

Acalanes Union High School District

Course Catalog 2018-2019



Acalanes



Campolindo



Las Lomas



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Public Notification of Non-Discrimination

The Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, actual or potential, family or marital status, or the exclusion of any person because of pregnancy or related conditions, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

The AUHSD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program does not discriminate in enrollment in or access to any of the CTE programs available. Admission to these programs is based on age appropriateness, class space, interest, aptitude, and prerequisite coursework (where applicable). The lack of English skills shall not be a barrier to admission to or participation in the District's activities and programs. The AUHSD also does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices.

This notice is provided as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the California Code of Regulations Title 5, Chapter 5.3 Nondiscrimination. Questions, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding these laws may be forwarded to the District's designated compliance coordinators. All AUHSD compliance coordinators can be contacted at 925-280-3900, 1212 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette CA, 94549

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AUHSD Graduation and College Admission Requirements

Students are required to earn 240 credits for graduation. Ten credits are granted for successfully completing a course that meets each day for a school year; five credits are granted for a semester course.

Subject Area	AUHSD Graduation Requirements; Class of 2019	AUHSD Graduation Requirements; Class of 2020, 2021, 2022	University of California (UC) and CalState University (CSU)
English	<i>40 Credits</i> English (Course title must include "English")	<i>40 Credits</i> English (Course must be a grade level English course)	<i>40 Credits</i> College Prep English
Math	<i>20 Credits</i> Algebra 1 and two semesters of math beyond Algebra 1	<i>30 Credits</i> Algebra 1 and two semesters of math beyond Algebra 1. Up to 10 credits may be obtained by completing Computer Science.	<i>30 Credits (40 Credits recommended)</i> Through Algebra 2
Science	<i>20 Credits</i> One year Physical and One year Life Science	<i>20 Credits</i> One year Physical and One year Life Science	<i>20 Credits (30 Credits recommended)</i> Lab Sciences: Physical and Life
Social Studies	<i>30 Credits</i> World History/Geography US History Government/Economics	<i>30 Credits</i> World History/Geography US History Government/Economics	<i>20 Credits</i> World History US History (or semester of US History and semester of Government)
Visual/Performing Arts	<i>20 Credits</i> Students must take one year in two of the five areas (World Language, American Sign Language, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Career Technical Ed)	<i>10 Credits</i> One year of Visual or Performing Arts	<i>10 Credits</i> One yearlong course
World Language		<i>20 Credits</i> Two years in any of the following areas: World Language, American Sign Language, or Career Technical Ed	<i>20 Credits (30 Credits recommended)</i> Two years of the same language
Career Technical Education			None
Physical Education	<i>20 Credits</i> PE 9/Health and PE 10	<i>20 Credits</i> PE 9 and additional 10 credits	None
Health	None	<i>5 Credits</i> Human and Social Development Course	None
Electives	<i>90 Credits</i>	<i>65 Credits</i>	<i>10 Credits</i> College Prep electives
TOTAL	<i>240 Credits</i>	<i>240 Credits</i>	NA

AUHSD Graduation and College Admission Requirements

University of California

Students interested in attending one of nine University of California campuses must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete a minimum of 15 college-preparatory courses (a-g courses) with a C or better in each course
- Earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better in a-g courses with no grade lower than a C. Students who do not meet a 3.0 GPA requirement must submit SAT or ACT test scores to meet eligibility index requirements.

Students are encouraged to visit: <http://admission.univeristyofcalifornia.edu> for detailed information.

California State University

Students interested in attending one of California State University campuses must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete a minimum of 15 college-preparatory courses (a-g courses), with at least 11 finished prior to the beginning of 12th grade.
- Earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better in a-g courses with no grade lower than a C
- Meet the examination requirements by taking the ACT plus Writing or the SAT by December of senior year. SAT Subject Tests are no longer required but may be recommended by certain campuses or programs.

Students are encouraged to visit: csumentor.edu for detailed information.

Private College Requirements

Private colleges do not often publish a firm list of required courses. The list of courses required by the University of California provides a guideline for the high school courses that should be taken to qualify for admission to private colleges. Many students take advantage of Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered as these courses are viewed positively by the private colleges. Many students attend private colleges each year with campus choices ranging from large, well-known universities to smaller institutions with highly-focused curricular offerings.

Community College Requirements

Community colleges provide quality, affordable educational options for students. There are 114 community colleges in the state of California and many students choose to begin their higher education at one of these institutions. At a community college, students can earn a two-year associate's degree, a certificate in a particular field, remediate their skills and improve upon their English skills among other things. First priority for student enrollment in the California Community College System is given to students who have either graduated from high school, did not complete high school by the date of their class graduation, or have reached the age of 18. Additionally, community college districts may enroll students for other reasons, such as a student being identified as highly-gifted or a student's academic record demonstrating that he/she would benefit from academic enrichment.

All Acalanes Union High School District students are required by the California Community College System to have a school administrator approve any request to enroll in a community college course. Community college courses are not accepted for original credit in lieu of course required for graduation by the Acalanes Union High School District.

AUHSD Graduation Requirements and Course Pathways

- Students must earn minimum of 240 credits to graduate from Acalanes, Campolindo, Las Lomas or Miramonte High School
- Students earn five (5) credits for every semester course they complete with a “D” or better
- AUHSD Graduation Requirements have been updated and changed effective Class of 2020
- Students in class of 2020, 2021 and 2022 must follow the revised AUHSD graduation requirements
- The following specific requirements and courses **MUST** be included:

Subject	Credits	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Class '19: 40 Class '20,'21,'22: 40	English 1	English 2	English 3 or English 3 Honors	English 4 or English 4 AP or English 4 Elective
Mathematics*	Class '19: 20 Class '20,'21,'22: 30	Math Course	Math Course	Math Course (Course may be Computer Sci)	
Science	Class '19: 20 Class '20,'21,'22: 20	Living Earth	Chemistry of the Earth (or Geology)		
Social Studies	Class '19: 30 Class '20,'21,'22: 30	World History/Geography		US History	US Government & Economics
Visual/Performing Arts	Class '20,'21,'22: 10	Visual or Performing Art			
World Language	Class '19: 20 (VAPA, WL, ASL, CTE) Class '20,'21,'22: 20 WL, ASL, CTE	Two courses of in the areas of World Language, American Sign language or CTE	Two courses of in the areas of World Language, American Sign language or CTE		
Career Tech Ed					
Physical Education**	Class '19: 20 Class '20,'21,'22: 20	PE 9	PE Elective or Athletic PE		
Health	Class '19: 0 Class '20,'21,'22: 5		Human and Social Development Course		
Electives	Class '19: 90 Class '20,'21,'22: 65				

*Students must pass Algebra 1 either in middle school or high school in order to graduate. Students who have already passed Algebra 1 in middle school must pass at least 30 credits of additional math courses in order to meet the graduation requirement. Algebra A and Algebra B sequence satisfies the Algebra 1 requirement. 10 credits earned by completing a Computer Science course may be applied towards mathematics credit for students in class of 2020, 2021 and 2022.

** Students must complete 20 credits in the area of Physical Education. Ten (10) credits must be completed through PE 9 course. Students in Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022 have options in how to obtain 10 credits in addition to PE 9. Please see the PE section of the Course Catalog for detailed information.

Course Selection Guidelines

Guidelines for Selecting a Course

Students are encouraged to review the information in the Course Catalog and the course descriptions prior to signing up for a particular course. Additionally, students are encouraged to consider the following course selection guidelines when planning an overall schedule.

1. **Graduation Requirements.** Carefully check the AUHSD graduation requirements.
2. **College Entrance Requirements.** Look for courses required by many colleges and universities.
3. **Your interests.** Look for courses which might have relevance or interest to you.
4. **Overall course schedule.** Examine the overall rigor of selected classes.
5. **Parent approval.** Talk to your parents about your course choices.
6. **Teacher recommendation.** Talk to your teachers to determine appropriate course selection.

Schedule Changes

Master schedules and course offerings are based on student selection. The counselors inform every student, through the scheduling process, of the seriousness of their course selections. Please note that students' course schedules are not based on period requests or teacher requests.

- All 9th, 10th and 11th graders must be enrolled in at least six classes.
- 12th graders must be enrolled in at least five classes except for students enrolled in ROC/P county programs, community college courses, independent study or other courses authorized by the AUHSD Governing Board. Program enrollment must be pre-approved by the principal.
- Any course dropped after the end of the 1st quarter is a drop with an F grade.
- Students must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period by maintaining a minimum 2.0 grade point average, and minimum progress toward meeting AUHSD graduation requirements and maintain satisfactory citizenship (behavior) as defined in school and district policy to be eligible for athletics and other extra and co-curricular activities.

Course changes will not be made to accommodate extra-curricular schedules, personal preferences, teacher, or period preferences. Requests to drop one class and enroll in another must be made within the first 10 days of school. Requests will be granted based on course capacity and availability. Students may request schedule changes based on the following reasons:

- Inappropriate course placement level for student (academic misplacement)
- Missing course for graduation requirement or course required to meet minimum college eligibility
- Change in elective class

Students are expected to select classes carefully and to maintain a firm commitment to continue enrollment in their classes once the school year begins.

Counseling Department

The counseling program is designed to assist students with academic, personal, and life-planning choices as students become increasingly self-reliant and independent during their four years of high school. Counselors work with students divided by alphabetical groups, which allows students to work with the same counselor throughout their high school career. Counselors meet with students in groups (classroom and evening presentations) and on a one-to-one basis. Additionally, each campus has an intervention specialist available for urgent personal counseling needs.

Students are encouraged to contact their counselor with any questions concerning course selection and planning. At the start of the second semester counselors will provide students with an overview of the course schedule for the upcoming year. Counselors will also guide students through the planning and selection process as well as distribute and collect course request materials.

College & Career Center Resources

College and Career Center is available to all students and families for the following services.

Naviance – Online Planning Resource

Naviance is a web-based program available to all students to explore different colleges and post-high school options. The program contains important data that will help students make informed decisions when applying to colleges as well as function as a communication tool when requesting teacher recommendations letters.

College and Career Center Additional Resources

- College and university information: catalogs/reference books: two-year, four-year, in-state, out-of-state, public and private colleges
- Testing dates and registration materials: PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT, Advanced Placement
- Scholarship and financial aid information and application forms
- Trade, technical and specialty school information
- Regional Occupational Program (ROP) information
- SAT and ACT prep workshop information
- Summer opportunities information
- Part-time job placement
- National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) information
- Fall college representative visits

College & Career Planning

College Preparatory Checklist

The following checklist may be helpful to stay organized on the path to college. These are general guidelines and not all items are listed or applicable to everyone.

Freshman Year

- Visit all the resources on campus – Library, Counseling Office, College & Career Center
- Establish strong study habits and time management techniques
- Participate in extra-curricular activities and work toward leadership positions. Get involved! Join clubs, ASB and play sports!
- Explore and participate in community service
- Meet your counselor and review your four year plan
- Register with Naviance and take some of the college/career/personality inventories
- Start a list of accomplishments or awards to be used when preparing a resume or college applications

Sophomore Year

- Concentrate on academic preparation and continue to develop basic skills and extracurricular interests
- Take the Practice SAT Exam (PSAT)
- Take the SAT Subject Exam in June in subjects you have completed (i.e. Biology, Chemistry)
- Attend College Fairs to learn about college entrance requirements
- Explore Naviance and do some college/career browsing
- Volunteer, work or take classes over summer
- Add to your list of accomplishments

Junior Year

- Take the Practice SAT Exam (PSAT)
- Register for SAT, SAT Subject, and/or ACT Exam and complete your testing by June of your junior year
- Attend fall College Fair to learn about college entrance requirements and sign-up in the College and Career Center to meet College Admission Representatives
- Continue with community service
- Research and/or visit college campuses during your vacations
- Athletes: To play college athletics you must be certified by the NCAA. Start this process in late spring of your junior year at www.eligibilitycenter.org

Senior Year

- Check the College and Career Center for upcoming events and important deadline information
- Decide which colleges interest you. Most college applications can be accessed through the Common Application
- Contact teachers for letters of recommendation
- Sign up in the College and Career Center for College Admission Representative
- Know the various applications deadlines and submit applications on time
- Attend Financial Aid Workshop for parents and students
- Research and apply for scholarships

Alternative Programs

Acalanes Center for Independent Study (ACIS)

Acalanes Center for Independent Study, located on the Del Valle campus, offers alternative instructional programs and different diploma requirements than the comprehensive schools. It offers students a flexible daily schedule, which cannot be met by regular high school programs. ACIS offers a college preparatory program for all students. ACIS classes meet the University of California “a-g” requirements. Limited elective courses are provided for students and students may enroll in adult education, ROP or concurrently enroll in community college classes.

ACIS is a fully accredited high school by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

For more information regarding the Acalanes Center for Independent Study and/or course offerings, contact the Director of Del Valle Education Center at (925) 280-3980.

