

Bulletin

Welcome

Upper Columbia Academy is committed to admitting students who already have or are willing to experience a personal relationship with God and live a Christian lifestyle.

Mission Statement

By the grace of God, Upper Columbia Academy educates students to develop harmoniously the physical, mental and spiritual powers, inspiring a life-changing relationship with God and the highest service for others.

Philosophy

Upper Columbia Academy is a family of curious learners who believe that true education addresses the potential of the whole person in a balanced development of the physical, mental, spiritual and social dimensions of life.

While we value the rigorous pursuit of knowledge, our main objective is to help students develop a solid Christian character, to realize their individual worth as children of God, embrace Christian values, and learn to make principled choices. This goal is best reached in a context of responsible freedom and redemptive discipline. The entire curriculum reflects the world view and the values revealed in scripture. Students are educated to embrace service as a way of life, to be sensitive to the needs of people in the home and society, and to become active members in the church. Young people are encouraged to accept Jesus Christ as Creator, Savior, Lord and coming King, and to commit their lives to Him.

Objectives

By the grace of God, Upper Columbia Academy will educate students with the following objectives:

Physical

- Healthful living habits
- Appreciation for the value and dignity of labor

Mental

- Strong academic foundations
- Intellectual curiosity
- Critical thinking
- Learning experiences that reflect Seventh-day Adventist values
- Self-motivated life-long learning skills
- Aesthetic values and talents
- Challenge for educational excellence

Spiritual

- Growing knowledge of God as Creator and Sustainer of life
- Development of a Christian Character
- Ethical Christian decision-making
- Utilization of Christian principles in the use of their God-given talents
- Appreciation for the Word of God
- Prayer, worship, and faith experience
- Recognition of God's complete ownership

Relational

- Social growth consistent with Biblical standards
- Unselfish service to church, family, and community
- Appreciation of the worth of all people.
- Personal mission to take the gospel to the world
- Preparation for the soon return of Jesus

Application

Upper Columbia Academy admits students of any race, color, nationality and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at UCA; including educational policies, admissions policies, and scholarships.

1. To apply for admission:
 - use the application form in the Bulletin
 - visit our web site www.ucaa.org
 - call (509-245-3680)
 - write to: Admissions, Upper Columbia Academy, 3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031-9799
2. After you have completed the application, mail it to: The Registrar, Upper Columbia Academy. A \$25 application fee should accompany your application (unless it is postmarked by June 1). Non US residents must include a \$100 non-refundable application fee.
3. Have two recommendation forms completed, one by your current principal or teacher and one by your church pastor or another church leader and mail them to the registrar. Both forms should be filled out by someone not related to you.
4. Send a copy of both your birth certificate and social security card to the academy registrar.



Enrollment

1. All new students are required to have their immunizations current and the records turned in by registration day.
2. New students should request that a transcript of their previous schooling be sent to the Registrar's Office. Entering Freshmen should furnish a certificate showing completion of the eighth grade.
3. Register for classes. Registration may be arranged during the summer by making an appointment with the Registrar. A day has been set aside as the general registration (see calendar for date). Students should plan to move into the dorm on registration day.
4. Admission to UCA will not be permitted until entrance fees have been paid and a payment plan has been approved by the Vice-Principal for Finance.
5. All new students entering UCA must have a physical examination.

Communication

The success of UCA depends in a large measure upon the cooperation between parents and the administration. If students voice concern to their parents concerning school matters and feel they were mistreated, parents are asked to notify the administration, and withhold judgment until a proper investigation can be made.

Photo and Video Release

By registering at Upper Columbia Academy, students authorize the use by the Academy, or anyone authorized by the Academy, of any photographs or videos taken of them while at Upper Columbia Academy, without compensation. All negatives, prints, and photo files, shall be considered the property of Upper Columbia Academy.

Finances

What Will it Cost?

TUITION See *Financial Information Booklet* or www.ucaa.org.

Tuition includes instruction in all classes and the use of facilities and equipment.

ROOM AND BOARD

This includes dormitory room and all meals in the cafeteria from registration day through graduation weekend.

GENERAL FEE

This fee covers accident insurance, Guys'/Girls' Club, Student Association and class dues, yearbook, school newspaper, library, and textbooks. **The General Fee is non-refundable.**



APPLICATION FEE \$25 US, \$100 for International

This fee is due with all applications from new students. The fee is waived for US residents if the application is postmarked by June 1.

GRADUATION FEE \$125

This fee is charged to all seniors and covers the cap and gown, tassel, diploma and graduation weekend. There is no refund if a student withdraws from school after the diploma and cap and gown have been ordered.

