials needed:</i> An art apron to wear, scissors, a smooth rock the size of a hand.
<i>Class Code:</i> ND 2	

Art (3-5) (first of three trimesters): Students will focus on the principles of art as they learn about Impressionism and the artists. Students will create their own work using a variety of media. Students will need to wear old clothing or an apron as some materials will not wash out of clothing. All art materials will be supplied. There is a \$5.00 material fee.

<i>class size:</i> 10	<i>class time:</i> 2:30-3:20pm
<i>class level:</i> : 6-12	<i>taught by:</i> Ninette Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i> \$5	<i>materials needed:</i> art apron, photos
<i>Class Code:</i> ND 1	

Art (6-12) (first of three trimesters): Students will become familiar with Abstract and Surrealistic styles of art. The course will expose students to a variety of works by artists in each of these styles. Based on the studied works, students will create their own sample of each style using a variety of media. Students will need to wear old clothing or an apron as some materials will not wash out of clothing. All art materials will be supplied. There is a \$5.00 material fee. There may be approximately 60-90 minutes of homework some weeks.

<i>class size:</i> 14	<i>class time:</i> 3:30-4:20pm
<i>class level:</i> : 6-12	<i>taught by:</i> Ninette Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i> \$5	<i>materials needed:</i> art apron
<i>Class Code:</i> ND 3	

Apologia Botany (5-8) (first of three trimesters): [Exploring Creation with Botany \(www.apologia.com\)](http://www.apologia.com) will introduce the student to Botany, taxonomy and the scientific method. We will start with discussions of photosynthesis and tree growth. We will also have an emphasis on Nature Journaling. 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. Journaling is expected, but not graded. Students will need internet access for reading assignments, research, and homework. There is a \$5 lab fee.

<i>class size:</i> 7	<i>class time:</i> 3:30-4:20pm
<i>class level:</i> : 5-8	<i>taught by:</i> Sally Hanson
<i>Lab fee:</i> \$5	<i>materials needed:</i> folder and notebook for handouts and lab work, pencils, and an unlined journal for nature study, colored pencils (optional)
<i>Class Code:</i> SH 1	

Drawing I (5-12) (first of three trimesters): Students will use the five basic elements of shape and focus drawing what they see. This first trimester students will focus on portraiture and learn measuring techniques, proportion, positive and negative space, scale, and blending. 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 before the first class.

<i>class size:</i> 18	<i>class time:</i> 1:30-2:20pm
<i>class level:</i> : 6-12	<i>taught by:</i> Ninette Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i> \$5	<i>materials needed:</i> one 11" x 14" 30 sheet pad of drawing paper (60lb minimum), 1 pencil each of 2B, 6B, HB, 2H, 1 kneaded eraser, 1 white plastic eraser, eraser shield, mirror
<i>Class Code:</i> ND 4	

3-5 Geography (first of three trimesters): Students will take a look at the continents and oceans, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, Oceania, Arctic, & Antarctica. Students should have access to an atlas. There will be some homework and this course will be graded.

<i>Class size:</i>	<i>Class time:</i> 11:00-11:50am
<i>Class level:</i> 3-5	<i>Taught by:</i> Sandra Zylstra
<i>Material Fee:</i>	<i>Materials needed:</i> pocket folder or binder, pencil, notebook paper
<i>Class Code:</i> SZ 3	

Geography (4-8) (first trimester only): Students will learn the fundamental concepts of physical and political geography, and also be introduced to economic, social, historical, and cultural geographies. By also providing students with knowledge of the location of a majority of the countries in the world, this course lays the foundation for further geography studies and complements the study of history and current events. Map activities and daily assignments will enable the students to build a working framework of the world. Students will engage in group activities to explore basic geographic concepts, such as population density, latitude/longitude, and primary/secondary/tertiary sectors. First trimester only.