Regional Occupation Program (ROP)

The Regional Occupation Program (ROP), administered collaboratively by the Acalanes Union High School District and the Contra Costa County Office of Education, provides school-to-career preparation classes for juniors and seniors. Classes are designed to help students learn about career choices, develop job skills, and gain skills useful in college. Most classes can be taken for one or two periods, and some include internships. Students earn elective credits, and some classes offer transferable college credits. Many ROP courses fulfill University of California "a-g" subject matter entrance requirements. Students also are eligible to take ROP classes located off campus. Students must be 16 years of age to enroll in ROP classes.

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

ROP classes are offered to students age of 16 or older. Students may take ROP courses at their school or off campus. To register for ROP courses offered at the school site, select the ROP course during the course registration time. To enroll into off campus ROP courses contact your counselor and call the ROP office at 925-942-3368.

ROP Courses anticipated to be offered in 2018-2019 in the Acalanes Union High School District

Acalanes

Auto Engineering
Auto Engineering Advanced
Sports Medicine
Sports Medicine Advanced

Campolindo

Auto Technology
Auto Technology Advanced
Biotechnology
Computer Science (AP)
Digital Photo Advanced
Environmental Science (AP)
Sports Medicine

Las Lomas

Advanced Baking
Analytical Forensic Science
Auto Engineering
Auto Engineering Advanced
Architectural Design
Foods 2
International Cuisine
Medical Technologies
Sports Medicine

Miramonte

Computer Science (AP)
Digital Photo Advanced
Sports Medicine
Sports Medicine Advanced
Video Production

ROP Courses Offered Off Campus

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Veterinary Science

Arts, Media and Entertainment

Art & Animation
Computer Graphic Arts
Creative Writing
Digital Recording Studio
Game Art Design
Multimedia
Advanced Communications Media
Play Productions
Radio Broadcasting
Video Broadcasting Production
(Advanced)
Web Design/Digital Arts/Design for Web

Building Trades and Construction

Cabinetmaking
Construction Technology

Education, Child Development and Family Services

Careers with Children
Careers in Teaching
Developmental Psychology of Children

Engineering and Design

Civil Engineering and Architecture
Electrical Engineering
Introduction to Engineering

Principles of Engineering

Engineering and Design
Civil Engineering and Architecture
Electrical Engineering
Introduction to Engineering
Principles of Engineering

Finance and Business

Computerized Accounting

Health Science and Medical Technology

Emergency Medical Careers
Hospital Health Services
Human Body Systems
Medical Interventions

Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation

Commercial Food Service and Nutrition and Wellness
Culinary/Catering/Baking Careers
Hotel Careers

Informational Technology

Computer Applications/Microsoft
Office Certification
VS.net
Desktop Publishing
Information Systems Design and Management

Manufacturing and Product Development

Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Robotics Engineering Technology

Marketing, Sales, and Service

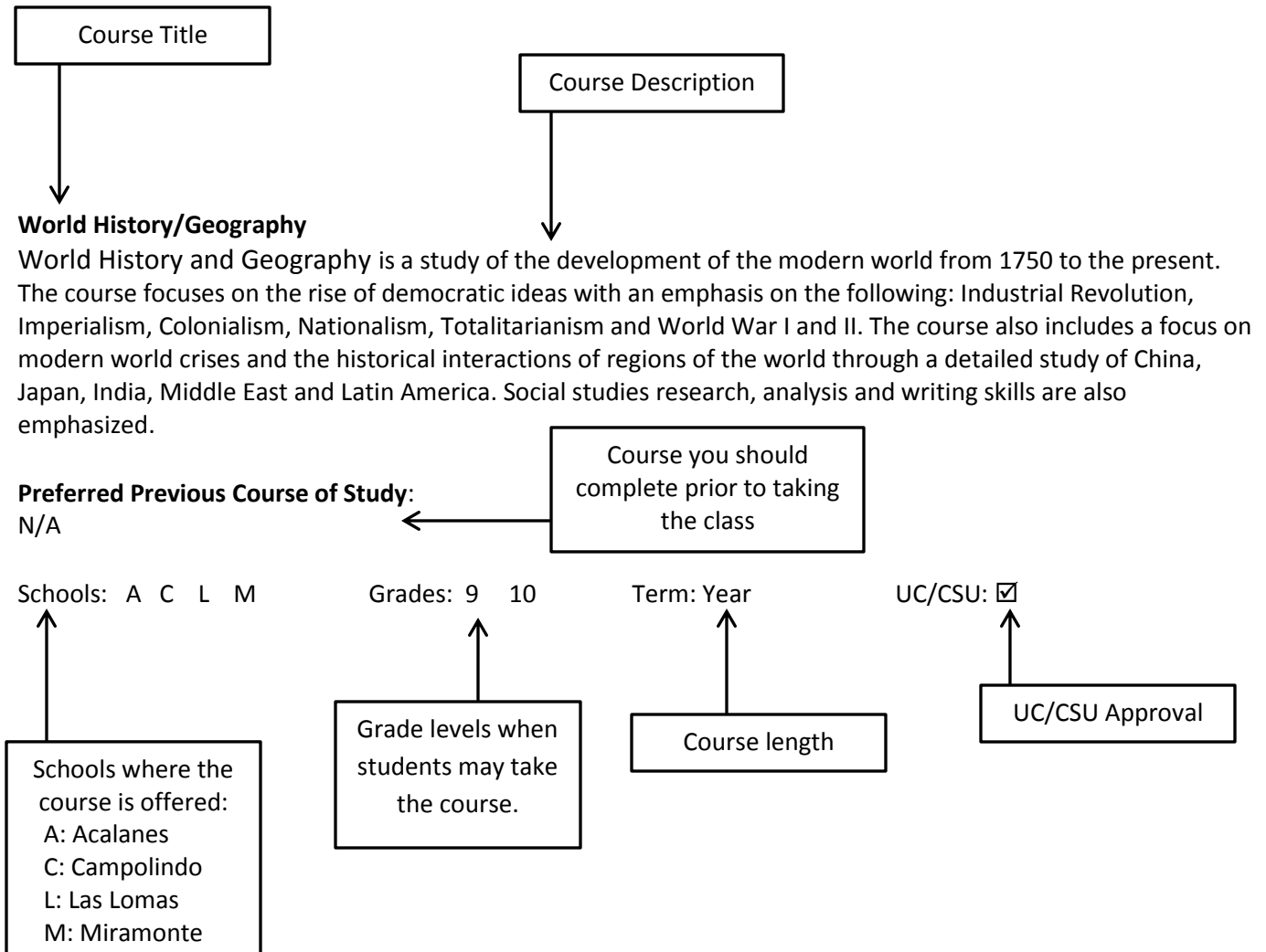
Cosmetology, Aesthetics, Manicuring
Marketing/Merchandising

Public Services

Community Services Professions
Fire Science
Introduction to Law
Journey for Justice in America
Law Enforcement Careers

AUHSD Course Offerings

How to read the Course Catalog?



Career Technical Education

AUHSD Career Technical Education (CTE) involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.

Graduation Requirement Changes

Career Technical Education is part of the AUHSD Breadth Graduation Requirement. AUHSD graduation requirements have been changed and during this transition time students in different graduating classes may have different graduation requirements. Please review the information related to graduation requirements carefully.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019	AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022	Minimum UC/CSU Entrance CTE Requirement
AUHSD students must pass one year in two of the five areas (20 credits): Career Technical Education (CTE), World Language, American Sign Language, Visual Arts, or Performing Arts	AUHSD students must obtain 20 credits taken in any of the following areas: Career Technical Education (CTE), World Language or American Sign Language	None

AUHSD Career Technical Programs:

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

Industry Pathway	AUHSD Courses	Industry Pathway	AUHSD Courses
Arts, Media and Entertainment	Digital Design Journalism Music Theory AP Photography Publications Stagecraft Video Production	Health Sciences and Medical Technology	Biotechnology Medical Technologies Sports Medicine
Building and Construction Trades	Furniture Design Wood Technology Woodworking	Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation	Advanced Baking Foods International Cuisine
Energy, Environment and Utilities	Environmental Science	Information and Computer Technologies	Computer Programming Computer Sciences
Engineering and Architecture	Architectural Design Digital Electronics Engineering and Applied Physics Engineering Design	Manufacturing and Product Development	Design and Fabrication
		Public Service	Analytical Forensic Science Law and Society
		Transportation	Automotive Engineering

Career Technical Education

Architectural Design

Architectural Design is a course in which students will express themselves visually and be able to showcase their creativity. Instruction will be given in the following areas: elements of design, architectural history, technical drafting, sketching, and computer design. The course will give the students confidence in organizing ideas and the ability to work ideas into new useful creations and reinforce concepts and ideas learned in math, art and social science.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	L	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Architectural Design Advanced

Advanced Architectural Design introduces students to elements and principles of architectural, landscape and interior design. Students study site selection, room arrangement, construction methods, floor plans, foundation plans, framing plans, roof plans, elevations, three dimensional perspective views or models. Students will also use Computer-Assisted Drafting.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Architectural Design

Schools:		L	Grades:		10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Automotive Engineering

Automotive Engineering course offers students the opportunity to study the automotive systems such as engine, ignition, electrical, brakes, drivetrain, and suspension. The program includes both classroom and practical time. The lab section will deal with practical maintenance of automobiles, data retrieval systems; tools and equipment, preventative maintenance, troubleshooting and more. This course may be offered as an ROP course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	Grades:		10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Automotive Engineering Advanced

Automotive Engineering Advanced course offers students instruction in advanced technology and practices, tune-up, emission control, power transmission, brakes, machine operations, diagnostics, computer controls suspension, steering, fuel systems and engine overhaul. The program includes both classroom and practical time. This course may be repeated for credit.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Automotive Engineering

Schools:	A	C	L	Grades:			11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Introduction to Engineering Design

Introduction to Engineering Design course provides a solid foundation and introduction to Engineering and Design. Students dig deep into the engineering process, applying math, science, and engineering standards to hands-on projects. They work both individually and in teams to design solutions to a variety of problems using 3-D modeling software, and use an engineering notebook to document their work.

Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Digital Electronics

From smartphones to appliances, digital circuits are all around us. This course provides a foundation for students who are interested in electrical engineering, electronics, or circuit design. Students study topics such as combinational and sequential logic and are exposed to circuit design tools used in industry, including logic gates, integrated circuits, and programmable logic devices.

Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:		M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Computer Applications

Computer Applications is an introductory computer course that will provide students with the opportunity to develop self-confidence, foster creativity, and develop skills that are important for success in college and entry level careers. Students gain basic skills in keyboarding, word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software, desktop publishing, and computer graphics. The students also learn elementary web design, multimedia, and animation skills.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:		L	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Computer Technology

Introduction to computer technology and maintenance. Emphasis is on developing concepts in computer components, computer architecture, peripheral devices and basic troubleshooting skills. Includes instruction in digital applications, logic circuits and computer hardware. Students experience software and hardware diagnostics through hands-on activities.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:		L	Grades:		11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Computer Technology Advanced

Students continue to develop concepts in computer technology and maintenance. Emphasis is on developing practical trouble-shooting skills. Students expand their experience in hardware and software diagnostics. Includes instructions in advanced digital applications and networks.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Computer Technology

Schools:	L	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Electronics

Electronics Technology is the study of electricity in a modern world. Emphasis is placed on lab experiences using electronic test equipment. Students learn about the discovery of the electron, static and dynamic electricity, digital and solid-state electronics and experiment with electricity, electronic components and

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Electronics Advanced

The fundamental principles developed in the first course are expanded through emphasis on digital and analog semiconductor circuits. Students will design and build simple transistor amplifiers and use integrated circuit technology to design and build simple logic circuits. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the operation of microprocessors and computers. Design and fabrication skills will be enhanced as students complete individual projects.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Electronics

Schools:	L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Wood Technology

Wood Technology provides students with the knowledge to safely operate and maintain both hand and power tools as well as woodworking machines. Throughout the year, students will complete several projects while learning the identification and use of tools, woods, and basic joinery and finishing techniques. Emphasis is placed on safety, responsibility, and cooperation.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	C L	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Wood Technology-Advanced

Advanced Wood Technology provides the student with the opportunity to further develop the skills learned in Wood Technology, with the addition of advanced joinery and finishing techniques, and the use of additional materials such as plastics, metals, and casting resins. Students will be encouraged to plan and develop projects of their own conception. Throughout the year, emphasis is placed on safety, responsibility, and cooperation.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Wood Technology

Schools:	C L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Design/Fabrication Technology