TRANSCRIPT FEE \$10

The first three transcripts are free. There is a charge for each additional transcript requested. All transcripts need release approval from the business office. **Transcripts will not be released until the account is paid in full.**

EXTRA CHARGES

- Private dorm room \$100/month
- Technology Fee
- Day student overnight dorm fee \$6/night (no meals included.)
- Day students are charged a semester fee for banquets and other special school functions.
- Separate arrangements need to be made for meals when day students or guests eat in the cafeteria.
- There is a charge for piano, organ, and string lessons. Voice and instrument lessons are included in tuition.
- Supplies used in art, music and vocational classes will be billed as additional charges to the student's account.
- Transportation – Airport \$15/trip
- Medical, and other necessary town trips. \$15/trip
- Acceleration Fee \$500
- Ground school or off campus classes will be on a cash basis only and will not be charged to the student's account unless the account is current and arrangements are made with the business office.

REVISION OF RATES

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to revise the published rates without notice.

How Can I Pay for It?

The Billing Process

Billed in 10 monthly amounts beginning in August and ending in May.

International students, excluding Canada, must pay the full year in advance and are not eligible for discounts.

Work Opportunities

A variety of work opportunities are available to help students pay their school bill and to enrich each student's learning experience.

Employment opportunities are available at the beginning of the school year. Hiring decisions are made based on the student's abilities and interests, and the needs of the school and industries. It is important for students to be on time, make prior arrangements if there is a change in their work schedule, work diligently, and be a loyal employee.

Students who quit or are terminated are not guaranteed immediate placement in another work position.

Employees of Upper Columbia Academy are covered by Washington State Workman's Compensation. To receive the benefits of this coverage, it is important that an accident report be filed within 24 hours of an on-the-job accident.

Students are subject to a 90-day probation period, during which they will be paid \$6.41 per hour. After successfully completing this 90-day employment probation period, students will be eligible for a pay increase to \$7.25 per hour. The pay for student industry workers starts at \$8.55 per hour.

Students may choose to have the amount they earn credited to their school bill each month. Students may also elect to receive a regular paycheck. If you and your child do not elect to participate in the direct payment process where earnings are applied automatically to the student's bill, it will be your responsibility to ensure that timely payments of all tuition due is paid to Upper Columbia Academy.

Yearly Discount

Those desiring to pay the total yearly basic fees in advance will be granted a 5% discount if tuition and fees are paid by June 15, or 4% if pay by August 1.

Monthly Early Payment Discount

A discount of 1% of the current balance is given if account is paid by 10th of the month. Otherwise the balance is due by the end of the month.

Family Discount

A 5% discount on tuition will be granted to each student when there are two students from one family in attendance. A 10% discount on tuition will be granted to each student when there are three or more students from one family in attendance.

New Member Discount

Assistance is available to newly baptized Seventh-day Adventists dormitory or day students who have had no previous Adventist background and will be attending an SDA school for the first time.

This assistance is awarded for three semesters. The amount of assistance is 75%, 50% and 25% of tuition for respective semesters.



Financial Aid

Worthy Student 3-way Scholarship

\$160/month \$1,600/year

Granted in the following manner:

\$40/month Local Church
\$40/month Upper Columbia Academy
\$80/month Upper Columbia Conference

Application forms available upon request.

Pioneer Scholarship

\$80/month \$800/year

Church contribution matched in the following manner.

\$40/month Local Church
\$40/month Upper Columbia Academy

Apply on same form as Worthy Student 3-Way.

Pathways to Success

A private foundation offers scholarships to students new to boarding schools or already enrolled in the Pathway program. There are school year and summer work requirements as well as family income level requirements. Application available upon request.

Remote and Necessary Grant

\$500/semester while eligible

This scholarship is provided by the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It is provided to dorm students from within the NPUC who are under 16 years of age and members of a remote church (one located at least 25 miles away from the nearest Junior/Senior Academy). No application necessary.

Wage-share Sponsorship

This program is designed to allow students to increase the amount they earn per hour by obtaining sponsors to augment their wages. The sponsor will guarantee a certain amount to be added to the student's base wage on a per month basis. Sponsor forms available upon request.

What Happens if I Can't Pay?

Finance Charge – There is a monthly finance charge of 1% on all past due accounts.

Transcripts – Transcripts will not be released if there is an unpaid account at UCA.

Diplomas – A student's diploma will not be released from the Registrar's Office until the account is paid.

Payment Plans – Should you be unable to pay your monthly financial commitment, please contact the business office and make financial arrangements. UCA is willing to work out a financial plan and regular communication is very important.

Other Financial Information

Student Accident Insurance – Students are provided with secondary accident insurance. *This means the parent's insurance is primary.* It should be noted that coverage is not provided for transportation charges related to the accident and subsequent physician or therapist visits. Complete information, including coverage and exclusions, will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

Student Bank – UCA provides a student bank in the Business Office to safeguard a student's money. Money may be withdrawn only with a student's signature. We cannot assume responsibility for money or other articles lost around campus. Students should not keep large amounts of money in their rooms.

Check Cashing – Students may cash checks for modest amounts of cash in the Business Office. The checks should be made out to "Cash" or to the student. Checks made out to Upper Columbia Academy will be credited to the student's account.

