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# Electives

## **Business Management AZ12051**

**Grades: 11-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1.0 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Introductory Business courses survey an array of topics and concepts related to the field of business. These courses introduce business concepts such as banking and finance, the role of government in business, consumerism, credit, investment, and management. They usually provide a brief overview of the U.S. economic system, small businesses, and corporate organizations. Introductory Business courses may also expose students to the varied opportunities in administration, accounting, management, and related fields.

## **Career Exploration AZ22151**

**Grade: 10**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Repeatable: Yes**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Career Exploration course will identify and evaluate personal goals, priorities, aptitudes, and interests to help them make informed decisions about their careers. These courses expose students to various sources of information on career and training options and may also assist them in developing job search and employability skills. Students will explore the topic through the use of the PAES Lab.

## **Diversified Occupations AZ22153**

**Grades: 12+**

**Programs: PIECE**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Grade Scale: Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Diversified Occupations courses help students enter the workforce through career exploration, job search and application, and the development of positive work attitudes and work-related skills. These courses typically cover such topics as career planning and selection, money management, communication skills, interpersonal business relationships and behaviors, and personal responsibility. Employment may be a required component of these courses, or students may be required to enroll concurrently in a work experience course.

## **Employability Skills AZ22152**

**Grade: 12**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Employability Skills course will learn to match their interests and aptitudes to career options with a focus on using employment information effectively, acquiring and improving job-seeking and interview skills, composing job applications and resumes, and learning the skills needed to remain in and advance within the workplace. Course content may also include consumer education and personal money management topics.

## **Exploring Computer Science AZ10162**

**Grade: 9-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Exploring Computer Science courses present students with the conceptual underpinnings of computer science through an exploration of human-computer interaction, web design, computer programming, data modeling, and robotics. While these courses include programming, the focus is on the computational practices associated with doing computer science, rather than just a narrow focus on coding, syntax, or tools. Exploring Computer Science courses teach students the computational practices of algorithm design, problem-solving, and programming within a context that is relevant to their lives.

## **Health and Life Management AZ08057**

**Grade: 9**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Health and Life Management courses will focus as much on consumer education topics (such as money management and evaluation of consumer information and advertising) as on personal health topics (such as nutrition, stress management, drug/alcohol abuse prevention, disease prevention, and first aid). Course objectives include helping students develop decision-making, communication, interpersonal, and coping skills and strategies.

## **Leadership AZ22101**

**Grades: 12+**

**Programs: PIECE**

**Credit: 1.0 elective**

**Grade Scale: Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Leadership courses are designed to strengthen students' personal and group leadership skills. Typically intended for students involved in extracurricular activities (especially as officers of organizations or student governing bodies), these courses may cover such topics as public speaking, effective communication, human relations, parliamentary law and procedures, organization and management, and group dynamics.

## **Life Skills AZ72206**

**Grade: 11**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Life Skills course will be provided information about a wide range of subjects to assist students in becoming wise consumers and productive adults. These courses often emphasize such topics as goal setting, decision making, and setting priorities; money and time management; relationships; and the development of the self. Practical exercises regarding selecting and furnishing houses, meeting transportation needs, preparing food, selecting clothing, and building a wardrobe are often integral to these classes. In addition, specific topics such as insurance, taxation, and consumer protection may also be covered.

## **Publication Production - AZ11104**

**Grades: 11-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Course Description:** Publication Production courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to produce the school newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, or other printed publication. Students may gain experience in several components (writing, editing, layout, production, and so on) or may focus on a single aspect while producing the publication.

## **School Orientation AZ22102**

**Grade: 9**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 elective**

**Grade Scale: Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** School Orientation provides students with an introduction to the culture of being a high school student at AZACS so that they understand staff expectations and the school's structure and conventions. This course will serve as the initial step for student's transition planning and career exploration.

## **Self-Management AZ22207**

**Grades: 12+**

**Programs: PIECE**

**Credit: 1.0 elective**

**Grade Scale: Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Self-management courses introduce students to the skills and strategies helpful in becoming more focused, productive individuals. These courses typically emphasize goal-setting; decision-making; managing time, energy, and stress; and identifying alternatives and coping strategies. They may also allow students to explore various career and lifestyle choices.

## **Workplace Experience AZ22998**

**Grades: 12+**

**Programs: PIECE**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Grade Scale: Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Workplace Experience courses provide students with work experience in a field related to their interests. Goals are typically set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses may include classroom activities as well, involving further study of the field or discussion regarding experiences that students encounter in the workplace. Note: if the particular subject area is known, use the code

associated with the Workplace Experience course within that subject area.

## Fine and Performing Arts

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for Fine Art Credit or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

### **Art Portfolio I AZ05170**

**Grades: 9-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Art Portfolio course will create a professional body of work that reflects their personal style and talent. Students are often encouraged to display their work publicly.

### **Creative Art- Drawing/Painting AZ05155**

**Grade: 10-12**

**Program: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Prerequisite: Art Portfolio I**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Art—Drawing/Painting courses cover the same topics as Creative Art—Comprehensive courses, but focus on drawing and painting. In keeping with this attention on two-dimensional work, students typically work with several media (such as pen-and-ink, pencil, chalk, watercolor, tempera, oils, acrylics, and so on), but some courses may focus on only one medium.