Students who fully participate in this course should be well-prepared to participate in the

2010 National Geographic Bee.

<i>class size:</i> 12	<i>class time:</i> 2:30-3:20pm
<i>class level:</i> 4-8	<i>taught by:</i> Linda Bolt
<i>materials fee:</i>	<i>materials needed:</i> 2-3 3-ring binders, binder dividers, pencils, colored pencils, and access to an atlas at home
<i>Class Code:</i> LB 1	

Grammar 3 (2-4) (first of three trimesters): Grammar areas covered in the first trimester are things such as noun, verb, adverb, adjective, complete and simple subject and predicate, prepositions, subject verb agreement, pronouns, possessive nouns and pronouns, and helping verbs. Students will have small weekly vocabulary to learn, a small writing assignment, and a few questions over the subject matter to turn in on a weekly basis. This course is graded. This is for students in grades 2-4.

<i>Class size:</i>	<i>Class time:</i> 9:00-9:50am
<i>Class level:</i> 2-4	<i>Taught by:</i> Sandra Zylstra
<i>Material Fee:</i>	<i>Materials needed:</i> pencil, two pocket folder, lined paper, Book needed: Shurley English, Homeschooling, Level 3, Student Workbook http://www.homeschoolingfromtheheart.com/langarts.html
<i>Class Code:</i> SZ 1	

Grammar 5 (4-6) (first of three trimesters): *Shurley English Homeschooling Level 5.* Classes 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 assignment and brief exercises to reinforce what is learned during class. The test and exercises will be due Tuesdays at 12:00pm via e-mail. The writing assignments will be due at the start of class.

<i>class size:</i> 10	<i>class time:</i> 10:00-10:50am
<i>class level:</i> 4-6	<i>taught by:</i> Ninette Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i>	<i>materials needed:</i> <i>Shurley English Homeschooling Workbook Level 5</i> ISBN: 9781585610334, one spiral notebook to use as a journal, 3 ring binder and pen/pencil. A clipboard will be helpful.
<i>Class Code:</i> ND 7	

Grammar 7 (6-8) (first of three trimesters): *English Made Easy Level 7 The Shurley Method.* Classes will cover approximately one chapter per week. Class time will be spent learning and reinforcing grammar concepts, diagramming sentences, and oral recitation. Students will learn editing and writing skills including three point paragraphs, narrative and persuasive writing, note taking, research papers and some creative writing. Writing assignments may vary somewhat from the text. Weekly homework will include a take home test, writing assignment and brief exercises to reinforce what is learned during class. The test and exercises will be due Tuesdays at 12:00pm via e-mail. The writing assignments will be due at the start of class. This is for students in grades 6-8.

<i>class size:</i> 10	<i>class time:</i> 9:00-9:50am
<i>class level:</i> 6-8	<i>taught by:</i> Ninette Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i>	<i>materials needed:</i> English Made Easy Level 7 ISBN: 978-1881940524, 3 ring binder and pen/pencil. A clipboard will be helpful.
<i>Class Code:</i> ND 5	

History of Antiquity I (9–12) (first of three trimesters): This is the first of three courses that will cover several classic works of history from antiquity. In this first trimester students will read *The Codes of Hammurabi and Moses*, *Samuel-Kings*, and Herodotus' *The Histories*. This course is designed to dovetail with the "Literature of Antiquity I" course in order to help students understand the interplay of literature, politics, religion, and culture. The instructors of the two courses will 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, an exam, and an essay. To facilitate class discussion, the following editions will be *required*:

W. W. Davies, *The Codes of Hammurabi and Moses*

www.amazon.com/Codes-Hammurabi-Moses-W-Davies/dp/1933993138

Samuel and Kings (ESV)

Herodotus, *The Histories* (Landmark edition)

www.amazon.com/Landmark-Herodotus-Histories-Robert-Strassler/dp/1400031141

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/>

<i>class size:</i> 8	<i>class time:</i> 10:00-10:50am
<i>class level:</i> 9–12	<i>taught by:</i> Dr. Peter J. Wallace
<i>materials fee:</i>	<i>materials needed:</i> See above
<i>Class Code:</i> PW 1	