Refunds – Students who enter late or who are absent for a period of time, but make up back work and receive full credit, will be charged full tuition. A student entering school late will be charged from the beginning of the week in which they enter. A student leaving school will be charged to the end of the week in which they leave. No rebates are made for vacations or time off campus due to discipline.

Canadian Students – All fees must be paid in United States dollars. Please mark your check "U.S. Funds".

International Students – All students who are not from the United States or Canada must pay in advance their total minimum charges for the year. This is due on the day the student enters school.

Academics

Purpose

The desire and purpose of Upper Columbia Academy is to offer quality instruction and excellence in scholastic standards. UCA will schedule students in a program that suits their interests and ability level. In addition, every student is expected to maintain positive academic growth each semester in order to retain attendance privileges.

Transcripts

Transcripts for all previous scholastic work should be mailed directly to:

Registrar
Upper Columbia Academy
3025 E Spangle-Waverly Rd
Spangle WA 99031-9799

Class standing will be based upon transcripts in hand. If a transcript is held by a previous school, the student will not be able to graduate.

Class Load

Thirty-nine credits will be considered the maximum student class load per semester. This includes all subjects bearing credit, including correspondence work. A minimum class load is twenty credits which must include four core classes. (Core classes exclude music, art, and P.E. classes.)

With permission from the Curriculum Committee, a student may carry additional classes provided a 2.5 GPA is maintained with no grade less than a "C" in any subject. The Curriculum Committee reserves the right to limit a student's work or class load if it is deemed necessary.

Semester Credits

Five credits are granted for a class that meets for a minimum of 225 minutes per week for 18 weeks. Ten credits are equivalent to one Carnegie unit.

Correspondence Courses

Any correspondence or summer school course(s) applying towards graduation must have prior approval of the Curriculum Committee. No student shall be approved for a correspondence course except under extraordinary conditions or extenuating circumstances. Correspondence and summer school courses must be taken from educational institutions which are accredited by a regional accrediting agency.

When prior approval for a correspondence course has not been obtained, Upper Columbia Academy has the option of withholding credit. The academy also reserves the right to ask a student to take an appropriate achievement test to ascertain the level of skill achieved.

Any senior taking a correspondence course must have the course completed by the beginning of the second semester of the senior year or will be asked to enroll in an equivalent class on campus. The course must be completed, including the final test, before a senior may participate in the class trip.

A student will not receive a diploma or participate in Commencement until all correspondence work is completed and a final passing grade is on file in the registrar's office.

Acceptance of Students From Home School or Non-accredited Programs

Students transferring from home school or non-accredited programs need to have coursework approved by the Curriculum Committee before credit can be given. The



academy reserves the right to test students and place them at the appropriate grade level as indicated by their test scores. No more than 55 credits may be accepted for one school year.

Change of Program

No student will be considered officially registered for or dropped from a class without presenting a properly signed Change of Registration voucher. When dropping a class, the student must attend that class until the voucher has been signed by the parents, the teacher, and the registrar. Classes may be added only during the first two weeks of a semester class or the first week of a quarter class. A student may drop a class up until three weeks prior to the end of the quarter/semester.

A WP/WF grade will be given at the discretion of the teacher to a student who drops a performance class (i.e. band, choraliars, choir, gym) two weeks into each semester. After the two week period, an F may be recorded on the transcript for the semester grade.

Incompletes

Students who have not completed coursework due to extenuating circumstances may receive an "I" (Incomplete) grade. All work for incompletes must be made up during the following grading period. Any grade of incomplete not changed by this time automatically becomes an "F".

Scholastic Probation

Students who persistently earn low grades may be placed on scholastic probation. Those who violate the conditions of their probation will jeopardize their attendance at UCA.



Grade Point Average Equivalents

Upper Columbia Academy uses GPA equivalents based on Washington State guidelines which calculate pluses and minuses.

The following grades and point values are used:

Grade	Point Average
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0.0
I	Incomplete Work
WP	Withdrew Passing
WF	Withdrew Failing
CR	Credit
NC	No Credit



Grading Periods

Upper Columbia Academy operates on the nine-week quarter grading period. Grade reports are issued four times a year. Only semester grades are recorded on the student's permanent transcript. Quarter grades will be recorded for those courses which are designated quarter classes. Mid-term reports are mailed between each nine-week period only when progress is unsatisfactory.

Graduation Requirements

Participation in Commencement is contingent upon a student successfully completing all required and elective courses necessary to earning the minimum number of credits for a general diploma from accredited secondary schools.

Students must have been enrolled for four years in a secondary school, grades 9 through 12. Attendance at Upper Columbia Academy for the second semester of the senior year is required.

Juniors and seniors involved in major discipline during the last quarter may forfeit participation privileges in graduation services.

Eligibility for honor cords will be determined by the academic standing at the end of the 7th semester. High honor cords are reserved for those with a cumulative 3.75 GPA or above and honor cords are for those with a 3.50 to 3.74 GPA.

For a general diploma a student must have a minimum of 225 credits. To receive a college prep diploma, 250 credits are required. Every student enrolled in an SDA academy must pass 10 semester credits of Bible for each year in attendance.

