



Scintilla Charter Academy
2025-2026
Course Catalog: Upper School

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Dear SCA Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I am excited to share with you our Upper School Course Catalog. This catalog not only showcases our diverse range of courses but also reflects the mission of Scintilla Charter Academy to provide a deeper learning experience in which each child is empowered through creativity, collaboration, inquiry, and critical thinking to achieve his or her unique potential and acquire a love of learning, along with a strong sense of community and character.

At SCA, we understand the importance of preparing our scholars for the challenges and opportunities they will encounter beyond the walls of our classrooms. We strive to create a dynamic learning environment where scholars can actively engage with the world around them, develop critical thinking skills, and cultivate a love for lifelong learning.

Our upper school course offerings will be designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. We believe that when students can see the relevance of their learning to real-life situations, it not only enhances their understanding but also sparks their curiosity and ignites a passion for exploration.

In our Upper School Course Catalog, you will find a wide array of subjects and electives that encourage students to think critically, collaborate, and apply their knowledge in meaningful ways. We aim to foster a spirit of inquiry and provide opportunities for students to delve deeper into subjects that resonate with their interests and goals.

Whether it is through project-based learning, hands-on experiments, field work, or community engagement initiatives, our courses are designed to simulate real-life scenarios and nurture the skills that scholars will need as they transition to higher education and the workforce. We believe that by empowering scholars to actively participate in their learning journey, we can help them develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence to navigate the complexities of our world.

Additionally, our dedicated faculty members are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment. They are passionate about inspiring curiosity, encouraging independent thinking, and guiding scholars on their quest for knowledge. Our educators are prepared to facilitate inquiry-based learning experiences, allowing students to explore, question, and construct their own understanding of the world.

We encourage you to explore the Upper School Course Catalog with your child, emphasizing the importance of choosing courses that align with their interests, goals, and aspirations. We believe that by empowering students to take ownership of their education, they will thrive and develop the necessary skills to succeed in the future.

Should you have any questions or require further information about specific courses, please do not hesitate to contact us. Shae Roland, SCA's College and Career Counselor, will support your child through the academic advising process to develop a customized and comprehensive four-year plan for each scholar. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, let's create a learning environment that prepares our scholars to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and active participants in the world around them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt McCoy".

Matt McCoy
Dean of Middle/Upper School

2025-2026 Upper School Course Offerings

Language and Literature

Literature and Composition I

Literature and Composition I is the ninth-grade foundational course in Scintilla Charter Academy's English language arts sequence, equipping students with the critical thinking and communication skills necessary for academic and professional success. This course fosters a deep understanding of the interpretation, evaluation, construction, and design of texts across genres and modes. Students will engage with a variety of real-world, academic, and disciplinary contexts, strengthening their ability to analyze literature and craft their own compositions. Collaboration and inquiry will be central to the learning experience, with students working together to dissect complex texts and co-create meaningful writing. Through sustained practice in language applications and discipline-specific practices, students will refine their writing, reading, and thinking skills, ensuring they are prepared for the demands of higher education and future careers. Students enrolled in this course have the opportunity to earn honors credit by successfully completing designated honors course requirements, which include extended assignments, independent projects, and/or deeper analytical work.

Prerequisite: None

Literature and Composition II

Literature and Composition II in tenth grade builds on the foundation set in Literature and Composition I, taking students deeper into the analysis and creation of diverse texts across genres and modes. The course emphasizes the application of critical thinking and composition skills in real-world, academic, and disciplinary contexts, encouraging students to craft written works that engage with complex ideas and diverse perspectives. Students will further develop their ability to interpret and evaluate texts, refine their writing processes, and collaborate with peers to engage in thoughtful dialogue and peer review. Through creative projects and collaborative assignments, students will hone their skills in communication, problem-solving, and teamwork, all while continuing to grow as informed, thoughtful readers and writers. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to tackle advanced writing tasks in a variety of settings and disciplines, contributing to the school community through their academic and creative achievements. Students enrolled in this course have the opportunity to earn honors credit by successfully completing designated honors course requirements, which include extended assignments, independent projects, and/or deeper analytical work.