Design and Fabrication Technology provides students with knowledge to safely operate and maintain hand and power tools as well as woodworking, plastic and metal machines as an introduction into the processes necessary to manufacture a product. This course is designed to show the inter-relationships between design, machinery, and fabrication. The course provides a broad range of applied basic skills and specific technical skills necessary to function in a highly-technological society and work place. The student will improve skills in drafting, machining and fabrication. The design process is examined as it relates to manufactured products. Topics also included are how to write specifications, how to control quality, understand tests and analysis, and work with prototypes. The student is given lab assignments to be completed on CAD software.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Design/Fabrication Tech Advanced

Students will continue to build on skills and procedures learned and practiced in Design and Fabrication Technology. While the first year's course explored design, machinery, and fabrication, Design and Fabrication, Advanced will integrate those aspects of technology with a student's individual expression. Employing hand tools, power tools, and computer-controlled manufacturing machines, students will respond to the needs of the environment as well as society at large, through the exploration of several different arenas including woodworking, metalworking, jewelry, casting, glass work and plastics. Throughout the year, emphasis will be placed on safety, responsibility, and cooperation.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Design/Fabrication Technology

Schools:	A	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Foods 1

Foods 1 is the first course in a comprehensive standards-based culinary arts sequence. The class will enable students to understand basic nutrition, food preparation techniques, care and use of equipment, consumer education, entertaining, kitchen safety and sanitation.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L M	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Foods 2

Foods 2 is the second course in a comprehensive standard-based culinary arts sequence. The class builds on student's knowledge of nutrition, preparation techniques, equipment use and care, and consumerism. The class will provide hands-on experience in all elements of food preparation including various international foods recipes.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Foods 1

Schools:	L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Foods Adv. Baking & Cooking

Foods Adv. Baking & Cooking is the second course in a comprehensive standard-based culinary arts sequence. The class builds on student's knowledge of nutrition, preparation techniques, equipment use and care, and consumerism. The class will provide hands-on experience in all elements of food preparation including various international foods recipes. This course may be offered as an ROP course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Foods 1

Schools:	L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Foods Adv. Internat'l Cuisine

This course focuses on understanding the differences and commonalities we have with other cultures around the world. A common denominator in studying world cultures is cuisine. In studying the cuisine of a people or a region, we learn about a country's geography and climate, traditions, taboos and social mores, unique adaptations caused by environment on a food supply, pressures on a population to trade, export, import, permit a closed or open society, and cultural values. Students will acquire a greater understanding of their world and the cultural diversity that exists in their own community. This course may be offered as an ROP course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Foods 1

Schools:	L M	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Medical Technologies - ROP

Medical Technologies is designed to develop healthcare knowledge, including scientific concepts and theories, and provide in-depth study in the areas of anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, principles of infection control, human growth and development and client care. Students will explore social and ethical issues that impact the industry and develop workplace procedures and skills in medicine and health care. Students will learn basic vital signs, first aid, and CPR, and will have teaching and mentoring experience with medical professionals in and outside of the classroom. Students develop a personal career plan as it relates to career choice, requirements within the industry and rapidly changing opportunities in health careers. This course will prepare students interested in biology, anatomy and health care technology for the transition to post-secondary studies in Health Science.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Biology and/or Life Science, Algebra 1

Schools:	L	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Work Experience Education

Work experience is a one-semester elective class combining paid employment experience with classroom instruction emphasizing an introduction to work necessary for job success and fulfillment and classroom training in employability skills. Students are employed and paid a standard wage at the job site while enrolled in a concurrent course at their high school. Students develop positive work habits, self-confidence, and job related skills which can be used to locate, secure, and retain employment in the community. Students must attend weekly related instruction meetings at their school, undertake lessons and activities, and acquire general and specific occupational skills through a combination of supervised paid employment and instruction. Regular job site visitations and supervision by the work experience coordinator is a fundamental part of the course. Students must be at least 16 years of age and concurrently employed a minimum of five hours per week in a paid position covered by workmen's compensation. Work Experience Education is only offered on the Las Lomas campus. Students at other campuses may consult with their counselor to pursue this option.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L	Grades:	12	Term: Year	UC/CSU	☐
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English and English Language Development

AUHSD English and English Language Development courses focus on providing students with the ability to read, write, and communicate with competence and confidence in English across a range of personal and academic contexts expanding the opportunities for career and college success.

Graduation Requirement Changes

AUHSD graduation requirements have been changed and during this transition time students in different graduating classes may have different graduation requirements. Please review the information related to graduation requirements carefully.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019

AUHSD students must pass four years of English. Title of the course must include "English."

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022

AUHSD students must obtain 40 credits in grade level English courses.

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance English Requirement

40 credits of College Preparatory English

AUHSD English Course Sequence Options:

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English 1	English 2	English 3 Or English 3 Honors	English 4 Or English 4/Wise Or AP English Literature & Composition Or English 4: Electives

English Language Development (ELD) Courses are offered at all AUHSD schools and provide English Learners with a structured program focusing on the development of English Language. ELD 1, ELD 2, and ELD 3 courses may be offered as appropriate at each school site based on the need of each curricular level.

Electives in the English Department

English 4 Electives *Accepted for graduation requirement	English Electives *May not be substitute for required grade level courses listed above.
- English 4: The Mysterious, the Grotesque and the Fantastic - English 4: Don't Tread on Me: Rebels, Outcasts, and Iconoclasts in Literature	- Journalism 1,2,3,4 - Literacy - Media and Film Studies - Public Speaking 1,2,3,4 - Public Speaking and Creative Writing

English

English 1

English 1 focuses on the study of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening as outlined in the California Common Core State Standards. There is an emphasis on critical thinking, increasingly complex texts, informational text and nonfiction, integrating technology, and academic vocabulary.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English 2

English 2 builds and extends the knowledge learned in English 1 and focuses on the study of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening as outlined in the California Common Core State Standards. There is an increased emphasis on critical thinking, increasingly complex texts, informational text and nonfiction, integrating technology, and academic vocabulary.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 1

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English 3

English 3 builds and extends the knowledge learned in English 2 and focuses on the study of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening as outlined in the California Common Core State Standards. There is an increased attention on critical thinking, increasingly complex texts, informational text and nonfiction, integrating technology, and academic vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on traditional and contemporary American Literature and nonfiction/informational reading materials.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 2

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English 3 Honors

English 3 Honors builds and extends the knowledge learned in English 2 and focuses on the study of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening as outlined in the California Common Core State Standards. There is an increased attention on critical thinking, increasingly complex texts, informational text and nonfiction, integrating technology, and academic vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on traditional and contemporary American Literature and nonfiction/informational reading materials. This course provides additional depth of study in the development of advanced, writing, analysis, and literary criticism skills beyond that required within the English 3 curriculum.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 2

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English 4

English 4 builds and extends the knowledge learned in English 3 and focuses on the study of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening as outlined in the California Common Core State Standards. There is an increased attention on critical thinking, increasingly complex texts, informational text and nonfiction, integrating technology, and academic vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on world literature and nonfiction. The course prepares students for the rigor of college-level reading and writing.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 3

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP English Literature & Composition

AP English Literature is designed to provide students with the abilities needed to be successful at the university level as skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts. This course also develops skilled writers who can compose for a variety of purposes.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 3

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English 4: Don't Tread on Me: Rebels, Outcasts & Iconoclasts in Literature

English 4: Don't Tread on Me: Rebels, Outcasts and Iconoclasts in Literature builds and extends the knowledge learned in English 3 and focuses on the study of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening as outlined in the California Common Core State Standards. There is an increased attention on critical thinking, increasingly complex texts, informational text and nonfiction, integrating technology, and academic vocabulary. This course will examine how a wide variety of characters seek to shape their own paths despite legal, social, cultural and religious restrictions. This course may be taken to satisfy fourth year of English language graduation requirement.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 3

Schools:	A	Grades:	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English 4: The Mysterious, the Grotesque & the Fantastic

English 4: The Mysterious, the Grotesque and the Fantastic builds and extends the knowledge learned in English 3 and focuses on the study of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening as outlined in the California Common Core State Standards. There is an increased attention on critical thinking, increasingly complex texts, informational text and nonfiction, integrating technology, and academic vocabulary. This course focuses on the evolution of the modern mystery plot, tracing a long arc from its emergence in eighteenth-century Gothic fiction to its contemporary reinventions in radio, movies, TV and podcasts. This course may be taken to satisfy fourth year of English language graduation requirement.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 3

Schools:	A	Grades:	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English 4/WISE

English 4 focuses on the advanced study of world literature and non-fiction, and prepares students for the rigor of college-level reading and writing. The course includes extensive writing, analysis of text, and literary criticism, as well as the development of speaking, listening and vocabulary skills. WISE emphasizes real world, outside-of-the-classroom experience and is designed for the self-motivated student. This course meets the needs of seniors interested in an alternative to the 8th semester of traditional English 4 curriculum. As the district's mission statement encourages, this course offers students the opportunity to "excel in a global society." (5 units per semester).

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

English 3

Schools:	M	Grades:	12	Term: Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Film and Media Studies

Film and Media Studies course is designed to allow students the opportunity to consider many sides of media. It is designed for students interested in considering how media shape our world and how our world shapes media. Students will develop their critical thinking abilities through speaking and listening as well as through writing and reading. This course is a cross between analysis and performance, where students will be doing much thinking, discussing, writing, reading and most of all increasing their awareness of the roles of media around them.

Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Journalism 1-4

Journalism students will expand their English/Language Arts and visual arts skills through creating and publishing the school newspaper. Students are required to write monthly assignments for the newspaper and other class projects. They practice varied forms of journalistic writing including news, features, and sports stories, as well as reviews and editorials. Students learn laws and ethical standards related to journalism. In the process of writing their stories, laying out newspaper pages, and designing advertising, students learn to use specialized software for word processing, page layout, and graphic design. This course is designed for students who are interested in refining their writing skills as well as exploring careers in journalism. This course may be offered as an ROP course. Pre-Requisites: Journalism 1: English 1 and teacher approval; Journalism 2: Journalism 1 and teacher approval; Journalism 3: Journalism 2 and teacher approval.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Public Speaking 1

Introduction to Public Speaking, terminology, basic skills and techniques for presentation of both fiction and non-fiction. Considerable writing and use of modern library computer research required. A unit in mass media, film, and cinematography is included.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Public Speaking 2, 3, 4

Formal dissertations, in-depth analysis of fiction, non-fiction and current events, debate, panel discussions and strict speech criticism. Advanced writing and application of modern computer research required. A unit in mass media, film, and cinematography is included.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Public Speaking 1 or (Oral Interpretation at MHS)

Schools:	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Public Speaking/Creative Writing

Public Speaking students experience a variety of speaking situations and practice both formal and informal public speaking and debate. For Creative Writing the assumption is made that the student has creative ability in the literary field. Writing will include autobiography, fiction, drama, and poetry. This course is designed for students with above-average writing skills.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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English Language Development (ELD)

The English Language Development (ELD) program is for students who are not proficient in English. The ELD program helps students master English so they can be successful in their academic courses. There are three areas of instruction: Reading, Grammar and Writing, and Conversation and Vocabulary. Students take placement tests to see which level they need, and they take quarterly benchmark tests to assure they are ready for the next level. ELD Reading focuses on word analysis and vocabulary, reading comprehension and analysis strategies, and reading fluency. ELD Grammar and Writing teaches the conventions of English: syntax, verb tenses, sentence structure, and composition. ELD Conversation and Vocabulary focuses on students' speaking and listening skills, as well as developing their knowledge of content area and academic vocabulary.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Literacy

Literacy course is designed to provide support and develop academic literacy skills focused on transferring skills across disciplines. The class will provide students with a small classroom environment where they can receive individual attention and build confidence. The class will focus on teaching students effective learning strategies. By learning about and using a variety of research-based strategies, students will learn how they best learn.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Students needing English/Language Arts intervention

Schools:	A	L	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Mathematics

AUHSD Mathematics courses require students to grapple with solving problems, develop abstract, analytic thinking skills, learn to deal effectively and comfortably with variables and equations, and use mathematical notation effectively to model situations.

Graduation Requirement Changes

AUHSD graduation requirements in the area of mathematics have been changed and during this transition time students in different graduating classes may have different graduation requirements. Please review the information related to graduation requirements carefully.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019

20 credits are required.
Students must pass the equivalent of two semesters of a course of study beyond Algebra 1.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022

30 credits are required.
Students must pass the equivalent of two semesters of a course of study beyond Algebra 1. Up to 10 credits may be obtained by successfully completing a computer science course.

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance Mathematics Requirement

30 credits of math (through Algebra 2) are required. 40 credits are recommended.

AUHSD Math Course Sequence Options:

The table below includes possible math sequences. For a detailed sequence of math courses please visit the AUHSD Curriculum and Instruction website. Teachers and counselors should be consulted when selecting appropriate math level placement.