### **Ballroom Dance AZ05001**

**Grads: 9-12+**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 Elective**



**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Ballroom course will give students the opportunity to learn the knowledge and skills associated with Ballroom Dance.

## **Exploration in Drama AZ05054**

**Grades: 11-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1.0 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Exploration in Drama courses are designed to enhance students' understanding of life through the study and performance of dramatic works. They emphasize developing students' ability to express themselves and establish personal criteria for the critical evaluation of drama activities.

# Career and Technical Education

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for Career and Technical Education Credit or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

## **Culinary Arts I AZ16058**

**Grades: 10-12+**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**CTE Code: 12.0500.10**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Nutrition and Food Preparation courses provide students with knowledge and skills related to commercial food preparation and/or production, with a strong emphasis on nutrition, balanced diets, and satisfying special dietary needs. Topics typically include assessing nutrient content, the science of food and nutrition, physiology, and utilization of nutrients. Course content may also cover additives, contaminants, food-borne illnesses, and food technology.

## **Culinary Arts II AZ16059**

**Grades: 11-12+**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: 1.0 CTE or Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Prerequisite: Culinary Arts I**

**CTE Code: 12.0500.20**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Culinary Art Specialty courses provide instruction in a particular type of cooking or culinary style. Examples of such specialty fields include baking, creating and decorating wedding cakes, Middle Eastern cuisine, and so on. These courses emphasize skills specific to the type of culinary art being studied.

## **Digital Photography I AZ11924**

**Grades: 10-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1.0 CTE or Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**CTE Code: 50.0605.14**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** These courses are designed to give students the skills necessary to support and enhance their learning about digital medical technology. Topics covered in the course may include internet research, copyright laws, web publishing, use of digital imagery, electronic forums, newsgroups, mailing lists, presentation tools, and project planning.

## **Digital Photography II AZ11156**

**Grades: 11-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1.0 CTE or Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**Prerequisite: Digital Photography I**

**CTE Code: 50.0605.50**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Photography and Printing Technology courses expose students to the tools, materials and processes involved in mass production of photography and printing. Types of printing covered in the course may include intaglio, relief, planographic, screen processes printing, silk screening, serigraphy processes, and thermograph. Additional topics may include the use of cameras, composition, imposition, presswork, and computer-aided publishing.

## **Technology Device Maintenance I AZ10001...coming soon!**

**Grades: 10-12**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1.0 CTE or Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**CTE Code: 15.1202.11**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Computer Maintenance courses will introduce students to the features, functions, and design of computer hardware and provide instruction in the maintenance and repair of computer components and peripheral devices.

## **Technology Device Maintenance II AZ10252...coming soon!**

**Grades: 11-12**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F**

**CTE Code: 15.1202.20**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

This is the second course in the coherent sequence for Computer Maintenance. This program prepares students to apply technical knowledge and skills to maintaining and repairing various computer systems from desktop computers, tablets, personal, handheld, and related electronic devices. Emphasis is given to hardware repair/ maintenance, data recovery, and virus removal.

## English Language Arts

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for English Language Arts or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

### English I AZ01001

**Grade: 9**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 English**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the English I course will be taught to build upon their prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and usually include the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Typically, these courses introduce and define various genres of literature, with writing exercises often linked to reading selections.

### English II AZ01002

**Grade: 10**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 English**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the English II course will be taught a balanced focus on composition and literature. Typically, students learn about the alternate aims and audiences of written compositions by writing persuasive, critical, and creative multi-paragraph essays and compositions. Through the study of various genres of literature, students can improve their reading rate and comprehension and develop the skills to determine the author's intent and theme and to recognize the techniques used by the author to deliver his or her message.

## **English III AZ01003**

**Grade: 11**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 English**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the English III course will be taught to develop their writing skills, emphasizing clear, logical writing patterns, word choice, and usage, as students write essays and begin to learn the techniques of writing research papers. Students continue to read works of literature, which often form the backbone of the writing assignments. Literary conventions and stylistic devices may receive greater emphasis than in previous courses.

## **English IV AZ01004**

**Grade: 12**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 English**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the English IV course will be taught to blend composition and literature into a cohesive whole as students write critical and comparative analyses of selected literature, continuing to develop their language arts skills. Typically, students primarily write multi-paragraph essays, but they may also write one or more major research papers.

# Mathematics

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for Mathematics Credit or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

## **Algebra I AZ02052**

**Grade: 9**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1.0 Mathematics**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Algebra I course will be taught the study of properties and operations of the real number system; evaluating rational algebraic expressions; solving and graphing first-degree equations and inequalities; translating word problems into equations; operations with and factoring of polynomials; and solving simple quadratic equations.