Diploma Requirements

Required Courses	UCA General	UCA College Prep
Bible	40 credits	40 credits
English	40 credits	40 credits
Science *	20 credits	30 credits
Math #	20 credits	30 credits
Health	5 credits	5 credits
Keyboarding	5 credits	5 credits
Computer Literacy	5 credits	5 credits
Foreign Language ~		20 credits
Northwest History	5 credits	5 credits
US History	10 credits	10 credits
Senior Social Studies	10 credits	10 credits
History Elective		5 credits
Physical Education	15 credits	15 credits
Technology ^	10 credits	10 credits
Fine Arts	10 credits	10 credits
Electives	30 credits	10 credits
Total Credits	225 credits	250 credits

* Ten credits must be in a laboratory science.

^ Technology credits may include Home Ec and Business classes.

~ Two years of the same foreign language are required.

College Prep: Math courses must be higher than a pre-algebra level and not include Informal Geometry.

Examples of Electives

General

Math – Algebra II, Advanced Math, AP Calculus

Science – Advanced Biology, Chemistry, Physics

History – World History

Technology – Photography I & II, Welding, Woods, Videography

Home Ec. – Foods, Sewing, Interior Design, Quilting

Business – Desktop Publishing

Fine Arts – Band, Choir, Choraliers, Music Lessons, Art

PE – Leisure Time Activities, Gymnastics

College Prep

Math – Advanced Math, AP Calculus

Science – Advanced Biology, Chemistry, Physics

History – World History

Technology – Photography I & II, Welding, Videography

Home Ec. – Foods, Sewing, Interior Design, Quilting

Business – Desktop Publishing

Fine Arts – Band, Choir, Choraliers, Music Lessons, Art

PE – Leisure Time Activities, Gymnastics, Rec Ski, Backpacking

Typical Class Schedules for General Diploma

Freshman

Bible I 10 credits
 English I 10 credits
 Algebra I/General Math 10 credits
 Northwest History 5 credits
 Keyboarding 5 credits
 ELS/Technology 10 credits
 Freshman PE 8 credits
 Electives

Junior

Bible III 10 credits
 English III 10 credits
 US History 10 credits
 Science 10 credits
 PE
 Fine Arts
 Electives

Sophomore

Bible II 10 credits
 English II 10 credits
 Geometry/Consumer Math 10 credits
 Biology 10 credits
 Health 5 credits
 NW History 5 credits
 Computer Literacy 5 credits
 Sophomore PE 4 credits
 Fine Arts
 Electives

Senior

Bible IV 10 credits
 English IV 10 credits
 Social Studies 10 credits
 PE
 Fine Arts
 Electives

Typical Class Schedules for College Prep Diploma

Freshman

Bible I	10 credits
English I	10 credits
Algebra	10 credits
Keyboarding I	5 credits
Northwest History	5 credits
ELS/Technology	10 credits
Freshman PE	8 credits
Fine Arts	
Electives	

Sophomore

Bible II	10 credits
English II	10 credits
Geometry	10 credits
Biology	10 credits
Health	5 credits
History Elective	5 credits
Computer Literacy	5 credits
Sophomore PE	4 credits
Fine Arts	
Electives	

Junior

Bible III	10 credits
English III	10 credits
US History	10 credits
Algebra II	10 credits
Foreign Language	10 credits
Science	10 credits
Fine Arts	
PE	
Electives	

Senior

Bible IV	10 credits
English IV	10 credits
Senior Social Studies	10 credits
Science	10 credits
Foreign Language	10 credits
Fine Arts	
PE	
Electives	

Academic Credit for Employment

A student will receive 2.5 credits for working 200 or more clock hours during an academic year. A maximum of 10 credits of work may be applied towards graduation. Such credit is received only if the work supervisor gives a satisfactory work grade.

Acceleration

Acceleration in a student's program is seldom advisable. The North Pacific Union Education Board has established guidelines for acceleration of academy students into college. Students who plan to accelerate must receive approval by the Curriculum Committee prior to second semester of the sophomore year and should attend Upper Columbia Academy for all three years of their education. There is a \$500 fee for acceleration. For information contact the registrar.

Students who accelerate other than by the approved program may be eligible to receive a diploma upon completion of course work, but will not participate in graduation ceremonies.

Class Standing

Freshman A first year academy student who has completed the eighth grade and is registered for 60 credits.

Sophomore A second year academy student who has completed 60 credits and will have earned 110 credits by the end of the school year.

Junior A third year academy student who has completed 110 credits and will have earned 160 credits by the end of the school year. (An approved accelerated student will not have junior standing regardless of the number of credits.)

Senior A fourth year academy student (and approved accelerated third year student) who has completed 160 credits and whose class load will permit graduation at the end of the school year.

HOPE Taskforce

With Matthew 25:34-46 in mind, UCA is involved in a significant community service program we call HOPE Task Force. The purpose of this program is to educate our students regarding the diverse needs within a community and to teach them to be involved through example and experience. This training will educate our students to be responsible members of their community.