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

Math Pathway	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Expanded Course Progression	Algebra A	Algebra B	Geometry Or Math Applications	Algebra 2
Target Course Progression	Algebra 1	Geometry Or Geometry Advanced	Algebra 2 Or Algebra 2 Advanced Or Algebra 2/PreCalculus Honors	Math Analysis Or Pre-Calculus Honors Or Statistics/AP Statistics Or AP Calculus AB
Accelerated Course Progression	Geometry Or Geometry Advanced	Algebra 2 Or Algebra 2 Advanced Or Algebra 2/PreCalculus Honors	Math Analysis Or Pre-Calculus Honors Or Statistics/AP Statistics Or AP Calculus AB	Pre-Calculus Honors Or Statistics/AP Statistics Or AP Calculus AB Or AP Calculus BC

Additional electives in the Math Department

AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
Introduction to Computer Science (*Semester*)

Mathematics

Algebra A

Algebra A reviews, formalizes, and extends the mathematics that students learned in Common Core math 6 through 8. This course includes content standards from the conceptual categories of Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, and Statistics and Probability. Through the application of the Standards for Mathematical Practice, students will increasingly engage with the subject matter and grow in mathematical maturity and expertise.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L **Grades:** 9 10 11 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☐

Algebra B

Algebra B formalizes and extends the mathematics that students learned in Common Core math 6 – 8. This course includes content standards from the conceptual categories of Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, and Statistics and Probability. Through the application of the Standards for Mathematical Practice, students will increasingly engage with the subject matter and grow in mathematical maturity and expertise. Completion of Algebra A and Algebra B fulfills the Algebra 1 graduation requirement.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Algebra 1

Algebra 1 formalizes and extends the mathematics that students learned in Common Core math 6 – 8. This course includes content standards from the conceptual categories of Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, and Statistics and Probability. Through the application of the Standards for Mathematical Practice, students will increasingly engage with the subject matter and grow in mathematical maturity and expertise.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 9 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Math Applications

Math Applications provides an alternative to the traditional study of Geometry and Algebra 2. Students will experience a highly relevant and “hands-on” approach to learning. Math Applications will incorporate selected concepts from Geometry and Algebra 2 enabling students to gain experience solving real-life mathematical problems.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra 1

Schools: A C L **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☐

Geometry

The fundamental purpose of the California State Standards Geometry course is to formalize and extend the mathematics that students learned in the middle grades. This course includes content standards from the conceptual categories of Congruence, Similarity, Right Triangles and Trigonometry, Circles, Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations, Geometric Measurement and Dimension, Conditional Probability, Rules of Probability and Using Probability and Statistics. Through the application of the Standards for Mathematical Practice, students will increasingly engage with the subject matter and grow in mathematical maturity and expertise.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra I

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 9 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Geometry Advanced (formerly Geometry Honors)

The fundamental purpose of the California State Standards Geometry Advanced course is to formalize and extend the mathematics that students learned in the middle grades. This is an accelerated, fast paced mathematics course which includes content standards from the conceptual categories of Congruence, Similarity, Right Triangles and Trigonometry, Circles, Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations, Geometric Measurement and Dimension, Conditional Probability, Rules of Probability and Using Probability and Statistics. Through the application of the Standards for Mathematical Practice, students will increasingly engage with the subject matter and grow in mathematical maturity and expertise.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra I

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 9 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Algebra 2

Algebra 2 complements and expands the mathematical concepts of Algebra 1 and Geometry. Topics include the real and complex number systems. Families of functions studied include: linear, quadratic, polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, rational and radical functions. Other units included are statistics, sequences and series, and the study of parabolas as conic sections. An introduction to trigonometry includes the unit circle and graphing trigonometric functions.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra 1

Schools: A C M **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Algebra 2 Advanced

The Algebra 2 Advanced curriculum meets all the objective of the Algebra 2 course, as well as additional content intended to significantly expand students understanding of trigonometry. This includes studying circular trigonometry in greater depth, proving and applying trig identities, working with trigonometric applications and inverse trigonometry, and solving trigonometric equations. Students will frequently use models to make sense of problem situations in order to deepen their understanding of the concepts of Algebra 2.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra 1

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Algebra 2/Pre-Calculus Honors

This accelerated course covers the Algebra 2 Advanced content, but in greater depth. Additionally, Pre-Calculus topics such as a complete study of conic sections, polar coordinates, vectors, parametric equations, and introductions to limits and derivatives are also included to prepare students to take Calculus AB the following year. Students will be expected to solve higher order thinking problems and demonstrate procedural fluency in their responses.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra 1

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 9 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Math Analysis

Math Analysis combines many of the trigonometric, geometric, and algebraic techniques needed to prepare students for the study of calculus and strengthens their conceptual understanding of problems and mathematical reasoning in solving problems. The course takes a functional point of view toward those topics.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra 2

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Pre-Calculus Honors

Pre-Calculus combines many of the trigonometric, geometric and algebraic techniques needed to prepare students for the study of calculus and strengthens their conceptual understanding of problems and mathematical reasoning in solving problems. This course takes a functional point of view toward these topics. The most significant new concept in this course is that of limits.

Course is pending a-g honors designation.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra2/Trig

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Statistics

This course introduces the discipline of statistics to students to provide a solid foundation in problem solving and processing statistical information. Students will leverage statistical analysis and computation using a variety of real-world problems and information from business, science, economics and other sources.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Algebra 2

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Statistics

This college level introductory course in statistics is designed to introduce students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing and drawing conclusions from data. Students interested in pursuing college majors in the social services, health services and business will benefit from this course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Pre-Calculus

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus AB completes a college curriculum in variable calculus. The course focuses on developing the student's understanding of the concepts of calculus and providing experience with its methods and applications. The themes of derivatives, integrals, limits, approximation and applications and modeling are used to present a cohesive whole in the study of calculus.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Pre-Calculus or Honors Algebra II/Trig

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Calculus BC

AP Calculus BC completes a college curriculum in variable calculus. This course focuses on developing the student's understanding of the concepts of calculus and providing experience with its methods and applications. The themes of derivatives, integrals, limits, approximation and applications and modeling are used to present a cohesive whole in the study of calculus. This course also includes the study of polynomial approximations and series.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Advanced Placement Calculus AB

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Introduction to Computer Science

This course exposes students to the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science and programming. Students will learn to code through hands-on assignments which include game design, lab completion, independent projects and pair programming. This course serves as both an introduction to, and foundation for, further study in computer science.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Computer Science A

AP Computer Science A students will continue studying Java and object oriented programming methodology in preparation for the AP exam. There is an emphasis on problem solving, algorithm development, data structures, design and abstraction. While Introduction to Computer Programming is a preferred previous course of study, students who are highly motivated or who have prior programming experience or strong math backgrounds may take AP without the prerequisite year. If the school site offers this course as an ROP course, the student must be in 11th or 12th grade in order to enroll.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Intro to Computer Programming

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science Principles introduces students to the central ideas of computer science, instilling the ideas and practices of computational thinking and inviting students to understand how computing changes the world. The rigorous course promotes deep learning of computational content, develops computational thinking skills, and engages students in the creative aspects of the field. The course is unique in its focus on fostering students to be creative. Students are encouraged to apply creative processes when developing computational artifacts and to think creatively while using simulations to explore questions that interest them.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Introduction to Computer Programming, Pre-calculus or above

Schools: A C L M

Grades: 11 12

Term: Year

UC/CSU ☒

Physical Education

AUHSD Physical Education (PE) courses provide students with high-quality, standards-based physical education instruction and help students learn not only the skills and knowledge to be physically fit and active, but also the confidence and positive attitude necessary to participate in physical activities.

Graduation Requirement Changes

All students are required to earn 20 credits in the area of Physical Education. AUHSD graduation requirements have been changed and during this transition time students in different graduating classes may have different graduation requirements. Please review the information related to graduation requirements carefully.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019

AUHSD students take two years (20 credits) of PE courses that include PE 9/Health and PE 10.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022

AUHSD students must obtain 20 credits in the area of Physical Education. All students must take PE 9.

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance Physical Education Requirement

None

Additional PE requirements:

- California State Physical Fitness Test (required for all 9th graders)
- Students must pass 5 out of 6 of the Physical Fitness Tests by the end of their 9th grade, or they are required to enroll in PE in grade 10. Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 who have not passed 5 of 6 Fitness Tests must enroll in PE and retake the tests that have not been passed.
- 20 credits of PE are required as a graduation requirement.

AUHSD PE Course Sequence:

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
PE 9	PE Elective	PE Elective	PE Elective

Electives in the Physical Education Department

Fundamentals of Yoga
PE Cardio Fitness
PE Cross Fitness
PE Net Sports
PE Team Sports
PE Weight Training
PE Yoga, Pilates, and Fitness Training

Physical Education

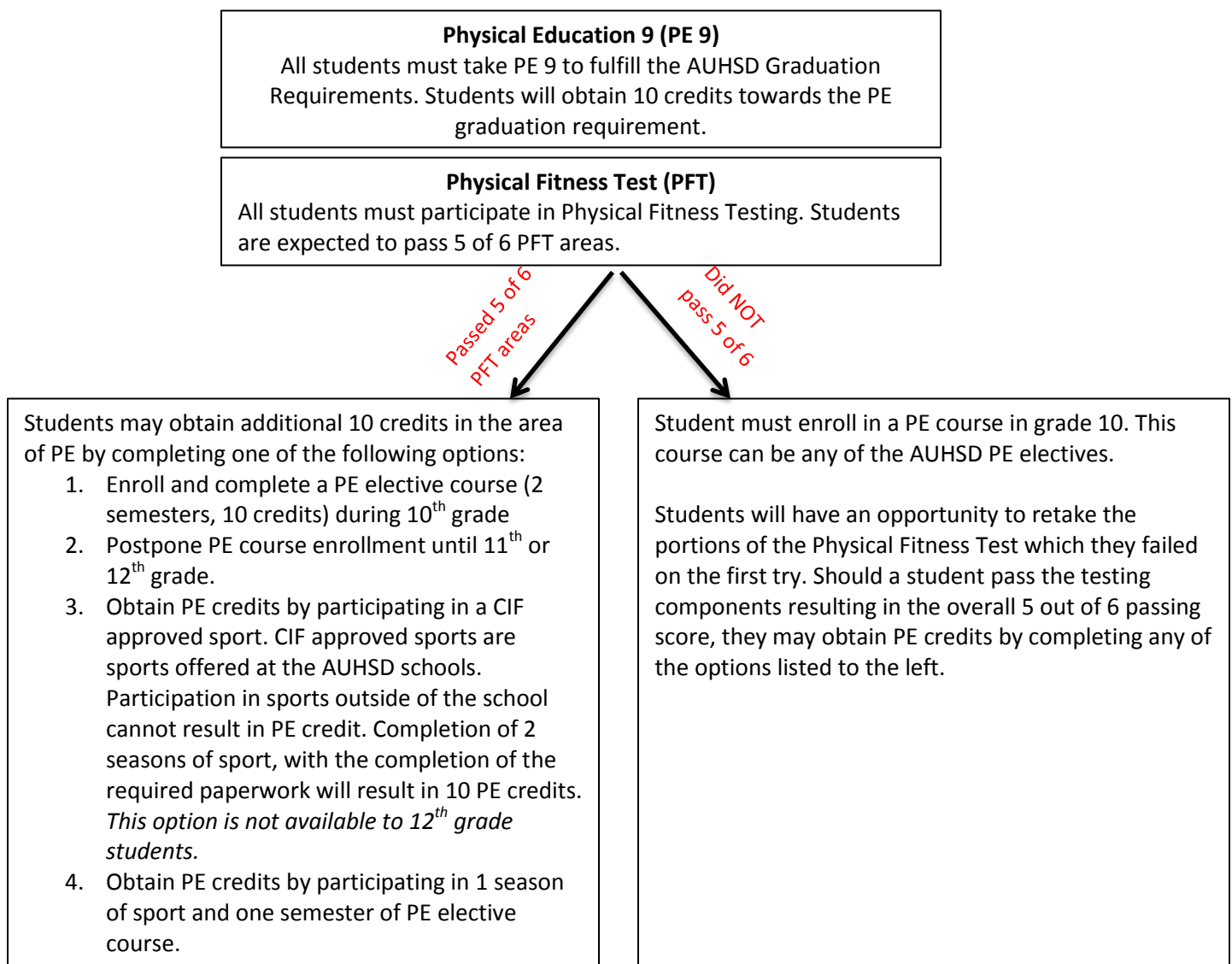
California Physical Fitness Test

Every February, AUHSD students in grade nine will participate in the required California Physical Fitness Test. The health-related fitness test is intended to help students acquire lifelong habits of regular physical activity. The fitness test includes activities for the six standards of fitness, including:

- Aerobic activity
- Body composition
- Abdominal strength and endurance
- Trunk extension strength and flexibility
- Upper body strength and endurance
- Flexibility

There are two or three options for most fitness areas so that all students have the maximum opportunity to participate. Students must meet healthy standard in 5 of 6 areas. If a student does not meet the standard, state law requires that student to be enrolled in a physical education course every semester until the student retakes the California Physical Fitness Test and meets the criteria.