Beginning Latin I (7*-12) (first of three trimesters): Though rarely spoken today, Latin yet lives in a body of literature that reaches from the ancient world into the early part of the last century. The overarching goal of this course is to prepare the student to approach this vast resource in the original language, since very little of it has been translated into any other language. The immediate goal of this course is to introduce the student to the basics of Latin grammar and vocabulary. The workload will consist of class exercises and homework (submitted by email), including preparation for regular quizzes. Our *required* textbook will be the sixth revised edition of *Wheelock's Latin* (6th revised edition, ISBN: 0060783710), available at Amazon.com.

* 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.

** Materials fee covers handouts and worksheet photocopies

<i>class size:</i> 10	<i>class time:</i> 1:30-2:20pm
<i>class level:</i> 7*-12	<i>taught by:</i> John Moscatiello
<i>materials fee:</i>	<i>materials needed:</i> See above
<i>Class Code:</i> JM 1	

Advanced Latin I (9-12) (first of three trimesters) The sequence of courses “Advanced Latin I-III” will begin the transition from reading reading “cooked-up” Latin, to reading classical Latin authors. The first trimester will comprise a review of grammar and syntax learned in the “Beginning Latin” sequence, with a focus on the last ten chapters of *Wheelock's Latin* (6th revised edition), available at Amazon.com. We will begin reading simple poems and letters from Latin antiquity. At this time it will become important for the student to have access to a Latin dictionary, such as *Cassell's Latin Dictionary*. This trimester we will also begin using *Latin Sentence and Idiom*, by R. Colebourn, also available at Amazon.com (ISBN: 0862922658). Homework will consist of short compositions due weekly by email, short quizzes, and preparation for weekly class readings.

** Materials fee covers handouts and worksheet photocopies

<i>class size:</i> 10	<i>class time:</i> 9:00-9:50am
<i>class level:</i> 9-12	<i>taught by:</i> Richard Oosterhoff
<i>materials fee:</i> \$5	<i>materials needed:</i> See above
<i>Class Code:</i> RO 1	

Literature of Antiquity I (9–12) (first of three trimesters): This is the first of three courses that will cover several classic works of literature from antiquity. In this first trimester students will read *The Book of Job*, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, *The Odyssey*, and *The Oresteia*. This course is designed to dovetail with the “[History—Antiquity I]” course in order to help students understand the interplay of literature, politics, religion, and culture. The instructors of the two courses will 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, two essays, and a final exam. Reading load will be about XXX pages per week. To facilitate class discussion, the following editions will be *required*:

Gilgamesh (David Ferry version) tinyurl.com/nt2gtm

The Book of Job (ESV)

Homer, *The Odyssey* (Allen Mandelbaum translation) tinyurl.com/mcvwf9

<i>class size:</i> 8	<i>class time:</i> 12:30pm–1:20pm
<i>class level:</i> 9–12	<i>taught by:</i> Dr. A.B. Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i>	<i>materials needed:</i> See above
<i>Class Code:</i> AB 1	

Literature (6-8) (first of three trimesters): 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 first trimester students will read three novels about social conflict: *Dragon's Gate*, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, and *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. 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.

- Dragon's Gate* by Laurence Yep
- Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary Schmidt
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

<i>class size:</i> 8	<i>class time:</i> 11:00-11:50am
<i>class level:</i> 6-8	<i>taught by:</i> Ninette Deliyannides
<i>materials fee:</i>	<i>materials needed:</i> Books listed above, three ring binder for course pack and note taking.
<i>Class Code:</i> ND 6	

Literature (3-5) (first of three trimesters): Does your child have a loved pet? These three books all talk about our love for our pets. Literature books to be used will be *Shiloh* by Phyllis Naylor, *Souder* by William Armstrong, and *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls. Students will have some homework for the class and it will be graded.