## **Algebra II AZ02072**

**Grade: 11**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1.0 Mathematics**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Algebra II course will be taught topics that typically include field properties and theorems; set theory; operations with rational and irrational expressions; factoring of rational expressions; in-depth study of linear equations and inequalities; quadratic equations; solving systems of linear and quadratic equations; graphing of constant, linear, and quadratic equations; properties of higher degree equations; and operations with rational and irrational exponents.

## **Consumer Math #AZ02157**

**Grade 12**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 Mathematics**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Consumer Math course will be taught general math topics

(such as arithmetic using rational numbers, measurement, ratio and proportion, and basic statistics) and how to apply these skills to consumer problems and situations. Applications typically include budgeting, taxation, credit, banking services, insurance, buying and selling products and services, home and/or car ownership and rental, managing personal income, and investment.

## **Geometry #AZ02072**

**Grade: 10**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 Mathematics**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

Students in the Geometry course will be introduced to an abstract, formal approach to the study of geometry, typically including topics such as properties of plane and solid figures; deductive methods of reasoning, and use of logic; geometry as an axiomatic system including the study of postulates, theorems, and formal proofs; concepts of congruence, similarity, parallelism, perpendicularity, and proportion; and rules of angle measurement in triangles.

# Physical Education

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for Physical Education Credit or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

## **Physical and Health Education AZ08101**

**Grades: 9-12**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Physical and Health Education class will be provided with knowledge, experience, and an opportunity to develop skills in a variety of sports or activities (for example, team sports, individual/dual sports, recreational sports, and fitness/conditioning activities) integrated with instruction in personal health (for example, nutrition, mental health, and stress management, drug/alcohol abuse prevention, injury and disease prevention, and first aid) and consumer health issues.



# Social Studies

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for Social Studies or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

## **World History and Geography AZ04052**

**Grade: 10**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1.0 Social Studies**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the World History and Geography course will be provided an overview of world geography. These courses are often developed in response to increased national concern regarding the importance of geography, and they explore geographical concepts.

## **US History AZ04101**

**Grade: 11**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1.0 Social Studies**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Comprehensive course will be provided with an overview of the history of the United States, examining periods from discovery or colonialism through World War II or after. These courses typically include a historical overview of political, military, scientific, and social developments. Course content may include a history of the North American peoples before European settlement.

## **Economics AZ04201**

**Grade: 12**

**Program: All**

**Credit: .5 Social Studies**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Economics courses will be provided with an overview of economics with primary emphasis on the principles of microeconomics and the U.S. economic system. These courses may also cover topics such as principles of macroeconomics,

international economics, and comparative economics. Economic principles may be presented in formal theoretical contexts, applied contexts, or both.

## **Government # AZ04151**

**Grade: 12**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: .5 Social Studies**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Government courses will be provided with an overview of the structure and functions of the U.S. government and political institutions and examine constitutional principles, the concepts of rights and responsibilities, the role of political parties and interest groups, and the importance of civic participation in the democratic process. These courses may examine the structure and function of state and local governments and may cover certain economic and legal topics.

# Science

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for Science Credit or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

## **Biology AZ03051**

**Grade 10**

**Program: All**

**Credit: 1 Science**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Biology course will be provided with information regarding the fundamental concepts of life and life processes. This course includes such topics as cell structure and function, general plant and animal physiology, genetics, and taxonomy.

## **Earth/Space Science AZ03008**

**Grade: 11**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: 1.0 Science**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Earth and Space course will be introduced to the study of the Earth from a local and global perspective. In this course, students typically learn about time zones, latitude and longitude, atmosphere, weather, climate, matter, and energy transfer. Advanced topics often include the study of the use of remote sensing, computer visualization, and computer modeling to enable Earth scientists to understand Earth as a complex and changing planet.

## **Integrated Science AZ03201**

**Grade: 9**

**Programs: All**

**Credit: 1.0 Science**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus, Tucson Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Integrated Science course will draw upon the principles of several scientific specialties—earth science, physical science, biology, chemistry, and physics—and organize the material around thematic units. Common themes covered include

systems, models, energy, patterns, change, and constancy. These courses use appropriate aspects from each specialty to investigate applications of the theme.

# World and Native Languages

*All courses in this department will meet AZACS requirements for World and Native Language Credit or Elective Credit. See the course description for further details.*

## **Spanish I AZ06101**

**Grades: 10-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Spanish I course will be prepared to communicate authentically in Spanish by interpreting (reading, listening, viewing), exchanging (speaking and listening; reading and writing), and presenting (speaking, writing) information on a variety of topics. They introduce the relationships among the products, practices, and perspectives of Spanish-speaking cultures.

## **Spanish II AZ06102**

**Grades: 11-12**

**Programs: Academic and Modified**

**Credit: 1 Elective**

**Grade Scale: A-F or Pass/Fail**

**Prerequisite: Spanish I**

**Location offered: Phoenix Upper Campus**

**Course Description:** Students in the Spanish II course will build upon skills developed in Spanish I, preparing to communicate authentically in Spanish by interpreting (reading, listening, viewing), exchanging (speaking and listening; reading and writing), and presenting (speaking, writing) information on concrete topics. Spanish II courses introduce the relationships among the products, practices, and perspectives of Spanish-speaking cultures.