Physical Education Pathways



Physical Education

PE 9

The ninth grade Physical Education course encompasses areas of physical education and is based on the California PE Model Standards. Students will focus on the development of proficient movement skills in each area of physical education; expanding their capabilities for independent learning; and examining practices that allow for sound decision making to enhance successful participation in movement activities.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 9 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☐

PE Cardio Fitness

This course will consist of combination of aerobic activities including warm-up techniques, high and low impact aerobics, step training, flexibility exercises, hand-held weights resistance training and specific muscle group work designed for all students. Students will also use aquatic techniques to improve cardiovascular endurance; water aerobics and aquatic interval training. Students will be also given the opportunity to learn techniques in power/cardio –walking and how it can improve cardiovascular endurance and encourage mental well-being.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: L **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

PE Cross Fitness

Cross fitness itself is defined as that which optimizes fitness (constantly varied functional movements performed at relatively high intensity). Cross fitness is a strength-and- conditioning program that is specifically designed for students and helps them develop a lifelong understanding of fitness. In a group setting, students will participate in fun and engaging workouts that deliver measurable results and prepare them to be well-rounded athletes. Workouts will increase physical competence in 10 fitness domains: cardiovascular and respiratory endurance, stamina, strength, flexibility, power, speed, coordination, agility, balance, and accuracy.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: C **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

PE Fundamentals of Yoga

Fundamentals of Yoga is a course that will provide students with an exercise experience using a non-competitive approach. Students will learn the basics of relaxation and breath techniques as well as the basic poses of Yoga: seated and standing poses, backbends, twists, balances and inversions. It will be a goal of the course to harmonize the body, mind, and spirit through a combination of physical movement, yoga postures, breathing and biofeedback techniques.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: C **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

PE Yoga, Pilates & Fitness Training

This course provides an exercise experience using a non-competitive approach. The primary physical activities involve experiences in yoga, Pilates and other whole-life fitness programming. Students will establish a set of personal fitness goals. One course goal is to harmonize the body, mind, and spirit through a combination of physical movement, yoga postures, breathing and biofeedback techniques. This course may and is most often repeated for two semesters.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

PE Net Sports

This course will provide students with the opportunity to learn skills and techniques in a variety of net games and lifetime activities. Emphasis will be placed on team, partner and individual strategy and may include badminton, tennis, volleyball, pickle ball, street hockey, disc golf, archery, and golf.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C M **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

PE Team Sports

In this course students will be given the opportunity to learn the skills and techniques of a variety of team sports through participation. Sports may include flag football, indoor/outdoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball, hockey, rugby, team handball and ultimate frisbee. Emphasis will be placed on sportsmanship and offensive and defensive strategies.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: L **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

PE Weight Training

In Weight Training, students will learn the fundamentals of weight training with emphasis on body development and maintenance as well as safety factors involved in strength conditioning. This course may and is most often repeated for two semesters.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 10 11 12 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

Athletic Physical Education

The purpose of Athletic Physical Education is to provide options for student to engage in alternative pathways for which they can receive physical education credit towards graduation. To ensure that all students are exposed to a well-rounded Physical Education curriculum and participate in a series of state-mandated physical performance tests later in ninth grade, freshmen are not eligible to participate in Athletic PE. This program allows eligible students to gain up to 10 credits in the area of Physical Education by participating in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) approved sports. CIF sports are school sponsored sports and do not include sports offered outside of the school. Students gain five (5) credits for participating in a season of sport. Participating in two (2) seasons of sport will earn a student 10 credits. Students may not earn more than 10 credits through Athletic PE. The program is not available to 12th grade students.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 10 11 **Term:** Semester **UC/CSU** ☐

Science

AUHSD Science courses support the overarching goal of science education to prepare students to have appreciation of the beauty and wonder of science, instill sufficient knowledge of science and engineering, and become careful consumers of scientific and technological information related to their everyday lives as well as the ability to continue to learn about science outside the school and have the skills to enter careers of their choice in science, engineering and technology.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019

AUHSD students must pass two years of science including one year of life (biological) and one year of physical science.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022

Science graduation requirements have not changed. AUHSD students must pass two years of science including one year of life (biological) and one year of physical science.

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance Science Requirement

Two years of lab science; one year of life (biological) and one year of physical science. Third year is strongly recommended.

AUHSD Science Course Sequence Options:

The table below includes most commonly taken science course sequences. Science electives are often taken by many AUHSD students and are listed below the table. Students should consult with their science teachers and counselors when deciding on the appropriate science elective placement.

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

Science Pathway	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Formerly recommended pathway		Biology	Chemistry Or Geology	Physics
Class of 2021 and 2022	Living Earth (formerly Biology)	Chemistry of the Earth (formerly Chemistry)	Physics	Science Elective

Additional electives in the Science Department

Analytical Forensic Science ROP
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Physics (AP Physics 1 and 2, AP Physics C)
 Biotechnology
 Engineering & Applied Physics Honors
 Environmental Science
 Physics Honors
 Physiology

Science

The Living Earth (formerly Biology)

The Living Earth course, based on the Next Generation Science Standards, explores relationships between the living and nonliving components of Earth's systems. By using science and engineering practices, cross-cutting disciplinary concepts, and evidence from experiments, research, and observations, students will learn how to formulate questions, evaluate claims, and develop models to make interpretations and investigate the natural world. Topics will include: Ecosystems Interactions and Energy, History of Earth's Atmosphere: Photosynthesis and Respiration, Evidence of Evolution, Inheritance of traits, Structure, Function, and Growth (from cells to organisms) and Ecosystem Stability and the Response to Climate Change.

The Living Earth course is replacing the Biology course and is required for graduation.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

N/A

Schools: A C L M

Grades: 9 10

Term: Year

UC/CSU ☒

Chemistry of the Earth (formerly Chemistry)

Chemistry of the Earth, course based on the Next Generation Science Standards, explores the way in which matter interacts, combines and changes. By using science and engineering practices, cross-cutting disciplinary concepts, and evidence from experiments, research, and observations, students will learn how to formulate questions, evaluate claims, and develop models to make interpretations and investigate the natural world.

Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Biology and Geometry is recommended

Schools: A C L M

Grades: 10 11 12

Term: Year

UC/CSU ☐

Geology

Geology is designed to help students understand the relationship of man and the physical environment. Students will investigate geologic phenomena and acquire laboratory skills involving mineral and rock identification, geophysics, geomorphology, geologic history, mapping, plate tectonics, astronomy, oceanography and meteorology.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Biology

Schools: A C L M

Grades: 10 11 12

Term: Year

UC/CSU ☒

Physics

Physics is the study of different forms of energy and the physical changes which they produce in matter. The course focuses on mathematical models and laboratory study of the principles of motion, forces, energy, heat, sound, light, and electricity and magnetism.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Algebra 2

Schools: A C L M

Grades: 10 11 12

Term: Year

UC/CSU ☒

Physics Honors

Like Physics, Physics Honors provides students with the opportunity to study the underlying patterns in the physical universe. This is a broad subject, with topics ranging from the forces influencing motion to sound and light. Students have the opportunity to study principles of physics through experiment, calculations, demonstrations, and projects. Topics will be covered with more depth and more involved mathematics compared to the regular physics course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Chemistry and Algebra 2/Trigonometry

Schools: A **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Physiology

Physiology is the in-depth study of the human body, its construction and functions. Extensive laboratory experiences will focus on the application of course content to the fields of medicine, nursing, and physical fitness.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Biology and either Chemistry or Geology

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Biotechnology

Biotechnology instructs students in the laboratory techniques and basic concepts of the field of bioscience. Included are DNA labs, making gels for electrophoresis, bacteriological techniques such as plating, culturing strains of bacteria and manipulating the DNA to achieve transformation of the colonies, determining and making solutions, and microscopic techniques such as oil-emersion and staining of various types of tissue. Instruction in DNA theory, ethics, and technology and society will be included to acquaint students with this rapidly developing field. Students will conduct individual and team research projects and use effective technical writing to express the results of their work. Sound laboratory procedures and safety will be stressed. Students will use and analyze research publications and scientific literature. Opportunities for post-secondary education will be explored and students will gain a broad awareness of both scientific and technological career paths. This course may be offered as an ROP course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Biology and either Chemistry or Geology

Schools: A C **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Engineering & Applied Physics Honors

Engineering and Applied Physics covers topics generally covered in an introductory college engineering course. The course provides an introduction to the engineering profession. Introductory material in chemical, mechanical, aerospace, electrical, computer, civil and biomedical engineering will give the students an appreciation of the diversity of the field. Students will perform a variety of structured activities and will be expected to complete a final project that integrates topics learned throughout the year.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Chemistry, Algebra 2/Trig or Pre-Calculus

Schools: A L **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

Environmental Science

Environmental Science is an elective integrated science course which provides students with the scientific principles, concepts, methodologies and experiences required to understand the inter-relationships of the natural world, identify and analyze both natural and man-made environmental problems, evaluate risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing these problems. This is a lab course. Students utilize modern technological equipment as well as the campus as a living laboratory.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Biology and either Chemistry or Geology

Schools: A C **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Biology

AP Biology generally includes topics regularly covered in a college biology course for science majors. The two main goals of AP Biology are to help students develop a conceptual framework for modern biology and to help students gain an appreciation of science as a process. The primary emphasis in the course is on developing deep understanding of biological concepts and unifying themes. The course will promote scientific inquiry and apply biological knowledge to environmental and social concerns.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Biology and Chemistry

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Chemistry

This course is designed to be the equivalent of the general chemistry course taken during a student's first years in college. Successful students will attain a depth of understanding of fundamentals and a reasonable competence in dealing with chemical problems. The course will contribute to the development of a student's abilities to think clearly and to express ideas, orally and in writing, with clarity and logic. The course emphasizes chemical calculations and the mathematical formulation of principles with the appropriate supportive labs provided for students.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Chemistry and Algebra 2/Trig

Schools: A C L M **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Physics 1

This course is the first of a two-year course sequence. AP Physics 1 is equivalent to the first semester of a typical introductory, algebra-based, college physics course. It covers Newtonian Mechanics, waves and basic electricity and circuits. Students will have time to gain a greater depth of conceptual understanding through the use of inquiry-based practice. Students will learn important science process skills such as explaining causal relationships, applying and justifying the use of mathematical routines, designing experiments, analyzing data, and making connections across multiple topics within the course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Chemistry and Algebra 2/Trig

Schools: C **Grades:** 11 12 **Term:** Year **UC/CSU** ☒

AP Physics 2

This course is the second of a two-year course sequence. AP Physics 2 is equivalent to the second semester of a typical introductory, algebra-based, college physics course. It covers electricity and magnetism, thermodynamics, fluids, and modern physics. Students will have time to gain a greater depth of conceptual understanding through the use of inquiry-based practice. Students will learn important science process skills such as explaining casual relationships, applying and justifying the use of mathematical routines, designing experiments, analyzing data, and making connections across multiple topics within the course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

AP Physics 1 or Physics

Schools:	C	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

This course ordinarily forms the first part of the college sequence that serves as the foundation in physics for students majoring in the physical sciences or engineering. The sequence is parallel to or preceded by mathematics courses that include calculus. Methods of calculus are used wherever appropriate in formulating physical principles and in applying them to physical problems. The sequence is more intensive and analytic than that in the B course. Strong emphasis is placed on solving a variety of challenging problems, some requiring calculus. The subject matter of the C course is principally mechanics and electricity and magnetism, with approximately equal emphasis on these two areas. The C course is the first part of a sequence which in college is sometimes a very intensive one-year course but often extends over one and one-half to two years, with a laboratory component.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Physics and/or Chemistry and Algebra 2 Advanced

Schools:	M	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Physics C: Mechanics

AP Physics C: Mechanics is equivalent to a one-semester, calculus-based, college level physics course, especially appropriate for students planning to specialize or major in physical science or engineering. The course explores topics such as kinematics; Newton's laws in motion; work, energy and power; systems of particles and linear momentum; circular motion and rotation; and oscillations and gravitation. Introductory differential and integral calculus is used throughout the course.

Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Physics and/or Chemistry and Algebra 2 Advanced

Schools:	L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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AP Environmental Science

AP Environmental Science provides students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them. Environmental Science is interdisciplinary; it embraces a wide variety of topics from different areas of study. If the school site offers this course as an ROP course, the student must be in 11th or 12th grade in order to enroll.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Algebra 1, Biology and either Chemistry or Geology

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Analytical Forensic Science - ROP

In this class, emphasis is on understanding the underlying scientific theories of forensic science. The class will build upon the student's prior knowledge of biology and chemistry, using analytical chemistry techniques to analyze and identify trace evidence, including DNA. Students will evaluate the constituents of materials by organic, inorganic, and biochemical analysis, and use their academic and laboratory skills to develop a deeper understanding of science.