Prerequisite: Literature and Composition I

Literature and Composition III

Literature and Composition III provides students in eleventh grade with a platform for more advanced exploration of texts and the application of literary analysis and composition skills in diverse academic and real-world contexts. Students will engage with complex texts across genres, expanding their understanding of literary techniques and the ways in which texts communicate meaning across cultural, historical, and social contexts. Critical thinking, collaboration, and creative expression will continue to be emphasized as students design and construct original pieces of writing, reflecting on their learning and contributing to the intellectual life of the academy. Through rigorous inquiry and thoughtful analysis, students will prepare for the demands of college-level writing and the workplace, developing the skills needed to communicate effectively, think critically, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. Students enrolled in this course have the

opportunity to earn honors credit by successfully completing designated honors course requirements, which include extended assignments, independent projects, and/or deeper analytical work.

Prerequisite: Literature and Composition II

AP Language and Composition

AP Language and Composition is a college-level English course designed for eleventh-grade students who are interested in refining their writing, reading, and critical thinking skills at an advanced level. The course will be offered in the Spring of 2026 and will emphasize the art of rhetorical analysis, argumentation, and composition across various genres and disciplines. Students will explore a wide range of texts, including essays, speeches, articles, and literary works, examining how writers use language to persuade, inform, and entertain their audiences. The course encourages students to develop their own voices as writers, focusing on crafting clear, coherent, and well-organized arguments. Students will engage in the process of writing for different purposes and audiences, from persuasive essays to research-based projects, honing their ability to make effective use of evidence, stylistic techniques, and language conventions. Peer review, collaborative discussions, and reflective writing will play a key role in the course, helping students refine their work through feedback and revision. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to take the AP Language and Composition exam, which assesses their ability to analyze and compose texts. They will leave with enhanced skills in argumentation, critical thinking, and effective communication, which are essential for success in college and beyond.

Prerequisite: Completion of Literature & Composition III in Fall 2025 / Administrative Approval

Individuals and Societies

World History

The World History course offers students a thorough and in-depth study of key events, themes, and civilizations throughout history. Beginning with the earliest civilizations, students will engage in inquiry-based learning to explore major historical developments and themes from all regions of the world. Through collaboration and critical thinking, they will examine political, social, cultural, and economic transformations that have shaped societies across time. The course emphasizes creative exploration of how past events continue to influence the present world and the interconnectedness of societies, fostering a deeper appreciation of global diversity and the dynamics of human history. Through this process, students will enhance their understanding of the world and build strong analytical and problem-solving skills that empower them to engage with global issues today.

Prerequisite: None

Honors World History

World History Honors provides students with a comprehensive and intensive study of major events and themes in world history. The course invites students to explore ancient civilizations, trade, intellectual and scientific development, nation-building, conflict, and modern encounters between nations. Students will be encouraged to think critically, collaborate with peers, and conduct in-depth analysis of primary source documents, refining their ability to engage with complex materials and present evidence-based arguments. This course fosters creativity in exploring historical narratives and builds essential skills for future AP courses, preparing students to think analytically about world history and its impact on contemporary society. By engaging with a variety of perspectives, students will acquire a deeper understanding of the past and its influence on global interconnectedness today. In doing so, they will also develop the analytical thinking, civic awareness, and argumentation skills that form a strong foundation for scholars interested in enrolling in AP U.S. Government and Politics in tenth grade.

Prerequisite: Administrative Approval

American Government

The American Government/Civics course provides tenth-grade students with a foundational understanding of the philosophy, structure, and functions of the United States government. Students will explore the philosophical roots of American democracy, learning how key ideas about government and individual rights influenced the founding of the nation. Through inquiry and critical analysis, students will examine the system of government, exploring the relationship between the three branches, federalism, and the roles of citizens in civic life. This course emphasizes collaboration and creativity, allowing students to apply their knowledge to real-world situations and understand their rights and responsibilities as informed citizens. By the end of the course, students will be empowered to actively engage in their communities and contribute to societal change.