<i>Class size:</i> 8	<i>Class time:</i> 12:30-1:20pm
<i>Class level:</i>	<i>Taught by:</i> Sandra Zylstra
<i>Material Fee:</i>	<i>Materials needed:</i> two pocket folder or binder, pencil <i>Shiloh</i> By: Phyllis Naylos <i>Souder</i> By: William Armstron <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> By: Wilson Rawls
<i>Class Code:</i> SZ 4	

Math Tutorial Hour (8-12) (first of three trimesters): This course is designed to offer a math tutor for a class of students with many questions. In this class, we will offer help for questions in Basic Math. The basic concepts will be reviewed, but much class time will be for questions taken from the whole class. In a group setting, we will tackle those tough word problems together.

<i>Class size:</i> 10	<i>Class time:</i> 9:00-9:50am
<i>Class level:</i> 8-12	<i>Taught by:</i> Kathleen Williamson
<i>Material Fee:</i> \$3	<i>Materials needed:</i> Your individual math book w/ any necessary supplies, questions, open-mindedness, willingness to conquer math problems!
<i>Class Code:</i> KW 1	

Music (K-3) (first of three trimesters):
Learning and practicing basic music terms would focus in this basic music course. We will also have a couple of famous composers that we will learn about. This course will not be graded.

Class size: 10	Class time: 1:30-2:20pm
Class level: K-3 rd	Taught by: Sandra Zylstra
Material Fee:	Materials needed:
Class Code: SZ 5	

SAT Prep – Verbal (9*-12) (first of three trimesters) I Trimester

This course is designed to teach you test strategies and techniques to help improve your test scores on the verbal sections of the SAT I test. We will cover analogies, sentence completions, and critical readings with questions. Test Traps and vocabulary will also be examined. A practice test will be offered the 2nd to the last week of class. No grade will be given. *(Recommended for 11th -12th grades, with option for advanced 9th -10th grades.) Bring your questions!

Class size: 10	Class time: 2:30-3:20pm
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Material Fee:	Materials needed: Optional - <i>Barron's SAT I</i>
Class Code: KW 6	

Spanish I (9-12) (first of three trimesters) Spanish is spoken as a first language by over 400 million people world-wide and is the official language of several dozen countries. It is by far the most important secondary language in the United States. This course will focus on building basic conversational skills and pronunciation in Spanish. Students will be expected to practice intensively with CD audio materials at home to build mastery over the spoken and written forms of the language. Students will be held accountable with written homework assignments, quizzes at the beginning of every class session, and oral quizzes in class. Because the course meets only once per week, the self-teaching lessons and homework will be intensive.

Class size: 10	Class time: 2:30-3:20pm
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: John Moscatiello
Material Fee:	Materials needed: Materials: <i>The Everything Learning Spanish Book</i> , 2 nd edition with audio CD (ISBN: 1598691732)
Class Code: JM 2	

Writing (K-1) (first of three trimesters): Beginning writing skills will be the focus of this class. We will read repetitive books and then write our own books. Sometimes they will write individually and sometimes students will write things as a class. Small weekly writing assignments may be given. This course will not be graded.

Class size: 6	Class time: 10:00-10:50am
Class level: K-1st	Taught by: Sandra Zylstra
Material Fee:	Materials needed: two pocket folder, pencil, scissors, glue, crayons, construction paper
Class Code: SZ 2	

Beginning Writing (3-5) (first of three trimesters): This course is RECOMMENDED as the FIRST of THREE TRIMESTERS! Using the “*Institute for Excellence in Writing*” program, your child(ren) will be exposed to the KEY WORD OUTLINE and how to use it to gather facts and other information before they complete their compositions. We will cover outlines with style and structure, short stories, simple reports and some creative writing in this first trimester. There will NOT be a grade, however, as progress is directly related to practice. Usually, homework should not take more than 20 minutes/day to complete. At the end of the year, there will be given a final test for those who took all three semesters.

