

American Heritage Academy



On-Line Classes Fall 2007

With the start of the 2007 fall semester students can enroll in American Heritage Academy classes that will be delivered via the Internet. Using the latest video conferencing software, students will be able to see and hear, and participate in live classes as they are presented at the Academy. They will also have the option of simply reviewing the class at a later time if their schedule does not allow for concurrent participation. This option offers several advantages:

- Flexibility – since the classes can be viewed at any time there is tremendous flexibility in scheduling, but unlike independent study classes, there is a definitive timeline for completing the course.
- Affordability – taking classes online saves the time and expense of driving if you are not close to Burley and the tuition charges are significantly less than for enrolling in the same classes on campus.
- Repeatability – If students or parents need to review any information presented in class, they can replay the whole class to double check anything they have questions about.
- Share-ability – Parents and siblings of enrolled students can also gain the benefits of learning by watching the classes. Credits and/or grades for the class will only go to the enrolled student that completes the coursework, assignments and tests however.

Course Formats and Computer Requirements

AHA online classes will be available in one of three formats, each with varying system requirements as follows:

1. Live Mentored Courses: A teacher and a single or small group of students connect from their own computers with video and voice connections allowing each participant to see and hear every other participant. You will need a high speed Internet connection, and a webcam, and a headset is recommended. Download and connection instructions are provided with registration. These classes may be recorded for later access, if necessary. A 1.6 GHz processor is recommended, but the system will work with older or slower machines. Windows XP, 2000 or 98, with a full duplex sound card. Although webcams can be as inexpensive as \$15, we have had better results with units in the \$30 price range. Because of the live interaction with the teacher, these courses must be scheduled and conducted at specific times for each student or group of students.

2. Internet Broadcast Course: An in-class camera and microphone capture and transmit a video and audio feed from a live class that is received by students at home in real time, or is recorded and accessed later. Students “join” in the classroom and have the capability of asking questions or making comments, but may feel inhibited from participating at first. Same computer requirements as for #1 above. For delayed access, students will be limited to email contact with the teacher. All students are required to complete the coursework during the semester and are graded and given credit accordingly.

3. Independent Study Course: Class materials and/or recordings are made available to students for viewing and completion at their own pace for up to a year. Assignments and tests are provided as the course work progresses and are submitted for grading by the instructor. An Internet connection is all that is necessary for this format. Courses not completed within a year expire with no credit, and are not included on a student transcript.

Course Offerings

The following classes are presently available for registration. Additional classes may be added (Sr. Language Arts, Basic Computer Skills, and Sr. Biology). Credits for On-Line courses apply toward graduation requirements the same as campus courses. Our goal is to eventually offer all coursework required for graduation on line, however many classes, such as Ensemble and Dance can only be offered on campus. See the course catalog for a more complete description of the course contents.

M1012I Saxon Math: Individualized math instruction in groups of five or fewer students. Saxon 76, 87, Algebra ½, Algebra 1, and Algebra 2. 20 minute sessions held Tuesday thru Friday between 9 AM and 10AM. Five lessons per week required to complete one textbook in two semesters. Review tests bi weekly, homework submitted and graded daily. Instructor: Mike Lord (Utah) Fee: \$250, textbook not included. 2 Credits **Live Mentored Course**

SS305I US History I: Starting with key date 1492 AD and continuing through the Civil War. Meets twice weekly; Tuesday and Thursday at 10AM. Daily quiz and final exam. The continuation course SS306I will be taught spring semester 2008. This course is required for students planning to graduate in 2008. Instructor: Alan Fluckiger, Fee: \$250, supplemental readings optional and not included. 2 Credits **Internet Broadcast or Independent Study Course**

SS310 Civics: An examination of the founding documents of the U.S.: the Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Meets once per week, Wednesday 12PM. Depending on enrollment, may be conducted as a **live mentored course** or an **Internet Broadcast course**. Weekly reading assignments which may include worksheets, class discussions, 5-7 tests, no final. Instructor: Alan Fluckiger, Fee: \$150, 1 Credit

LA307 Private Writing Lessons: One on one writing instruction tailored to each student. Weekly assignments should require 1-2 hours to complete. Oriented mainly toward expository writing, assignments are given to develop specific skills in rhetoric and mechanics. Emphasis on completing the history essays graduation requirement. One 20 minute session weekly scheduled on Wednesday or Thursday between 1-2PM, other times by special request. Instructor: Alan Fluckiger, Fee: \$210, 1 Credit, required for students graduating in 2008. **Live Mentored Course**

Registration Procedures

To enroll in an On-line course, visit the Academy website at www.ahaidaho.org and select the link to On-Line class registration. Download and complete the registration form and return it with your check to:

American Heritage Academy
1226 Parke Avenue
Burley, ID 83318

You will be contacted by phone to step you through the setup process and to provide you with the log in and passwords you will need to access the courses.

Classes begin on September 11, 2007 and registration should be completed by August 31st.

If you know others that would be interested in participating in these courses, please pass along this brochure. We are looking forward to having you!