Prerequisite: None

Advanced Placement U.S. Government

AP U.S. Government and Politics is a college-level course designed for students to develop a deep understanding of the principles, institutions, and processes of the U.S. government. In this course, students will engage with primary source documents, analyze political data, and apply political concepts to real-world scenarios. Emphasizing critical thinking, creativity, and analytical skills, the course covers key topics such as civil rights, political ideologies, and public policy. By fostering collaborative inquiry, students will explore the impact of government on society and develop their ability to craft evidence-based arguments. This course prepares students for the AP exam and provides a strong foundation for those pursuing careers in law, public policy, or civic leadership.

Prerequisite: Administrative Approval

U.S. History

The U.S. History course offers eleventh-grade students a comprehensive survey of the key events, people, and themes that have shaped the United States. Beginning with English colonization, students will analyze the foundations of the nation, the Civil War, industrialization, global conflicts, civil rights movements, and social developments in the modern era. Through collaboration, inquiry, and critical thinking, students will explore how historical forces have influenced the U.S.'s development and its role in the global community. By engaging in discussions and problem-solving activities, students will develop a deeper understanding of the nation's history and how past events continue to impact the present, preparing them to think critically about the future of society.

Prerequisite: None

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes, offering students an opportunity to explore how people think, feel, and act. Through inquiry, collaboration, and critical reflection, students will gain a deeper understanding of psychological principles and how they apply to everyday life. The course introduces specialized research methods and measurements, encouraging students to think creatively and analyze human behavior in different contexts. By exploring their own behavior and understanding the mental processes of others, students will foster a deeper empathy and gain tools for personal growth, creating a stronger sense of community and character.

Prerequisite: None

Sciences

Biology

In Biology, students will explore the patterns, processes, and relationships that define life on Earth. This inquiry-based course encourages hands-on learning and real-world investigations that allow students to think like biologists. Building on prior science knowledge, students will examine the interdependence of organisms, energy flow in living systems, behavior of living things, and biological evolution. Students will collaborate in fieldwork and labs to explore how living systems are organized and how they interact with each other and their environment. This course emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving as students develop a deeper understanding of life science while fostering creativity in scientific inquiry.

Prerequisite: None

Honors Biology

Honors Biology is designed for students ready to engage in a deeper exploration of the life sciences. Through critical analysis, collaborative projects, and advanced inquiry, students will investigate complex biological concepts such as genetics, energy and matter flow, and biological evolution. The course empowers students to apply scientific thinking to real-world problems, analyze data, and understand the intricate relationships that define living systems. This rigorous and fast-paced course challenges students to think creatively and critically while developing a strong foundation for future advanced science courses.

Prerequisite: Administrative Approval

Environmental Science

Environmental Science provides students with the opportunity to explore the intricate relationships between living things, the environment, and human impact on the planet. Students will engage in inquiry and hands-on activities to investigate global environmental issues, energy resources, and ecological systems. This course encourages students to think critically about sustainability and the challenges of balancing human needs with environmental stewardship. Students will collaborate on field studies and lab work, empowering them to become problem-solvers and global citizens in addressing real-world environmental challenges.

Prerequisite: None

Honors Environmental Science

Honors Environmental Science challenges students to dive deeper into the relationships between organisms, ecosystems, and the human impact on the planet. This advanced interdisciplinary course encourages students to engage in rigorous data collection, analysis, and problem-solving, all while thinking critically about sustainability. Students will collaborate on investigations of global environmental challenges, using skills from chemistry, physics, mathematics, and technology to develop solutions. This course fosters creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration as students explore how science shapes policy decisions and practices that can lead to a more sustainable future.

Prerequisite: Physical Science and Biology

Physical Science

Physical Science provides a foundational understanding of chemistry and physics, helping students build critical thinking and inquiry-based skills. Through hands-on investigations and real-world applications, students will explore abstract concepts such as atomic structure, motion, energy, wave behavior, and electricity. This course fosters creativity as students collaborate on experiments and problem-solving activities, gaining a deeper understanding of the physical world and developing a scientific mindset to investigate and explore phenomena.