PRE- REQUISITE: Basic knowledge of sentence structure, basic spelling skills, and a mind fully filled with ideas, memories, and questions!

Class size: 10	Class time: 1:30-2:20pm
Class level: 3-5	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Material Fee:\$3	Materials needed: 3-ring binder (1 ½” or larger),PENS, highlighter, 5-8 binder tabs, notebook paper. A 3-hole punch is optional, but helpful.
Class Code: KW 5	

Intermediate Writing (6-8) (first of three trimesters): This course is RECOMMENDED as the FIRST of THREE TRIMESTERS! Using the “*Institute for Excellence in Writing*” program, your child(ren) will be exposed the KEY WORD OUTLINE and how it allows you to develop your compositions without stress. Immediate results possible! We will cover short stories, style, structure, short reports and writing from pictures. There will NOT be a grade, however, as progress is directly related to practice. Homework should not take more than 20 – 30 minutes daily. At the end of the year, a final test will be given for those students who completed all three trimesters.

PRE-REQUISITE: Basic knowledge of sentence structure, spelling skills and minds fully filled with ideas, experiences and questions!

Class size: 10	Class time: 2:30-3:20pm
Class level: 6-8	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Material Fee:\$3	Materials needed: 3-ring binder, (1 ½” or larger), PENS, highlighter, 5-8 binder tabs, notebook paper. A 3-hole punch is optional, but helpful.
Class Code: KW 4	

Advanced Writing (9-12) (first of three trimesters): This course is recommended as the FIRST of THREE TRIMESTERS!!! Using the “*Institute for Excellence in Writing*” program, your child(ren) will learn structure and style as they write from KEY WORD OUTLINES. Daily homework should not exceed 30 – 45 minutes of time. Results are directly related to practice. Short stories, reports, writing from pictures and how to take effective notes from a live lecture will be explored in this trimester. A final test will be offered to those students who complete all three trimesters.

Class size: 10	Class time: 3:30-4:20pm
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Material Fee:\$3	Materials needed: 3-ring notebook with 8 tabs, notebook paper, PENS, highlighter
Class Code: KW 7	

Essay Intensive (Grades 6-8) (first of three trimesters): This course will give the high school student all of the practice necessary to master writing the Basic Essay. Using the method found in the *Institute for Excellence in Writing*, students will learn stylistic techniques for this structural model. A working knowledge of writing a solid paragraph is a plus. This is NOT a grammar course, but a systematic approach to understanding the elements of the essay. Reluctant Writers Welcome!! No grade will be given, but mastery is relative to input from student. Improvement guaranteed with practice of these techniques.

Exception: Intermediate students who love to write reports may enjoy this course as well. Please speak with instructor for placement.

Class size: 10	Class time: 10:00-10:50am
Class level: 6-8	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Material Fee:\$3	Materials needed: 3-ring binder, 5-8 tabs, notebook paper, PENS, highlighter
Class Code: KW 2	

High School Essay Intensive (9-12) (first of three trimesters): This course will give the high school student all of the practice necessary to master writing the Basic Essay. Using the method found in the *Institute for Excellence in Writing*, students will learn stylistic techniques for this structural model. A working knowledge of writing a solid paragraph is a plus. This is NOT a grammar course, but a systematic approach to understanding the elements of the essay. Reluctant Writers Welcome!! No grade will be given, but mastery is relative to input from student. Improvement guaranteed with practice of these techniques.

Exception: Intermediate students who love to write reports may enjoy this course as well. Please speak with instructor for placement.

Class size: 10	Class time: 11:00-11:50am
Class level: 9-12	Taught by: Kathleen Williamson
Material Fee:\$3	Materials needed: 3-ring binder, 5-8 tabs, notebook paper, PENS, highlighter
Class Code: KW 3	