A sound foundation in the scientific principles underlying the laboratory techniques is crucial to the education of a forensic scientist. This class prepares students to further their science education at the university level, and introduces them to the possibilities of a science related career. Integrated throughout the course are career preparation standards which include basic academic skills, communication, interpersonal skills, problem solving, workplace safety, technology and employment literacy.

Preferred Previous Course of Study

Algebra, Biology and Chemistry

Schools:	L	Grades:	11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU ☒
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Social Science

AUHSD Social Science courses prepare students for college, careers, and civic life by developing their understanding of the geography, encouraging their participation in our democratic system of government, teaching them about our past, informing their financial choices and improving their ability to make reasoned decisions based upon evidence.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019

AUHSD students must pass World History and Geography, United States History, and Government and Economics.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022

Social Science graduation requirements have not changed. AUHSD students must pass World History and Geography, United States History, and Government and Economics.

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance Social Science Requirement

Two years of social science; World History and United States History.

AUHSD Social Science Course Sequence Options:

AUHSD students are required to take World History/Geography (grade 9); US History (grade 11) and Government/Economics (grade 12). There is no required social science course in grade 10 however many AUHSD students elect to take a social studies elective.

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

Social Studies Pathway	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
	World History/Geography	Electives	United States History	Government/Economics

Additional electives in the Social Science Department

AP European History
 AP Government and Politics Comparative
 AP Human Geography
 AP Psychology
 AP United States History
 AP US Government and Politics
 Contemporary Issues & Public Policy
 Global Studies (semester)
 Introduction to Psychology (semester)
 Law 2 Honors
 Law and Society
 Psychology

Social Science

World History/Geography

World History and Geography is a study of the development of the modern world from 1750 to the present. The course focuses on the rise of democratic ideas with an emphasis on the following: Industrial Revolution, Imperialism, Colonialism, Nationalism, Totalitarianism, and World War I and II. The course also includes a focus on modern world crises and the historical interactions of regions of the world through a detailed study of China, Japan, India, Middle East and Latin America. Social studies research, analysis and writing skills are also emphasized.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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US History

United States History examines the history of the United States from 1865 to the present. The course focuses on key themes and turning points in American history in the 19th and 20th centuries, including ideological origins, economic, political and social change, civil rights, and domestic and foreign policy. Also, social studies research, analysis and writing skills are emphasized.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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US Government

U.S. Government is a study of the institutions of American government. The course focuses on the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the federal government, the election process, and political parties. There is an emphasis on the concepts of constitutionalism, representative democracy, separation of powers, checks and balances, and federalism. (Taken with one semester of Economics)

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	12	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☒
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Economics

Economics is a study of the operations and institutions of economic systems. Areas of study include supply and demand, inflation and recession, money and credit, the banking system, labor and wages, managing the nation's economy, and economic theory. (Taken with one semester of U.S. Government)

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	12	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☒
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Global Studies

Global Studies introduces students to the world by investigating modern issues in different parts of the globe and investigating the broader scale of those issues. Students will analyze the geographic, cultural, political, and historical aspects of the issues and apply them on a global scale. The course includes studies on wealth and poverty, the environment, migration/immigration, global conflicts/terrorism, and media literacy as well as breaking news/breaking world events. The course will encourage students to develop critical thinking skills through identifying long-term implications of both past and present events. Students will be required to read, discuss, debate, analyze, work in groups, and think critically on a variety of topics.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☒
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Introduction to Psychology

Psychology is the study of the behavior and thought of humans and other animals. Although it has been a topic of intellectual conjecture for centuries, psychology as a standard academic discipline is less than 150 years old. In that time it has branched off in many areas of specialization that address such issues as the development of children, the motivation of athletes, the best way to treat substance abuse, how people form memories, etc. This course is an introduction to the basic subfields within psychology. We will be researching famous psychologists, investigating contemporary examples of psychological phenomena, discussing experiences, and forming hypotheses about how and why people and animals think and behave.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	C	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☒
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Contemporary Issues & Public Policy

This course encourages critical thought on contemporary issues and is divided into the following areas: Life and Health Issues, Discrimination Issues, Constitutional Issues, Global Issues, Cultural Issues and Frameworks, Public Speaking and Persuasive Writing Skills, and Connections, Conflicts, and Meaningful Solutions. Each area of study includes a film that relates to the general issue. It will provide students an opportunity to identify and evaluate political, cultural, and economic issues on a local, state, national, and international level. A variety of current news media are used to help students learn how contemporary social issues affect them and an emphasis is placed on their role as constructive citizens in an interdependent world.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Law and Society

Law and Society will involve students actively in conflict resolution through traditional legal models as well as alternative models of problem solving. Content will include the scope of traditional American law (criminal, tort, consumer, family, housing, and individual rights) as well as concepts and comparisons using international legal situations. Global law will be stressed. Problem-centered curriculum, rather than a content-centered base, will promote critical analytical thinking. Mock trials, simulations, and role-playing will be dominant modes of interaction. Socratic dialogue will engage the student actively in the classroom.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	C	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Law 2 Honors

This course will focus on the 20th century America and the history of investigation. Students will know how the American society, political systems, the criminal justice system, and specifically the investigation process for crimes function within a global context. Students will understand and appreciate the diversity in America and the world community. There will be a specific emphasis on critical thinking skills which includes Socratic seminar, national and international crime scene investigations, and a Model United Nations project focusing on international crimes and issues. There will be an additional focus on forensics, and evidence; specifically how technology has revolutionized all major criminal investigations throughout the global community.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Law and Society

Schools:	M	Grades:	10 11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU ☒
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Psychology

This course is an introductory study of the psychological domains: research methods, bio-psychological, cognitive, developmental, and social. It is research oriented in approach, introducing students to the systematic study of behavioral and mental processes.

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Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A L M	Grades:	12	Term: Year	UC/CSU ☒
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AP US History

AP U.S. History is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in a college-level United States history course. Students will learn to assess historical materials including their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability, and their importance, as well as to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

World History

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	11	Term: Year	UC/CSU ☒
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AP Government & Politics Comparative

This course introduces students to fundamental concepts used by political scientists to study the processes and the outcomes of politics in a variety of country settings. AP Comparative Government and Politics aims to illustrate the rich diversity of political life, to show available institutional alternatives, to explain differences in processes and policy outcomes, and to communicate to students the importance of global political and economic changes. (Taken with one semester of Economics)

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A C M	Grades:	12	Term: Semester	UC/CSU ☒
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AP US Government & Politics

This course provides an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. AP US Government and Politics involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. political reality. (Taken with one semester of Economics)

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L	Grades:	12	Term: Semester	UC/CSU ☒
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AP European History

This course which studies European history since 1450 introduces students to cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. The goals of European History are to develop an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European History, an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and an ability to express historical understanding in writing.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

World History

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	10 11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU ☒
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AP Human Geography

Human Geography is the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use and alteration of Earth's environments. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to analyze human and social organization and its environmental consequences.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

World History and Geography

Schools:	L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU ☒
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AP Psychology

This course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Included is a consideration of the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. Students also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	C L	Grades:	11 12	Term: Year	UC/CSU ☒
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AP Macroeconomics

AP Macroeconomics provides an introductory, college-level presentation of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. A particular emphasis is placed on the study of national income and price-level determination, economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth and international economics.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L	Grades:	12	Term: Semester	UC/CSU ☒
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Visual and Performing Arts

AUHSD Visual and Performing Art (VAPA) courses incorporate the content standards for music, theater, dance, and visual arts with the focus on the five strands of an arts program: artistic perception; creative expression; historical and cultural context; aesthetic valuing; and connections, relationship and applications.

Graduation Requirement Changes

AUHSD graduation requirements in the area of Visual and Performing Arts have been changed and during this transition time students in different graduating classes may have different graduation requirements. Please review the information related to graduation requirements carefully.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019

AUHSD students must pass one year in two of the five areas (20 credits): Career Technical Education (CTE), World Language, American Sign Language, Visual Arts, or Performing Arts.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022

10 credits are required.
Students must pass one year in the area of Visual or Performing Arts.

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance VAPA Requirement

One year of Visual Performing Art course (same field).

AUHSD Art Programs

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

Visual Arts	Music	Drama
3 D Art 1,2,3,4 - Advanced Art/Honors - AP Studio Art - AP Studio Art: 2-D Photo - Art 1 - Art 2 - Character Design for Graphic Art and Animation (<i>semester</i>) - Digital Design 1,2 - Digital Photography Advanced - Furniture Design - Independent Art Portfolio - Photo Digital Design - Video Production 1,2,3 - World Art (<i>semester</i>)	- Choral Performance 1,2,3,4: (1)Chorale (2)M/W Ensemble, (3)Concert Choir, (4)Chamber Singers - Concert Band - Jazz Ensemble - Musical Theater Workshop - Orchestra - Symphonic Band - Wind Ensemble	- Drama 1,2 - Drama Advanced

Additional electives in the VAPA Department

AP Art History
Architectural Design
Stagecraft
Oral Interpretation
AP Music Theory

Visual and Performing Arts

Art 1

Art 1 is a skills-based course in which students develop artistic perception, learn art history/cultural context and develop aesthetic valuing skills through drawing, painting and printmaking. Students create original artworks, using new and traditional media and techniques, as well as keeping a sketchbook/journal, doing outside gallery visits and reviews, and oral and written critiques of student, historical and contemporary artists. Students also are required to maintain portfolios of all their projects/assignments.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Art 2

Art 2 emphasizes visual problem solving and personal expression through which students continue to develop skills and knowledge of artistic perception, art history/cultural context and aesthetic valuing skills. Students continue to develop their drawing, painting, and printmaking skills. Students create original artworks, using new and traditional media and techniques, as well as keeping a sketchbook/journal, doing outside gallery visits and reviews, and oral and written critiques of student, historical and contemporary artists. Students also are required to maintain portfolios of all their projects/assignments.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Art 1

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Advanced Art

Advanced Art students work at an advanced skill level in a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional media. Creative experimentation with media and subject matter is encouraged. Special talents and interest in the arts and art-related fields are addressed. Students participate in the exhibition of their work.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Art 2

Schools:	A	C	L	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Advanced Art Honors

Advanced Art students work at an advanced skill level in a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional media. Creative experimentation with media and subject matter is encouraged. Special talents and interest in the arts and art-related fields are addressed. Students participate in the exhibition of their work. Students who enroll in the Honors option will engage in advanced analysis and critiques of art and artists, prepare written reports and develop a personal portfolio.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Art 2

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Independent Art Portfolio

Students work at an advanced skill level in producing an independent portfolio of two-dimensional and/or three-dimensional works. Students choose an artistic concern/theme to serve as the focus of their work. Students are required to collaborate with the teacher to do outside gallery visits and reviews, as well as oral and written critiques of historical and contemporary artists.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Advanced Art or Advanced Art, Honors

Schools:	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Studio Art

This course is designed to encourage creative and systematic investigation of formal and conceptual issues, while placing an emphasis on making art as an ongoing process that involve the student in informed and critical decision making. AP Studio Art helps students develop technical skills and familiarize them with the functions of the visual elements. Students are encouraged to become independent thinkers who will contribute inventively and critically to their culture through the making of art.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Advanced Art

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Art History

Advanced Placement (AP) Art History will provide an opportunity for students to investigate world art (painting and sculpture) and architecture. This course will appeal to students with an interest in both history and the visual arts. Students will examine and critically analyze major forms of artistic expression within a historical context from both the past and the present. AP Art History emphasizes understanding works of art within their historical contexts by focusing on issues such as politics, class, religion, patronage, audience, gender, function, and ethnicity.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	C	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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3D ART 1

Students are introduced and given opportunities to create art forms in a wide variety of three-dimensional art media including wood, metal, plaster, clay, fibers and mixed media while learning safety procedures and technical skills necessary for working with these materials. Students practice translating two-dimensional design into a three-dimensional artwork. Students will explore various artists within the three dimensional realm.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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3D ART 2

Students in 3-D Art 2 will participate in the next series of sequential learning experiences building upon skills/and techniques experienced in 3D Art 1. Media include wood, metal, plaster, clay, fibers and mixed media. An emphasis of the course is on developing a conceptual approach to studio practice, including further developing analytical and critical thinking skills, exploring art historical precedents, and effective communication skills. Additionally, second-year students will begin a concentration in a material or process of their choice.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

3D Art 1

Schools:	A	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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3D ART 3

3D Art 3 students participate in the design and creation of original works of 3-D art with a concentration in materials or processes of their choice. Students will plan, implement and produce a significant portfolio of their own work. Students also will continue to explore in greater depth the works of specific artists, movements or cultural styles while further developing critical thinking and communication skills. Students will curate a show of their own work and/or others' work.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

3D Art 2

Schools:		L	M	Grades:		11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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3D ART 4

3-D Art 4 students participate in the design and creation of original works of 3-D art with a concentration in materials or processes of their choice. Students will plan, implement and produce a significant portfolio of their own work. Students also will continue to explore in greater depth the works of specific artists, movements or cultural styles while further developing critical thinking and communication skills. Students will curate a show of their own work and/or others' work.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

3-D Art 3

Schools:		L		Grades:		12		Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Character Design for Graphic Art & Animation

Character Design for Graphic Art and Animation provides students with an opportunity to develop skills, methods and approaches of developing character designs for animation production. Students will be designing, developing, and creating character sheets with the goal to develop a series of finished reference drawings of characters that would show them from various angles, views, positions, and expressions.

Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A			Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☐
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World Art

World Art offers students a dynamic, informative, meaningful and fun, semester art production course. World Art offers non-art oriented students the opportunity to explore their creativity in a less technically focused or skills based art course. This course is a unique blend of global studies and art production.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:		C	L	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☒
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Photo/Digital Design

Photography/Digital Design is a college-preparatory, interdisciplinary approach to visual arts and the humanities. The class enables students to achieve an understanding and appreciation of artistic expression and to write and discuss with discrimination about photography as applied to themes in the humanities and history. Course work will emphasize student-created photographic art works as well as analytical reading, writing, and critiques. Substantial outside reading and research on individual biographies of historic and contemporary photographers, as well as written reviews of works of photographers, will be required. Students will analyze photographic works through discussion or writing using the appropriate vocabulary for describing techniques and aesthetic qualities.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Digital Photography Advanced

In this second-level photography course students will achieve the five major Standards of the California Arts curriculum at an expert or more proficient level. The course will provide students with opportunities to extend and advance their knowledge and skills in the field of photography. This course will familiarize the student with advanced photographic equipment, materials, methods and the digital processes. Also, students will focus on the history of photography and photographers studying and emulating a variety of photographic styles. This course may be offered as an ROP course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Photography/Digital Design

Schools:	A	C	M	Grades:		11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Studio Art: 2D Photo

This course is designed to develop student mastery in the concept, composition and execution of their two-dimensional works in photography and 2-D design. Students will have the opportunity to produce a two-dimensional portfolio fulfilling the requirements as set by The College Board for Studio Art AP. The portfolio has specific requirements which include: Section I--Quality, excellence demonstrated in original art works; Section II--Concentration, an in-depth, personal commitment to a particular artistic concern; Section III--Breadth shows a variety of experiences in using the formal, technical and expressive means available to an artist.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Digital Photography Advanced

Schools:		C		Grades:		11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Digital Design 1

Co-enrollment with DVC (earn college credit through DVC). Digital Design 1 students study traditional art and design principles while using new media (computers, digital cameras, scanners, etc.) to produce their own original design projects. In this hands-on studio class, students learn to use the computer as a tool to draw illustrations, manipulate graphics, and create a broad range of design projects.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A		L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Digital Design 2

Students in this second-level digital design course demonstrate an advanced understanding and appreciation of artistic expression to produce digital design projects. Using professional grade software, students use design principles, typography, and desktop publishing, as well as advanced skills and techniques to visually communicate meaning and imagination. This course may be offered as an ROP course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Digital Design 1

Schools:	A	L	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Video Production 1

Video Production 1 is a college-preparatory, interdisciplinary approach to the visual arts. This course builds on student's proficiency in photography, creative writing, and design concepts. The class integrates research and writing techniques with artistic creation and expression as outlined in the California Visual and Performing Arts Framework. Students achieve an advanced understanding and appreciation of video used as a tool in artistic expression. Students integrate, create and communicate artistic design using video production techniques.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Video Production 2

Video Production 2 is organized around the five major standards of the California arts curriculum. Students will study and research film genres in order to understand the complexity of video art and its role in film history. As each standard is introduced, students will apply and practice the principles learned in that standard through a major course project. Each project will require the application of sophisticated videography techniques as outlined in the arts standards. The course projects will be included in the student's cumulative portfolio.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Video Production 1

Schools:	A	C	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Video Production 3

Video Production 3 is an advanced video studies course that will draw upon the advanced video editing techniques learned in Video Production 1 and 2 while investigating new areas uncovered in the lower levels. Students will analyze the power of advertising by researching advertising techniques, target audiences and a variety of ads, learning to identify specific advertising techniques. They will examine the personal vision and belief systems of directors, specifically how a director incorporates political and religious beliefs into a film narrative. Also, students will analyze the changing treatment of race and gender in film and television through the years, reflecting upon how their depiction reflects the attitudes of society; study specific video techniques, such as set lighting, acting methods for the camera, differing video editing styles of diverse directors, and manipulation of more difficult software, including Garage Band, Adobe Go Live, Final Cut Pro, MPEG Streamclip, Adobe Image Ready, and Audacity.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Video Production 2

Schools:	A	C	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Furniture Design

This course is a technical and aesthetic exploration of three-dimensional design through the media of wood, metal, glass, plastic and casting resins, with an emphasis on the artistic expressive possibilities of furniture. Included in the course will be basic drawing and planning skills, design skills, and advanced woodworking skills. Students will analyze the sculptural and architectural nature of furniture design, explore the elements of the contemporary art furniture movement, and create their own interpretations of traditional and contemporary furniture concepts, which may serve as functional pieces and/or works of fine art.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Introductory Wood Technology

Schools:	C	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Drama 1

Drama 1 offers the new and continuing theatre student the opportunity to gain experience in dramatic arts through acting, technical theatre, and an exploration of theatre within an historical and cultural context. The student will develop skills in creative self-expression using a variety of methods. The student also will evaluate the informal and formal works of their own and others through both discussion and writing. The course provides an opportunity to develop competence in problemsolving, communication skills, self-confidence, and self-discipline contributing to life-long learning and career skills.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Drama 2

Drama 2 offers the continuing theatre student the opportunity to gain additional experience in dramatic arts through acting, technical theatre, and an exploration of theatre within an historical and cultural context. As a participant in a collaborative process, the student will continue to develop skills in creative self-expression using a variety of methods. The student also will evaluate the informal and formal work of their own and others through discussion and writing. The course provides an opportunity to further develop skills in problem solving, communication, self-confidence, and self-discipline contributing to life-long learning and career opportunities.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Drama 1

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Drama-Advanced

Advanced Drama offers the advanced theatre student the opportunity to gain additional experience in dramatic arts through acting, technical theatre, and an exploration of theatre within an historical and cultural context. As a participant in a collaborative process, the student will continue to develop skills in creative self-expression using a variety of methods at the advanced level. The student will also evaluate the informal and formal work of their own and others through both discussion and writing. The course provides an opportunity to develop competence in problem-solving, communication skills, self-confidence, and self-discipline contributing to life-long learning and career skills.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Drama 2

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Stagecraft

This year of study is devoted to developing a firm foundation in technical theatre. We will be studying all technical aspects of the production process. Units of study will include dramaturgy, design, set construction, props, lighting, sound, costume and make-up, and theater management. Students must pass an OSHA theater safety test in the first weeks of the course before operating equipment. Because of the nature of technical theatre this class requires 35 hours, minimum, after-school work per semester.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Drama 1

Schools:	A	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Oral Interpretation

Oral Interpretation is the art of reading, researching, analyzing, interpreting, and performing through the use of voice and body. This course will offer students opportunities to interpret published works as well as to study rhetoric to create and enhance their own works for performance. Students also will be critically assessing and analyzing oral interpretations by professional performers and speakers. The course offers students an opportunity to perform outside the classroom at community and school-sponsored events. This course teaches life-time skills in a performance-based setting.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:		M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Choral Performance 1 (Chorale, Mixed Chorus)

Choral Performance 1 is a beginning to intermediate choral group which performs many times throughout the year. Music of many styles, from renaissance through contemporary will be performed. In addition, basic training in music reading, vocal and breathing techniques, and music appreciation will be included. As an introductory choir, no previous experience is required.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Choral Performance 2 (M/W Ensemble)

Choral Performance 2 is a beginning to intermediate vocal music course. Students will further develop their knowledge of music fundamentals, vocal technique, sight-reading, and historical and cultural perspectives of choral music. Members will perform a variety of repertoire from different historic periods and cultures from two, three, and four-part selections for voices.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Choral Performance 1

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Choral Performance 3 (Concert Choir)

Choral Performance 3 is an intermediate vocal music course. Students will expand their mastery of music fundamentals, vocal technique, sight-reading, and historical/cultural perspectives of choral music. Members will perform four-part mixed voiced music from a variety of genres. Members also will be eligible to participate in the spring musical production.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Choral Performance 2

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:		11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Choral Performance 4 (Chamber Singers)

Choral Performance 4 is an advanced ensemble. Students will show understanding and mastery of music theory, sight-reading, and appropriate performance styles. Members will perform advanced literature from the repertoire of choral music and have many opportunities for performing in school and in the community. Students will be expected to undertake leadership and administrative roles.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Choral Performance 3, audition required

Schools:	A	C	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Musical Theater Workshop

Musical Theatre Workshop is an exploration of American Musical Theatre. Students will study the work of the actor/singer/dancer and use their gained knowledge to develop as performers. Students will prepare and present as soloists as well as members of small groups and larger ensembles. Since this is a workshop course, students will prepare material for class presentation and write critiques. There will also be a focus on the audition process as well as musical theatre history and repertoire.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Schools:	A	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Concert Band

Concert Band is open to all students. There will be continued development of instrumental techniques and ensemble skills through the study of outstanding repertoire for Concert Band. The preparation process is the important component of the program, in that the performance of each student in the instrumental class is critically important to, and affects the performance of, every other student in the class.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Audition required; minimum one year prior instruction, able to read music

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble is a selective and specialized course designed to offer the qualified instrumentalist the opportunity to study and perform a variety of jazz styles. Emphasis is on learning improvisation as well as advanced music reading. This group is involved in several performances throughout the community. The preparation process is the important component of the program, in that the performance of each student in the instrumental class is critically important to, and affects the performance of, every other student in the class.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Audition

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Orchestra

Orchestra offers the opportunity for string players to study and perform music of many styles and musical periods, develop techniques, and participate in a variety of group and ensemble experiences. The preparation process is the important component of the program, in that the performance of each student in the instrumental class is critically important to, and affects the performance of, every other student in the class.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Previous experience on a string orchestra instrument

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Symphonic Band

Symphonic Band performances introduce the more qualified instrumentalist to advanced and challenging band literature of several styles and musical periods. The band performs for several school and community activities throughout the year and offers a wide range of musical and social activities. The preparation process is the important component of the program, in that the performance of each student in the instrumental class is critically important to, and affects the performance of, every other student in the class. Students must have prior experience on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Wind Ensemble

Wind Ensemble is an advanced performance group with specific instrumentation that includes woodwinds, brass, and percussion instruments. Emphasis is on sound performance fundamentals including embouchure, seating position, breathing and sight reading. This class concentrates on musical development and the development of leadership skills. Students perform as individuals, as members of small ensembles, and as members of the large ensemble. They study advanced instrumental techniques, performing practices and style and form as it relates to various idioms of selected advanced literature. Performance requirements include concerts, music festivals, some football games, and community events.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Audition

Schools:	A		L	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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AP Music Theory

This course is designed to develop a student's ability to recognize, understand, and describe the basic materials and processes of music that are heard or presented in a score. Foundational skills are achieved by addressing fundamental aural, analytical, and compositional skills using both listening and written exercises. These skills lead to creative tasks, such as the harmonization of a melody by selecting appropriate chords. This course may be offered as an ROP course.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Ability to read music

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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World Languages

AUHSD World Language courses include a diverse and rich offering of languages other than English. Taking advantage of one of the numerous language offerings in AUHSD allows students an opportunity to acquire a second language and as a result sharpens their intellectual skills, increases their earning power and broadens their cultural understanding.

Graduation Requirement Changes

World Language is part of the AUHSD Breadth Graduation Requirement. AUHSD graduation requirements have been changed and during this transition time students in different graduating classes may have different graduation requirements. Please review the information related to graduation requirements carefully.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2019

AUHSD students must pass one year in two of the five areas (20 credits): Career Technical Education (CTE), World Language, American Sign Language, Visual Arts, or Performing Arts

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022

AUHSD students must obtain 20 credits taken in any of the following areas: Career Technical Education (CTE), World Language or American Sign Language

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance World Language Requirement

Two years of the same world language, third year recommended.