Prerequisite: None

Chemistry

In Chemistry, students will explore the world of atoms, molecules, and chemical reactions through inquiry, hands-on labs, and real-world investigations. Students will learn about atomic structure, properties of matter, and energy transformations, developing the skills to think critically about how chemical processes impact the world around them. This course empowers students to engage in scientific inquiry, solve complex problems, and understand the microscopic interactions that shape the physical world.

Prerequisite: Physical Science and Biology

Forensic Science

Forensic Science applies scientific principles to the investigation of crime scenes and criminal activities. Through hands-on experiments and case studies, students will learn to apply chemistry, biology, and physics to analyze evidence from crime scenes. The course encourages critical thinking and problem-solving as students engage with real-world situations, examining biological evidence, analyzing crime scene data, and exploring criminal investigations. By fostering creativity and collaboration, students will develop the scientific methods needed to investigate crimes and solve complex problems in the field of forensics.

Prerequisite: None

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Human Anatomy and Physiology provides students with an in-depth, hands-on exploration of the human body. Through case studies, lab work, and real-world applications, students will study the structure and function of the body's systems, including how they work together to maintain life. Students will collaborate on projects, analyze real medical scenarios, and engage in scientific inquiry to understand the physiological processes that underpin human health. This course emphasizes critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, preparing students for careers in medicine, healthcare, and research.

Prerequisite: Biology

Zoology

Zoology explores the scientific study of animals, focusing on their behavior, physiology, structure, and ecology. Students will collaborate on fieldwork, dissections, and experiments to investigate the diversity of life

in the animal kingdom. Through inquiry and critical thinking, students will explore animal classification, anatomy, and the interactions between animals and their ecosystems. This course emphasizes the importance of conservation biology and encourages students to think creatively about how human actions impact animal populations and habitats. By the end of the course, students will be empowered to pursue careers in biology, ecology, or veterinary science, contributing to the protection and preservation of animal life.

Prerequisite: Biology

Mathematics

Foundations of Algebra

The Foundations of Algebra course is designed to help students build a strong mathematical foundation by developing key algebraic reasoning and problem-solving skills. This course emphasizes creativity and inquiry as students explore the relationships within numbers and equations. Students will collaborate on interactive lessons and real-world applications, tackling key topics such as integer operations, linear equations, functions, and inequalities. By focusing on understanding patterns and relationships, students will gain the confidence and skills necessary to succeed in higher-level algebra courses. This course empowers students to approach mathematics as a tool for solving real-world problems, promoting critical thinking and perseverance in their mathematical journey.

Prerequisite: None

Algebra: Concepts and Connections

In this course, students will enhance their algebraic and geometric reasoning skills to solve problems involving algebra, geometry, data, and statistics. Students will apply critical thinking and creative problem-solving strategies as they study linear functions, systems of inequalities, and quadratic and exponential functions. This course encourages collaboration through group projects and real-world applications, helping students make connections between algebraic concepts and the world around them. Students will build a deep understanding of the relationships between numbers, shapes, and data, equipping them with the skills to approach complex mathematical challenges with confidence and creativity.

Prerequisite: None

Geometry: Concepts and Connections

Geometry: Concepts and Connections enhances students' geometric, algebraic, and probabilistic reasoning skills. Students will engage in collaborative problem-solving and hands-on activities to understand concepts such as similarity, congruence, trigonometry, and geometric measurement. This course encourages creativity and inquiry as students analyze and apply geometric principles in real-world scenarios. By exploring topics such as proofs, transformations, and probability, students will deepen their analytical and reasoning skills, fostering a deeper appreciation for how geometry shapes the world around them. This course promotes both individual exploration and teamwork, empowering students to apply their knowledge to solve complex problems.