Four school days are set aside each school year for the HOPE Task Force program. On these days, faculty, staff and students are involved in numerous community service projects, each involving approximately four hours of service. Opportunity is given for students to sign up for a project that interests them before they are assigned to a project.

Because community service is a vital part of the curriculum at UCA and because HOPE Task Force days are official school days, attendance is required. Requests to be absent will be processed by Ad Council. If attendance is excused, it will be with the understanding that the student will make up the hours of community service on a school-sponsored project as arranged with the HOPE Taskforce director. An absence due to illness would be made up in the same way.

HOPE Task Force: Christain Education at its best!

Helping Other People Everywhere



UCA Class Offerings

Art

Drawing
Oil Painting
Pottery
Watercolor

Bible

Bible I
Bible II
Bible III
Bible IV

Business Education

Keyboarding
Desktop Publishing

Computer Science

Computer Literacy

English

English I
English II
English III
English Literature I&II
Journalism
Senior Composition
Speech
A P English
English Basics 2
English Basics 3

Home & Family Life

Beginning Foods**
Beginning Sewing**
Child Development*
Creative Cooking*
Essential Living Skills
Fashion Design*
Interior Design**
Needlework*
Quilting**

Mathematics

Algebra I
Algebra II
Consumer Math**
General Math*
Informal Geometry
Geometry
Advanced Math
A P Calculus

Modern Language

Spanish I
Spanish II

Music

Brass Choir
Trumpet Sextet
Sax Ensemble
Flute Ensemble
Brass Quintet
Concert Band
Choir
Choraliers
Octet
String Ensemble

Private Lessons

Band Instrument
Guitar
Piano
Strings
Voice

Physical Education

Freshman P.E.
Sophomore P.E.

Archery
Badminton
Basketball
Football
Golf
Gymnastics
Health
Outdoor Ed.
Skiing
Softball
Tennis
Boys Varsity Basketball
Volleyball
Weight Lifting
Weight Training

Science

Environmental Science
Biology
Advanced Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Forensic Science

Social Studies

Northwest History
World History
U.S. History
20th Century History
Civics

Technology

Auto Technology
Exploring Technology
Photography I
Photography II
Welding
Wood Technology I
Welding Technology
Computer Aided Drafting
Videography
Aviation Ground School

Course Descriptions

ART

DRAWING

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

Students learn drawing perspective principles through the use of pencil, pen and ink, and charcoal. There is a charge for supplies.

CERAMICS

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

In this class students will learn how to handle and clean greenware; then, finish the bisque by using stains, glazes, special effects and decals. May be repeated for further credit. There is a charge for supplies.

OIL PAINTING

Units: 2.5, Quarters 1

In this class students will express themselves with oil paints on canvas. Emphasis is on mixing paints to achieve the right color and incorporating details and shading into their paintings. May be repeated for further credit. There is a charge for supplies.

POTTERY

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

In this class students will construct their own pottery using the potter's wheel as well as making hand-built items. May be repeated up to 4 times with permission from the instructor. There is a charge for supplies.

WATER COLOR

Units: 2.5, Quarters 1

This class is a study of the color wheel and the art of mixing colors. Students will apply these principles with the use of water color. There is a charge for supplies.

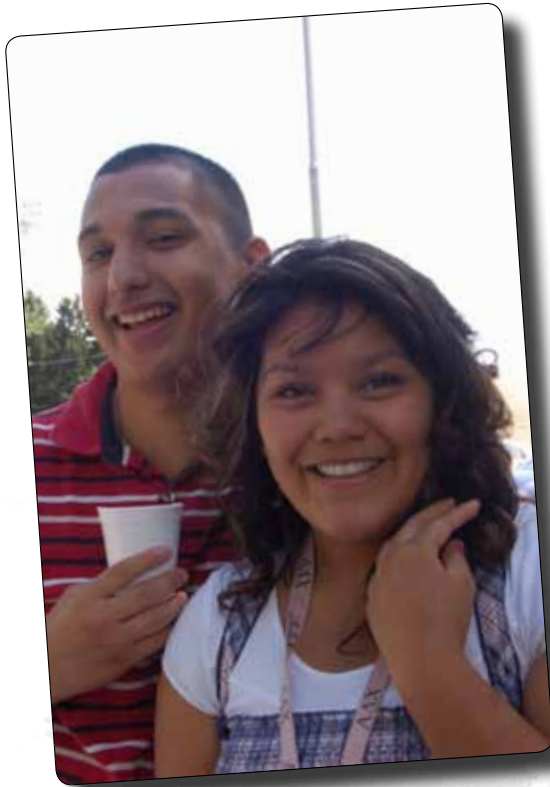
* 2009-10 School Year
** 2010-11 School Year

BIBLE

BIBLE I

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

Using Genesis and The four Gospels as the primary text and the Crossroads Series "In the Beginning God..." and "God's Gift for Our Choice" as secondary texts, this class emphasises creation, the problem of sin, God reaching for humanity, and salvation as provided for Godly living, and personal devotions.



