

Merit Preparatory Academy Graduation Requirements

Language Arts - 4.0 - Three courses from the following Foundation Courses **plus** one CREDIT from the Applied and Advanced list

| Foundation Courses | Applied and Advanced Courses |
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| English 9 or English 9 H English 10 or English 10 H English 11 or English 11 H English 12 or English 12 H AP Language and Composition** | Basic Reading Skills Creative Writing 1 & 2 Witches & Wizards Comic Book Writing Mythology Adolescent Adult Literature Debate and Speech World Languages 3, 4, or AP English 1010 (UVU CE)** English 2010 (UVU CE)** |

Language Arts Notes: ** These courses can also be used for the one credit in Applied and Advanced.

Mathematics - 3.0 - Secondary I, II, and III. Secondary III or Secondary IIIH can be replaced by an Applied or Advanced Course with written parent request. **Math credits taken during grades 7 and 8 do not count towards High School graduation. We recommend 4 years of math in the Foundation Course sequences for college preparedness.**

Math Intervention: students who earn an F in a math class and/or receive a 1 or 2 on Rise or Aspire Plus testing and/or by teacher recommendation will be transferred into Math Intervention. This transfer will take place mid year or at the beginning of a new year. This course will take a student back to Pre-Algebra and fill in learning gaps so they can return to foundation courses.

| Foundation Courses | Advanced Courses - require Secondary Math III as a prerequisite | | | | | | | | |
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| <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Secondary I</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Secondary IH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secondary II</td> <td>Secondary IIH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secondary III</td> <td>Secondary IIIH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>College Prep</td> <td>AP Calculus</td> </tr> </table> | Secondary I | Secondary IH | Secondary II | Secondary IIH | Secondary III | Secondary IIIH | College Prep | AP Calculus | AP Calculus AB College Prep Concurrent Enrollment* 1030 - Basic Quantitative Literacy, 1040 - Elementary Introduction to Statistical Reasoning, 1050 - College Algebra (like Secondary IIIH - or precalculus) |
| Secondary I | Secondary IH | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary II | Secondary IIH | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary III | Secondary IIIH | | | | | | | | |
| College Prep | AP Calculus | | | | | | | | |
| | Applied Courses: Computer Programming Introductory Statistics | | | | | | | | |

Science - 3.0 - A total of **2.0** credits from two of the five areas of science on the Foundation Courses (**Biology is required**) list **plus 1.0** credit from the Foundation Courses list or Applied and Advanced Courses list

Foundation Courses

| Earth Systems | Chemistry | Physics |
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| Earth systems Biological Science Biology AP Biology Biology 1010 CE* | Chemistry AP Chemistry Computer Science AP Computer Science+ Computer Science Principles+ Computer Programming III+ | Physics AP Physics |

Applied or Advanced Courses

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| Astronomy** Astronomy 1040 CE* Geology 1700-Fundamentals of GPS/GIS Navigation CE* Engineering Principles + 1, 2 Robotics + 1, 2 Investigation Science Investigation Science Demo Marine Biology Wildlife Biology Zoology | +CTE Courses ** Include Applied/Advanced CE Courses |
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Social Studies - 3.0 from the following: 2.5 from the required course list (or their equivalent) and .5 elective from any course from the social studies area, which could include an additional half credit added to any of the required half-credit courses. Students must pass the Civics Exam to graduate from Merit.

Foundation Courses

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| World Civilization/Geography | US History 2 - 11th | U.S. Government and Citizenship - 12th |
| Geography - 9th World Civilization - 10th | US History 2 HIST 2700 HIST 2710 CE* | US Government and Citizenship Political Science 1100 CE* |

Social Studies Elective Courses

Psychology
Sociology
Social Psychology
Early World Wars
Late World Wars and Terrorism
Student Government
Economics Elective CE*
Geography 1300 Elective CE*
History 1500 Elective CE*
Political Science Elective CE*
Sociology 1010 CE*

Fine Arts - 1.5 credits from the following:

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| Stagecraft Theater Performance Musical Performance Theater Foundations Dance Company Dance I, II, III Hip Hop Beginning Ballroom Dance I Ballroom Dance II Art 1010 CE* Theater 1010 CE* Theater 1013 CE* Theater 1023 CE* Music 1030 CE* | Beginning Orchestra Intermediate Orchestra Advanced Orchestra Ukulele I, II Guitar I, II, III Modern Piano Jazz Band Art Foundations I, II Drawing I, II Painting Ceramics I, II 3D Design Independent Art AP Art |
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Physical Education and Health Education - 2.0 credits from the following:

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| Participation Skills (.5 credit required) Health (.5 credit required) Team Sports (.25 credit per season up to .5 maximum credit will fulfill participation skills or Individual Lifetime Activities) Health 9th | Fitness for Life (.5 credit required) Fitness for Life 10th | Individualized Lifetime Activities (.5 credit required) Individual Lifetime Activities Team Sports (.25 credit per season up to .5 maximum credit will fulfill participation skills or Individual Lifetime Activities) Kickboxing Weights and Conditioning Ballroom Dance - per board approval Hip Hop Dance - per board approval Dance 1, 2, 3 - per board approval Dance Conditioning - per board approval |
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CTE (Career and Technical Education) - 1.0 credit from the following:

Woodshop
Robotics I, II
Keyboarding
Programming I, II
TV Broadcasting
AP Computer Science
Management 1250 CE*

Digital Studies - .5 credit from the following:

Exploring Computer Science
Web Page Design

Financial Literacy - .5 credit from the following:

Financial Literacy
Business 1210 CE*

General Electives - Need 8.5 credits

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| Ameritus Service Knights | Philosophy 205G CE* |
| German I, II, III | Humanities 2010 CE* |
| Spanish I, II, III | Humanities 1010 CE* |
| Mandarin Chinese I, II | Criminal Law 1330 CE* |
| Student Government | Communications 1500 CE* |
| Game Theory | Communications 2110 CE* |
| Explore Lab | HFST 1500-Lifespan Development CE* |
| Entrepreneurship | Business 1600-Entrepreneurship Seminar CE* |
| Hip Hop | NURP 1000-Medical Terminology CE* |
| Ballroom Dance | Aviation Science 1010 CE* |
| Social Media | Human Development 1500 CE* |
| T.V. Broadcasting | Psychology 1010 CE* |

Note: Any other credit bearing courses from any subject area not being used for a specific graduation requirement will count as electives.

Total Credits Required For Graduation: 27

College Bound Preparedness Recommendations:

- Take 2 to 4 years consecutively of the same foreign language in grades 9-12.**
- Take 3 to 4 years of lab based science.**
- Take 4 years of progressive math.**
- Take 3.5 credits of social sciences.**
- Take AP courses and earn a B grade or higher.**
- Prepare for the ACT Test and strategize to get your best score.**
- Apply for scholarships.**
- Fill out your FAFSA form as soon as possible your senior year.**

Online Classes:

Students can take up to 6 credits each year online and still graduate through Merit.

F Grades:

When you earn an F grade in a class you may retake the class. Some F grades may be expunged and others will be averaged into the transcript.

Home School Transfer Credit:

Course work must show mastery of the curriculum and be evaluated by the curriculum committee to receive credit and grades; there may be additional examinations required beyond the coursework to show mastery. For a course to be evaluated by Merit it must be taught on

campus by a faculty member currently employed at Merit or evaluated by a faculty member currently employed at Merit who has an endorsement in the course area. There will be a course evaluation fee. Final decision and grade award must be approved by administration.

Graduation Exceptions:

Exceptions to the listed requirements must be approved by the counselors and administration or follows: Students must submit a petition, in writing, to the graduation committee for consideration. The petition must be submitted before May 1st of graduation year. Decisions of the graduation committee are final and will be returned to the applicant in written form. Approved exceptions to the prescribed graduation requirements will be the exception and not the rule.