Prerequisite: Algebra: Concepts & Connections

Advanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections

Advanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections takes students to the next level, preparing them for career and college readiness. Through collaborative learning and inquiry-based projects, students will explore advanced concepts such as data analysis, statistical reasoning, and problem-solving techniques. By investigating functions, patterns, and mathematical models, students will develop creative solutions to real-world problems. This course builds on students' prior knowledge of linear and quadratic functions, helping them strengthen

their functional and graphical reasoning. Students will learn to analyze and model real-world phenomena, empowering them to approach mathematical challenges with critical thinking and confidence.

Prerequisite: Algebra: Concepts & Connections and Geometry

Advanced Financial Algebra

Advanced Financial Algebra connects mathematical concepts to real-world financial and business applications, empowering students to think critically about their financial futures. Through hands-on, inquiry-driven projects, students will apply algebraic models to solve practical financial problems, including budgeting, tax planning, investment strategies, and banking services. This course emphasizes creativity and problem-solving as students analyze financial data and make informed decisions based on real-world scenarios. By using technology and manipulatives, students will strengthen their understanding of financial concepts and apply them in meaningful ways. This course prepares students to be financially literate, critical thinkers who can navigate the complexities of personal finance and business decision-making.

Prerequisite: Algebra: Concepts & Connections, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections

Arts

Band

The Band course provides a dynamic, performance-based environment where students can nurture their musical talents and enhance their skills on various instruments. This class encourages collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity as students work together to master performance techniques, analyze music, and appreciate its historical and cultural significance. By engaging in both individual and group learning, students will refine their skills and develop a deep sense of community through concert performances and productions. This year-long commitment offers students the opportunity to showcase their growth as musicians, exploring their potential while contributing to the success of the ensemble. Through this course, students are empowered to discover the creativity and expression that music brings to their lives.

Prerequisite: Experience in band at the middle school level is preferred.

Theatre Arts

Theatre Arts introduces students to the collaborative nature of modern musical theater, where creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork come together. Through performance staging, voice training, orchestration, and dance, students will explore the artistic aspects of musical theater and gain hands-on experience in producing a performance. This course emphasizes the value of inquiry and collaboration, allowing students to express themselves creatively while developing essential skills in acting, singing, and movement. Students will build confidence and foster a sense of community as they work together to bring a theatrical production to life, gaining an appreciation for both the creative process and the cultural significance of the performing arts.

Prerequisite: None

Visual Arts/Comprehensive I

Visual Arts/Comprehensive I encourages students to explore their creative potential and develop their artistic skills using various media and techniques. This introductory course provides an inquiry-based approach to learning, allowing students to engage with the Elements of Art and Principles of Design while creating original artwork. Students will experiment with different materials, such as pencil, ink, paint, and clay, to express their ideas and emotions through art. The course emphasizes collaboration and critique, helping students refine their artistic vision and problem-solving skills. By exploring diverse styles and philosophies, students will gain a deeper understanding of the artistic world and develop a lifelong appreciation for creativity.

Prerequisite: None

Visual Arts: Ceramics I

In the Visual Arts: Ceramics course, students will embark on a creative journey using clay as their medium, exploring both technical skills and artistic expression. Students will collaborate, inquire, and think critically as they learn various construction techniques, such as hand-building, along with surface decoration and glaze application. Through hands-on experience, students will create ceramic pieces that reflect their unique perspectives. This course also integrates cultural exploration by studying ceramic art from diverse global traditions, helping students understand how art connects to culture and history. By fostering creativity and

technical skills, students will gain a deeper appreciation for the diverse forms of artistic expression that ceramics offer.

Prerequisite: Completion of Comprehensive I or a strong middle school visual arts foundation.

Visual Arts: Ceramics II

Ceramics II is an advanced visual arts course designed for students who have foundational experience in working with clay and are ready to expand their technical abilities and artistic voice. In this course, students will delve deeper into ceramic construction methods, including wheel throwing, complex hand-building techniques, and advanced surface treatments. Emphasis will be placed on creative problem-solving, craftsmanship, and conceptual development, as students design and execute original works that reflect personal expression and intentional design choices.