BIBLE II

(History of God's People)

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This course traces the history of God's leading from Old Testament times until today, with an emphasis on making Biblical events relevant to today's young people.

BIBLE III

(Bible Doctrines)

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A study of the major beliefs and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist church, including such subjects as justification and the sin problem, building a relationship with God, major themes of Revelation, the nature of Christ, the Sabbath, and current religious issues.

BIBLE IV

(Facing Life)

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

The purpose of this course is to apply Biblical principles to everyday life & situations. Students will create a philosophy of life, research church history, apply Biblical principles to family life, study & practice spiritual disciplines, and study the Book of Hebrews.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

KEYBOARDING

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This class emphasizes keyboard mastery which will become an invaluable tool for all other classes. Second quarter features production assignments which include letters, memos, tables and reports.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

Designed for advanced keyboarding and computer students, this class uses Adobe InDesign. Students become acquainted with the basics in good design and page layout. InDesign integrates text and graphics in creating professional documents.

Prerequisite: Computer Literacy

COMPUTER SCIENCE

COMPUTER LITERACY

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

A comprehensive introduction to the computer, this class focuses on Microsoft Office. Areas covered include Word, Excel Access, PowerPoint and Publisher.

Prerequisite: Keyboarding. Sophomores - Seniors only.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ENGLISH I

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

English 1 provides the Freshman student with a review of the basics of English grammar and mechanics. Reading literature from several genres for enjoyment and analysis is stressed along with the writing process.

ENGLISH II

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

Sophomore students will review the basic grammar skills studied during the Freshman year. They will study a variety of literature to develop both a taste for good literature and the skills to enjoy what they read.

Prerequisite: English I

ENGLISH III

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This class is a chronological survey of American writers from the 1600's to the 20th century. Students increase their ability to recognize and understand literary devices and techniques and gain an appreciation for the country's rich literary heritage. A little writing and grammar review is also included.

Prerequisite: English II

ENGLISH LITERATURE I

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This class surveys English literature from Anglo-Saxon times through the 17th century, including works by Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton and Bunyan. The diction and syntax of these early writers require students to be proficient and independent readers.

Prerequisite: Senior

ENGLISH LITERATURE II

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This class surveys English literature from the 18th century to modern times, including works by Dickens, Wordsworth, Tennyson, and Orwell. English Literature I is not a prerequisite for this course.

Prerequisite: Senior

JOURNALISM

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This class studies the history of American journalism and the skills necessary for writing different types of news stories. Terminology and ethics are also reviewed along with page layout and broadcast basics. Students have the opportunity to write for the school paper.

Prerequisite: Senior

SENIOR COMPOSITION

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

The focus of this class is to banish wordiness and disorganization and to improve the beauty and clarity of a student's writing. Students write essays, study vocabulary, and overcome common usage problems. Students must realize their writing can be improved and be willing to make changes.

Prerequisite: Senior

SPEECH

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This "learning by doing" class explores theory and provides experience in the basic components of interpersonal communication, group dynamics and public speaking.

Prerequisite: Senior



ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This college-style course is designed to prepare the student for the Advanced Placement Exam. Most colleges give credits to students whose AP Exam grades are considered acceptable. Summer reading is required.

Prerequisite: Application and permission of the instructor. (May Deadline)

ENGLISH BASICS 2 & 3

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

Students review and develop basic grammar and composition skills in a small class setting. Structured reading, comprehension strategies, and vocabulary development are explicitly taught through literature. Students in year one survey a variety of literature from the sophomore literature text. In year two students gain an appreciation for American literary heritage.

(not a college prep course)

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

BEGINNING FOODS**

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

This class includes basic food preparation along with nutrition, meal planning, and entertaining. (Lab fee)

BEGINNING SEWING**

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

This class includes a study of textiles and basic construction techniques. Emphasis is on garment construction. Students will bring their own fabric and supplies. (Lab fee)

CHILD DEVELOPMENT*

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

This course explores a child's physical, mental, and social development from prenatal through school age and includes additional topics such as discipline, child abuse, day care, and effective parenting skills.

CREATIVE COOKING*

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

This class includes microwave cooking, international foods, American heritage foods, experimental foods, cake decorating, and holiday cooking. (Lab fee)

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ESSENTIAL LIVING SKILLS

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

A course designed to give an overview in homemaking skills. Areas covered include basic food preparation, basic sewing, and other household arts. A required co-educational freshman course, in conjunction with Industrial Arts Exploring Technology. (Lab Fee)



FASHION DESIGN*

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

This class includes history of women's fashion, and special construction techniques. Emphasis is on garment construction. Students will bring their own fabric and supplies. (Lab fee)

INTERIOR DESIGN**

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

A course of study to include the basic principles and elements of design used in decorating a home. Various house styles will also be covered. Students will plan and decorate one house plan for their major project.