AUHSD World Language Offerings

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

World Language Programs		
French 1,2,3 French 4 Honors AP French Language and Culture	Japanese 1,2,3 Japanese 4 Honors	Mandarin 1,2,3 Mandarin 4 Honors AP Chinese Language & Culture
German 1,2,3 German 4 Honors AP German Language	Latin 1,2 Latin 3 Honors AP Latin Virgil Latin 5	Spanish 1,2,3 Spanish 4 Honors AP Spanish Language & Culture

World Languages

French 1

This introductory course in foreign language provides students who have no prior training in the language an opportunity to develop basic listening, speaking, writing, and reading skills. In addition to functional language skills, students are provided an introduction to the culture of countries whose language they are studying.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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French 2

This second-year language course enables students to develop intermediate proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students also develop an increasing awareness of the idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

French 1

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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French 3

The third-year French language course enables students to develop high-intermediate proficiency in language skills of listening, speaking, writing and reading. Students will develop an increasing awareness of the idiomatic aspects of language, begin to study the literature and continue to study the culture of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

French 2 or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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French 4 Honors

The fourth-year French course enables students to develop advanced proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students will use idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the literature and the culture of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

French 3 or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP French Language & Culture

Students who enroll in AP French Language & Culture should have a solid command of French grammar and vocabulary and have competence in listening, reading, speaking, and writing. This course emphasizes the use of language for active communication and helps students develop the ability to understand spoken French in various contexts, master an ample vocabulary while non-reliant on a dictionary, and demonstrate coherent expression in written and spoken French.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

French 4

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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French Literature Honors

French Literature Honors introduces works of prose, poetry, plays and drama from different periods and centuries of French Literature. Students will read prose and verse passages of moderate difficulty and mature content, read and critically analyze works of French Literature, acquire basic concepts of textual analysis, and understand and appreciate the cultural context of the literary works of the Francophone countries.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

AP French Literature & Culture

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German 1

This introductory course in foreign language provides students who have no prior training in the language an opportunity to develop listening, speaking, writing, and reading fundamentals. In addition to functional language skills, students are given an introduction to the culture of countries whose language they are studying.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	C	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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German 2

This second-year language course enables students to develop intermediate proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students also develop an increasing awareness of the idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

German 1

Schools:	C	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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German 3

The third-year language course enables students to develop high-intermediate proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing and reading. Students will develop an increasing awareness of the idiomatic aspects of language, begin to study the literature and continue to study the culture of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

German 2 or equivalent experience

Schools:	C	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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German 4 Honors

This fourth-year language course enables students to develop advanced proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students will use idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture and literature of countries using German.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

German 3 or equivalent experience

Schools:	C	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP German Language

This fifth-year German language course enables students to develop advanced proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students will use idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture and literature of German-speaking people. Students will prepare for the advanced placement examination.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

German 4 Honors or equivalent experience

Schools:	C	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Japanese 1

This introductory course in foreign language provides students, who have no prior training in the language, an opportunity to develop basic listening, speaking, writing, and reading skills. In addition to functional language skills, students are provided an introduction to the culture of countries whose language they are studying.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	L	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Japanese 2

This second-year language course enables students to develop intermediate proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students also develop an increasing awareness of the idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Japanese 1

Schools:	L	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Japanese 3

This third-year Japanese language course enables students to develop advanced proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students will use idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture and literature of Japan using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Japanese 2 or equivalent experience

Schools:	L	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Japanese 4 Honors

This fourth-year Japanese language course enables students to develop advanced proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students will use idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture and literature of Japan using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Japanese 3 or equivalent experience

Schools:	L	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Latin 1

Latin 1 is an introductory course in which students begin the study of the Latin language, Roman culture, Roman mythology, and the Latin roots of modern European languages.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	M	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Latin 2

Latin 2 is an intermediate course in which students develop intermediate level knowledge of Latin language, Roman culture, Roman mythology, and the modern European languages.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Latin 1

Schools:	M	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Latin 3 Honors

This third year Latin language course enables students to develop advanced proficiency in the Latin Language, an increasing awareness of language, and to become familiar with Ancient Mediterranean culture and how it impacts the modern world. In this course students read authentic unadapted texts of Cicero, Sallust, Caesar, and other authors of the Golden Age of ancient Roman Literature. They will also study and review all aspects of Latin grammar and syntax while working on Latin prose composition.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Latin 2

Schools:	M	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Latin Vergil

This course provides students with the skills needed to write a literal English translation of Latin passages, explain the use of words in appropriate context, identify and analyze characteristic or noteworthy features of an author's mode of expression, and demonstrate an awareness of the features used in the construction of a poem or an argument. Students learn to read at sight and translate literally to insure accuracy and coherence.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Latin 3

Schools:	M	Grades:	11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Latin 5

This is a high school Latin 5 course that enables students to further develop an advanced proficiency in their Latin language skills while reading the writings of Ovid, Livy, Catullus and other authors of the Golden Age of ancient Roman Literature. Students will focus on advanced Latin prose composition while studying the style, diction and ideas of the ancient authors. Students will also deepen their knowledge of Latin grammar and syntax.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

AP Latin Vergil or equivalent experience

Schools:	M	Grades:	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Mandarin 1

Mandarin 1 will introduce students to the language of Mandarin (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and the Chinese culture, and give a basis for continued studies. By the end of the course, students will learn how to have short conversations in Mandarin; have a basic understanding of the components of Chinese characters; broaden their understanding of the Chinese culture; and introduce them in the use of a dictionary.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A C L M	Grades:	9 10 11 12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Mandarin 2

Mandarin 2 will broaden students' ability in the language of Mandarin (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and the understanding of the Chinese culture. It will enable them to read longer paragraphs and carry on extended conversations. By the end of the course, students will learn how to have extended conversations in Mandarin; further expand their knowledge of Chinese characters; and further expand their understanding of the Chinese culture.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Mandarin 1 or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Mandarin 3

This third year Mandarin course enables students to increase their proficiency in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. They will further expand their understanding of the Chinese culture, extend their skills in grammar, and be encouraged to increase their communicative interaction with native speakers. The course objectives include the following: (1) Speaking and listening: Performing all classroom activities entirely in Mandarin. (2) Reading: students are able to read short stories and anecdotes and getting the general idea of the meaning. Students will memorize approximately 225 more Chinese characters. (3) Writing: students write long paragraphs in a daily journal and write short essays on a given topic. Students will use more discourse markers in their written and spoken discourse. (4) Cultural activities are arranged to provide each student with opportunities to enhance language and cultural learning. Students will study the Chinese culture, including religion, music, performing art, food, jade, medicine, medical care, etc.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Mandarin 2 or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C		M	Grades:		10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Mandarin 4 Honors

The fourth year Mandarin course enables students to broaden their ability in the language of Mandarin through listening, speaking, reading and writing and appreciation of the Chinese culture. The course objectives include speaking and listening, reading. Students will memorize approximately 350 Chinese characters. Students will analyze commonalities and differences between Chinese and American culture through dialogue and writing.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Mandarin 3 or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C		M	Grades:			11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Chinese Language & Culture

This fifth year Mandarin course is designed to deepen students' immersion into the language and culture of the Chinese-speaking world. Students will develop a broad range of language skills within a cultural frame of reference. The course focuses on language proficiency through listening, speaking, reading and writing while interweaving cultural content.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Mandarin 4 Honors or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C		M	Grades:			11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Spanish 1

This introductory course in foreign language provides students, who have no prior training in the language, an opportunity to develop basic listening, speaking, writing, and reading skills. In addition to functional language skills, students are provided an introduction to the culture of the countries whose language they are studying.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Spanish 2

This second-year language course enables students to develop intermediate proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students also develop an increasing awareness of the idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Spanish 1

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Spanish 3

The third-year Spanish course enables students to develop high-intermediate proficiency in language skills of listening, speaking, writing and reading. Students will develop an increasing awareness of the idiomatic aspects of language, begin to study the literature and continue to study the culture of countries using the Spanish language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Spanish 2 or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Spanish 4 Honors

This fourth-year Spanish language course enables students to develop advanced proficiency in the language skills of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Students will use idiomatic aspects of language, and continue to study the culture and literature of countries using the language.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Spanish 3 or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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AP Spanish Language & Culture

While emphasizing the use of Spanish for active communication, this course encompasses aural/oral skills, reading comprehension, grammar, and composition. This course is designed to develop comprehension and expression of formal and informal spoken Spanish in an accurate and fluent fashion. Vocabulary development and the composition of expository passages are highlighted.

Preferred Previous Course of Study:

Spanish 4 Honors or equivalent experience

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Interdisciplinary

AUHSD schools offer a variety of courses outside of traditional departments. Several courses are college preparatory and UC (a-g) approved.

Graduation Requirement Changes

AUHSD graduation requirements in this area have been changed and during this transition time students in different graduating classes may have different graduation requirements. Please review the information related to graduation requirements carefully.

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2018 and 2019

None

AUHSD Graduation Requirement Class of 2020 and 2021

AUHSD students must obtain 5 credits by passing the Human and Social Development Course.

Minimum UC/CSU Entrance Interdisciplinary Requirement

None

AUHSD Non Departmental Offerings

Note: Courses below are offered in the Acalanes Union High School District however not all courses are offered at all sites. Please look at the course descriptions to determine if a course is offered at the specific school site.

Advanced Publications
Leadership
Human and Social Development
Peer Tutoring
Publications (Yearbook)
Sustainable Horticulture
Sports Medicine ROP
Sports Medicine Advanced ROP
Staff Assistant

Interdisciplinary (formerly Non-Departmental)

Advanced Publications

This re-designated course will give students who repeat the Publications course for credit a chance to develop and grow their skills as leaders and editors for the course. It provides a designation for those students who serve as Editors for the course by acknowledging the increased responsibility and broad-range of skills needed by experienced students to successfully run a Publications course.

Preferred Course of Study:

Publications

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Human & Social Development

Human & Social Development is a foundational course that provides essential knowledge and skills to enable students to arrive at informed and healthy decisions in a complex and diverse world. This course emphasizes the following topics: identity, relationships, physical and mental wellness, substance use and abuse, and sexuality. The course also addresses some of the California Health Standards that include evaluation of valid health information, goal setting, analyzing perspectives and influences, and informed decision-making. Human and Social Development course is required for graduation. Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☐
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Leadership

The Leadership class is designed to engage students in shaping a positive campus environment and culture, and to develop students' sense of social and civic responsibility. Students will develop leadership and management skills including: organization, goal setting, communication, problem solving, and decision making. Students will use these skills to plan and implement student activities on the school campus. Course has been submitted and is pending a-g approval.

Preferred Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	9	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Peer Tutoring

Peer tutors work in classes, study hall and/or peer-tutor centers to help students with work in various academic subjects. Peer tutors should have strong skills in reading, writing, science, world languages or mathematics and should be genuinely interested in helping others to become successful students.

Preferred Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Publications (formerly Yearbook)

Students participate in all phases of planning and designing the school yearbook, including: overall design, artwork, photography, copy writing, layout, organizing and writing. Important aspects of the course include meeting strict deadlines, working with a clear set of priorities, aesthetic judgment, cooperation with other students and community representatives and practicing effective leadership.

Preferred Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Sports Medicine - ROP

Sports Medicine is designed to explore human anatomy and physiology, and lays the foundation for further study of these sciences. Students learn how systems of the body function and interact through physical activity, and develop a thorough understanding of the structure and function of the musculoskeletal system. This knowledge serves as a platform for understanding the physiological response to injury and improving performance. Integrated throughout the course are career preparation standards, which include basic academic skills, communication, interpersonal skills, problem solving, safety technology and employment literacy.

Preferred Course of Study:

Biology

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☒
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Sports Medicine Adv.- ROP

Sports Medicine is designed to explore human anatomy and physiology, and lays the foundation for further study of these sciences. Students learn how systems of the body function and interact through physical activity, and develop a thorough understanding of the structure and function of the musculoskeletal system. This knowledge serves as a platform for understanding the physiological response to injury and improving performance. Advance level students may be eligible for an after-school sports medicine practicum with the school's athletic teams. Integrated throughout the course are career preparation standards, which include basic academic skills, communication, interpersonal skills, problem solving, safety technology and employment literacy.

Preferred Course of Study:

Sports Medicine

Schools:	A	C		M	Grades:	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Staff Assistant

Staff Assistant provides students the opportunity to develop communication skills, employability skills, and behaviors essential for employment, with emphasis on careers in education. Students must have the ability to work with others and independently. Staff assistants work under the direction and supervision of the assigned classroom teacher, office administrator or librarian. Students grade is not calculated into the students GPA.

Preferred Course of Study:

Staff approval

Schools:	A	C	L	M	Grades:	10	11	12	Term:	Year	UC/CSU	☐
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Sustainable Horticulture

In this course, students will learn theories and principles of horticulture using the school campus as a living classroom. The course will also include topics related to sustainable gardening and farming, native plants, and the good and bad genetically modified organisms. Students will learn to propagate plant materials and identify plants, insects and diseases.

Preferred Course of Study:

N/A

Schools:	M	Grades:	10 11 12	Term:	Semester	UC/CSU	☒
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