Through the continued study of global ceramic traditions and contemporary practices, students will further explore how cultural context influences form, function, and meaning in ceramic art. The course encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and artistic risk-taking, preparing students for advanced visual arts coursework and building a strong portfolio of work.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Ceramics I (Visual Arts: Ceramics) or equivalent foundational experience in visual arts.

Visual Arts: Drawing/Painting I

The Visual Arts: Drawing/Painting course provides students with a platform to explore their creativity through various drawing and painting techniques. This course encourages students to engage in the artistic process by critically analyzing master works and understanding the cultural evolution of art. Students will experiment with different media and techniques, developing both their technical abilities and personal artistic expression. Creative problem-solving is emphasized as students work to achieve their desired results, fostering an environment of collaboration and critical thinking. This course not only builds technical skills but also encourages students to explore their own artistic voice and deepen their appreciation for the transformative power of art.

Prerequisite: Completion of Comprehensive I or a strong middle school visual arts foundation.

Visual Arts: Drawing/Painting II

Drawing/Painting II is an intermediate-level visual arts course designed for students who have a foundational understanding of drawing and painting techniques and are ready to refine their skills and develop a more personal artistic style. In this course, students will deepen their exploration of traditional and contemporary media, including graphite, charcoal, ink, acrylic, and watercolor, while investigating complex compositional strategies and thematic development.

Through critical analysis of historical and modern works, students will gain insight into the cultural and conceptual contexts of art, allowing them to make more informed artistic choices. Emphasis is placed on creative risk-taking, self-assessment, and the development of a cohesive body of work. This course encourages students to think like artists, solving problems visually and conceptually while continuing to build a strong portfolio.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Drawing/Painting I (Visual Arts: Drawing/Painting) or equivalent foundational experience in visual arts.

Physical and Health Education

Health and Personal Fitness

The Health and Personal Fitness course at Scintilla Charter Academy focuses on empowering students to take responsibility for their health and well-being. Through inquiry and self-reflection, students will explore healthy lifestyle choices and develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions about their physical and mental health. The Health component encourages students to understand the importance of mental and physical well-being, while the Personal Fitness component fosters personal responsibility through an individualized fitness assessment. By engaging in hands-on activities and personalized fitness plans, students will explore principles of nutrition, stress management, and overall wellness, building a strong foundation for a lifetime of healthy living. Collaboration and critical thinking are emphasized as students work together to share strategies for improving fitness, and the course instills the value of lifelong fitness and self-awareness.

Prerequisite: None

Team Sports

The Team Sports course encourages students to enhance their teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking skills through participation in various in-season sports such as football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and more. This course is rooted in the values of Scintilla Charter Academy, where collaboration and inquiry are central to success. Students will engage in both individual and group exercises that focus on mastering fundamental skills, understanding team strategies, and learning the rules of each sport. Through cooperative activities and real-time problem-solving, students will develop not only their athletic skills but also their ability to work together and demonstrate good sportsmanship. Participation in team sports helps foster a sense of community, as students learn the importance of mutual respect, dedication, and the collective effort required to achieve success in sports and life.

Prerequisite: Participation in SCA athletic programs is required.

Language Acquisition

Spanish I

Spanish I at Scintilla Charter Academy provides an empowering introduction to the Spanish language, encouraging students to explore language as a tool for communication and cultural understanding. Through inquiry-based learning, students will develop core skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, while cultivating curiosity about the Spanish-speaking world. The course focuses on practical language skills—such as greeting others, asking questions, and engaging in simple conversations—while exploring Spanish-speaking cultures, traditions, and communities. Students will work collaboratively using creative expression to practice their new skills. By the end of the course, students will feel confident in their ability to communicate in Spanish and will appreciate the global significance of the Spanish language.

Prerequisite: None

Spanish II

Building on the foundation from Spanish I, Spanish II deepens students' connection to the Spanish language and culture through more complex communication. The course emphasizes real-world language use, encouraging students to discuss daily routines, travel, family, and community. Through listening, speaking, reading, and writing, students will strengthen their language proficiency while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills in Spanish. By collaborating on interactive projects, role-playing scenarios, and cultural explorations, students will gain a broader understanding of the global Spanish-speaking community. The course encourages students to reflect on their learning journey and continue developing their language skills with confidence.