NEEDLE WORK*

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

This class includes projects in machine embroidery, crochet, knitting, needlepoint, and counted cross stitch. Using machine embroidery software, students may design then stitch out their own art work or personalize existing designs. Students will complete projects from three different areas. There is a charge for supplies used.

QUILTING**

Units: 2.5, Quarters: 1

This class allows students to be creative using various quilting techniques including applique' and piecing as well as hand and machine quilting. Students will complete projects of their choice during the quarter and purchase their own supplies. (Lab fee)

MATHEMATICS

CONSUMER MATH**

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

Consumer math is a course in the practical application of basic mathematics. It renews and enforces previously taught skills by using problem-solving tools in everyday consumer and business topics such as bank statements, tax forms, and insurance.

(not a college prep course)

GENERAL MATH*

Units: 10, Semesters 2

This course is designed to assist students with basic computational and problem solving skills. The course not only teaches and reviews basic skills, but prepares students for more advanced math courses by including topics on algebra, geometry, probability and statistics. Word problems, problem solving strategies and applications are used to make mathematics relevant and practical.

(not a college prep course)

ALGEBRA I

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This course emphasizes basic operations for number systems, including equations, inequalities, factoring, graphing, and quadratics. Students are also introduced to plane trigonometry.

ALGEBRA II

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A course that extends beyond basic algebraic functions into more advanced operations of real and complex numbers including logarithms, matrices, conic sections, functions and trigonometry.

Prerequisite: Algebra I



ADVANCED MATH

(Analytic Geometry / Trigonometry)

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This course is designed to get the student ready for college level calculus. Included are such topics as linear relations and functions, theory of equations, sequences and series, polar coordinates and complex numbers, exponential and logarithmic functions, conics, and limits, derivatives, and integrals.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CALCULUS

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

Equivalent to first quarter of college calculus.

Prerequisite: Instructor's Consent

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GEOMETRY

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A course emphasizing logical proof and characteristics of geometric figures including points, lines, polygons, circles, areas, graphics, basic trigonometric functions, locus and solid figures.

Prerequisite: Algebra I

INFORMAL GEOMETRY

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A course emphasizing characteristics of geometric figures including points, lines, polygons, circles, areas, graphics, basic trigonometric functions, and their practical applications. (not a College Prep course)

MODERN LANGUAGES

SPANISH I

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This class introduces the Spanish language and culture. Students will learn the basic grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structure of Spanish and develop basic conversation ability.

SPANISH II

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

Prerequisites: C or better in Sp. I

Spanish II reviews and builds on the grammar and vocabulary of Spanish I, adding more vocabulary and more complex grammatical structures. There is a stronger emphasis on conversation.

MUSIC

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Music ensembles at Upper Columbia Academy provide music for sacred and secular events at the school and for off-campus appointments. The following ensembles are offered:

Choir - 3 units per semester (no audition needed)

Choraliers - 4 units per semester

Octet - 2 units per semester

Concert Band - 4 units per semester

Brass Choir - 1 unit per semester

Flute Ensemble - 1 unit per semester

Brass Quintet - 1 unit per semester

Saxophone Ensemble - 1 unit per semester

String Ensemble - 1 unit per semester

Trumpet Sextet - 1 unit per semester

Music Ensembles are Semester Classes.

Prerequisite: Audition and invitation



PRIVATE LESSONS

Units: 1.25, Quarters: 4

The following private music lessons are available to any interested students from beginner to advanced levels:

Instrument	String
Voice	Keyboard
Guitar	

Private lessons are quarter classes. Charges for music offerings are included in the tuition for all instruments except violin, piano, and guitar.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

FRESHMAN P.E.

Units: 4, Semesters: 2

A brief exposure to a variety of individual, dual and team activities. These classes are intended to acquaint students with rules governing various activities and to help students discover their own skill levels.

SOPHOMORE P.E.

Units: 2, Quarters: 4

Football, Volleyball, Softball, Basketball

GYMNASTICS

Units: 4, Semesters: 2

Tryouts required.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES (LTA)

2 credits per quarter

These classes give opportunity for co-educational instruction in recreational and sporting areas with an emphasis on personal skills, understanding of the rules, and game strategy. These activities have high carryover value and encourage intelligent participation in later life. The present offerings include:

Archery	Skiing (recreational)
Badminton	Golf
Tennis	Volleyball
Gymnastics	Weight Lifting
Outdoor Ed	

Upper classmen will be given first priority.

SCIENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This course is designed to help students understand the natural world around them from a scientific basis. Students develop decision-making skills necessary in dealing with the interactions between people and the environment. Topics include ecosystems, natural resources, population growth, waste, and energy. (Lab fee)

BIOLOGY

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

Biology is a laboratory course designed to give a survey of the many areas in the life sciences. Some of the topics covered are scientific methods, origins, cell biology, genetics, selected body systems, and ecology. (Lab fee)



ADVANCED BIOLOGY

Units: 10, Semesters: 1

The first semester is an advanced study of human anatomy and physiology, including the use of biotechnology. Third quarter is an in-depth study of origins. Fourth quarter is a study of marine biology, including a 4-day field trip to the Puget Sound. (Lab fee)

Prerequisite: Biology

CHEMISTRY

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This laboratory class emphasizes the following basic concepts: atomic structure, the Periodic Table, formulas and nomenclature, balancing equations, stoichiometry, gas laws, solutions and organic chemistry. The course format is based on the assumption that the student will be going into a science-related occupation.