Prerequisite: Spanish I

French I

French I offers students a creative and interactive exploration of the French language and culture. At Scintilla Charter Academy, students will develop the essential skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in French, with an emphasis on engaging in everyday conversations and expressing personal interests. Through inquiry-based lessons, students will learn about French-speaking cultures and their rich history, traditions, and customs. Collaborative activities, including group discussions and cultural projects, will enhance their understanding and appreciation of the language. This course fosters curiosity and creativity, as students work together to use the French language in meaningful ways, preparing them for deeper language study and real-world communication in future courses.

Prerequisite: None

Marketing and Management

Marketing Principles

Marketing Principles offers students an engaging introduction to the core concepts of marketing, empowering them to think creatively and critically about business strategies. The course is the first course in the Marketing and Management pathway and allows students to explore the four P's of marketing—product, price, place, and promotion—while also encouraging students to inquire deeply into the role of ethics, consumer behavior, and technology in shaping marketing practices. Students will collaborate in hands-on activities, analyzing case studies, and applying marketing strategies to real-world scenarios, developing a strong foundation in business decision-making. The course fosters creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving as students learn how to evaluate marketing campaigns and understand the impact of globalization on business. By the end of the course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of marketing fundamentals and will be prepared for further study in marketing or entry-level business roles, while cultivating a sense of responsibility in the ethical application of business practices.

Prerequisite: None

Marketing and Entrepreneurship

In Marketing and Entrepreneurship, students will combine their understanding of marketing principles with the innovative spirit required to launch and grow successful businesses in the second course in the Marketing and Management pathway. Through creative inquiry and collaboration, students will explore market research, branding, consumer behavior, and pricing strategies, alongside business planning, financing, and operations. The course emphasizes the critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for both marketing and entrepreneurship, encouraging students to see business as a dynamic, interconnected process. Students will engage in practical activities such as business simulations and case studies, learning how to create marketing strategies and manage risks in the competitive landscape of entrepreneurship. By the end of the course, students will have gained both marketing and entrepreneurial skills, equipping them to pursue careers in business development or to launch their own ventures, all while being inspired by the collaborative nature of innovation and community-driven success.

Prerequisite: Marketing Principles

Marketing Management

Marketing Management is the third course in the Marketing and Management pathway and challenges students to think critically and strategically as they explore the complexities of managing marketing programs within organizations. Focusing on real-world applications, the course delves into key areas like market research, consumer behavior, product development, pricing strategies, and digital marketing. Students will develop a strong sense of collaboration as they work on projects that simulate business challenges, using creative problem-solving and strategic decision-making to design marketing campaigns that align with organizational goals. The course emphasizes the role of the marketing manager and how they work across teams and departments to drive business success. By the end of the course, students will have developed leadership, management, and marketing strategy skills, preparing them for careers in marketing management, business leadership, or entrepreneurship, while gaining a strong sense of responsibility in shaping ethical business practices.

Prerequisite: Marketing Principles and Marketing and Entrepreneurship

Graphic Design

Intro to Graphic Design

Introduction to Graphic Design at Scintilla Charter Academy empowers students to harness their creativity and critical thinking skills as they explore the world of visual communication. Students will dive into foundational graphic design principles such as design theory, color theory, typography, and composition, while engaging in hands-on projects to learn industry-standard tools and techniques. This course emphasizes inquiry-driven learning, where students explore the creative process behind projects like logo design, branding, and advertisements. Collaborative projects will provide opportunities to problem-solve and simulate real-world design challenges, fostering a growth mindset. By the end of the course, students will possess a strong understanding of design principles and technical skills, preparing them for future studies or entry-level roles in the graphic design industry while contributing to a culture of innovation.

Prerequisite: None

Graphic Design and Production

In Graphic Design and Production, students will combine creative thinking with technical expertise, learning how to navigate both the artistic and practical aspects of the design world. Through hands-on projects, students will apply design theory, layout composition, and typography to create real-world design materials, including logos, brochures, and web graphics. Students will explore the production pipeline, from design concepts to the final product, learning about printing processes and digital publishing. Collaboration will play a key role in this course as students work together to tackle design challenges, further honing their problem-solving and communication skills. By the end of the course, students will have a well-rounded understanding of graphic design principles and production techniques, equipping them with the skills needed for careers in design, advertising, or media production, while building an awareness of how design shapes communities and businesses.

Prerequisite: Intro to Graphic Design

Advanced Graphic Design

Advanced Graphic Design at Scintilla Charter Academy takes students' creative and technical abilities to the next level by tackling more complex design challenges and projects. The course focuses on advanced concepts such as branding, user experience (UX) design, web design, and motion graphics. Students will deepen their understanding of typography, color theory, and layout, while developing advanced skills in industry-standard design software. Collaborative work will be emphasized, enabling students to solve sophisticated design problems and create comprehensive marketing campaigns and digital media. This course will also introduce students to design project management, teaching them to work within deadlines, client expectations, and real-world scenarios. By the end of the course, students will have mastered the tools needed to execute complex design solutions, preparing them for professional careers in graphic design, digital media, advertising, or interactive design, all while contributing to the creative development of their communities.

Prerequisite: Intro to Graphic Design and Graphic Design and Production

Business and Entrepreneurship

Introduction to Business and Technology

The Introduction to Business and Technology gives students a foundational understanding of both business operations and the role of technology in the modern business landscape. This course is the first course in the Business and Entrepreneurship pathway and emphasizes creative problem-solving and critical thinking as students explore topics like business structures, management, and marketing. Students will also engage with technology tools, such as spreadsheets, word processing, and presentation software, which are essential in today's business world. Through hands-on activities, such as using technology to analyze business data or develop marketing campaigns, students will learn to navigate the intersection of business and technology. By the end of the course, students will be well-equipped to understand the impact of technology on business decisions and be prepared to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios in future business endeavors.

Prerequisite: None

Legal Environment of Business

The Legal Environment of Business course is the second course in the Business and Entrepreneurship pathway. It encourages students to think critically about the legal and ethical challenges businesses face in a dynamic marketplace. This course delves into contract law, intellectual property, employment law, and dispute resolution, empowering students to navigate complex legal issues with informed decision-making. Through case studies and collaborative discussions, students will develop the skills to recognize legal issues in business contexts and understand how laws influence business operations. Students will also explore the rights and responsibilities of both businesses and employees. By the end of the course, students will have a well-rounded understanding of business law, preparing them to approach business challenges with integrity and responsibility.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Business and Technology

Entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship course is the third course in the Business and Entrepreneurship pathway and offers students the knowledge and skills to turn innovative ideas into thriving businesses. This course emphasizes the entrepreneurial mindset, equipping students with the tools needed to create business plans, identify opportunities, and secure financing. Students will engage in collaborative projects that simulate the startup process, including market research, marketing strategies, and customer relations. By working through the challenges of launching and sustaining a business, students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the entrepreneurial process, from business concept to operation. This course fosters critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and teamwork as students explore how to drive innovation and take risks. By the end of the course, students will have the confidence and skills to pursue entrepreneurial ventures or roles in business development, ready to contribute to their communities with new ideas and business solutions.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Business and Technology and Legal Environment of Business

Design Your Life: Crafting Your Future

Design Your Life is a semester-long course designed to help scholars explore and prepare for life beyond high school. This course guides students through the process of identifying their interests, setting goals, and

planning future academic and career pathways. Using principles of Design Thinking and a Personal Project framework, scholars will engage in college and career exploration, resume writing, interview practice, and financial planning. They will use the Mastery Transcript Portfolio to showcase their skills, experiences, and achievements. This course equips students with the tools and confidence to make informed decisions about their future and adapt to the opportunities and challenges ahead.