Prerequisite: Algebra 1

Recommended cognate: Algebra II

PHYSICS

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A study of the concepts of basic physical science including matter, mechanics, heat, sound, electricity, magnetism, light and nuclear relationships. Conceptual understanding and mathematical applications will be stressed.

Prerequisite: Algebra II

Recommended cognate: Advanced Math

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

Forensic science is a lab-based class which develops knowledge and experience in a broad base of scientific disciplines: chemistry, biology, physics, genetics, and biotechnology. Students develop their skills of observation and analysis. (Lab fee)

Prerequisite: Biology and junior or senior class standing.

HEALTH

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

SOCIAL SCIENCES

WORLD HISTORY

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This course explores the development of Western civilization from prehistoric times to the Renaissance. The development of the Bible and early Christianity are also examined within a historical context.

Prerequisite: Junior, Senior

NORTHWEST HISTORY

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

A course study of the Pacific Northwest from ancient to contemporary times. Course includes discovery, exploration and physical geography as well as human and economic activities in the region and the effect of these activities on the area's future.

UNITED STATES HISTORY

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

This course covers the major events which led to the establishment & development of the United States of America. Study begins with the European discovery of North America (1492) and ends with the United States during the Cold War (1950).

Prerequisite: Junior

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SOCIAL STUDIES

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A required year of social studies for seniors comprising the topics of twentieth century history, geography, and American government.

20th Century History (first semester) - This course is a research based class that examines the history of 20th Century presidents, governmental policies, world leaders, economics, science and technology advancements, lifestyles, war, world events, lifestyles/culture, civil rights/human rights and the arts. Students will learn valuable researching techniques while examining each of the 20th Century decades.

Civics (second semester) - Examines the constitution and the structure of the American government, how the constitution embodies the purposes, values, and principles of the American democracy and the roles of the citizen in American democracy. The course also gives a broad overview of Economics with many economic themes being examined. Students will explore the relationships between economics, real-life and governmental policies.

Prerequisite: Senior

TECHNOLOGY

EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This course is designed to familiarize the students with modern technology. The goals for this class include using technical information and skills for problem solving and utilizing technology in service for others. A required co-educational freshman course in conjunction with Essential Living Skills.

WELDING

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A course designed to acquaint the beginning student with two types of welding. In the first quarter, the student will learn oxy-acetylene welding; in the second quarter the student will learn AC & DC welding. Students will learn how to weld butt, lap, and t-filled joints. Students will also become acquainted with mig welding.

(Lab Fee) 5 college credits available

AUTOMOTIVE

Units:10, Semesters:2, College Credits; 3

A course designed to acquaint the student with the fundamental operation of the standard automobile. This course of study covers safety, specification, hand tools, power tools, precision tools, engine operations, standard transmissions, electrical systems, drive lines, differential, brake systems, tires and carburetion systems. During the year, students will dismantle, measure for wear, reassemble and tune up engines. This course also includes engine troubleshooting, fuel injection and computer diagnostics.



STAINED GLASS

Units: 2.5,
Quarters: 1

Beginner: The student learns about the basic techniques of using stained glass, and how to work safely. One beginner level project is assigned and the student chooses a simple piece for a main project.

Advanced: Students choose a major project researching

and using 3-dimensional, addition of non-glass items, or alternate technique.

PHOTOGRAPHY I & 2

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

Study of basic principles of color and black and white photography; includes practice of exposure development, contact printing and enlarging, and study of various types of equipment. 35mm camera required. Automatic cameras must have an override to manual operation. (Lab Fee)

WOOD TECHNOLOGY

Units: 10, Semesters: 2

A course designed to provide the students an opportunity to learn how to work with various kinds of woods and hand tools. Content will include joinery, finishes, adhesives, hardware, cabinet construction, and identification of various hard woods.

(Lab Fee)

AVIATION GROUND SCHOOL**

Units: 5, Semesters: 1 College Credits Available

Course Fee (student keeps all books and supplies.)

Study of basic concepts of aircraft performance, navigation, principles of flight, and meteorology. Upon completion students will be ready to take FAA exam.

COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING

Units: 10, Semesters: 2 College Credits: 3-5

This course is an introduction to the fundamentals of computer aided design (CAD). Instructional areas include the application of CAD using AutoCAD software as it applies to drawing in a format using the principles of mechanical architectural civil and electrical/electronic drawing.

5 college credits available

VIDEOGRAPHY

Units: 5, Semesters: 1

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of video production. Students learn basic to advanced camera functions as well as advanced editing techniques including: video space, position and timing, capture of audio, and sound effects. This is a project based class where learning is done through creative practice.