

Ascent Academies – Farmington
2016-2017 **Semester #2** Junior High Electives Course Description

Not all courses will be available for all students. The student’s unique registration form will identify the available electives. All electives are 0.5 credits.

Course	Description
Art Foundations 1	Students will make and create art by experiencing a variety of media, techniques, and processes as they show the elements and principles of art.
Art Foundations 2	Students will study art through a variety of art tools and materials with an emphasis on studio production. The purpose of this class is to develop higher-level thinking and art skill. Prior Art class required.
Computer Technology Grade 9 only *recommended	Computer Technology is a foundational element of success in today’s technology-driven world. This course is intended for students to learn concepts associated with key application software, basic computing fundamentals, and ethics and appropriate behavior while using technology as a tool in the classroom and in life.
Desktop Publishing	This one-semester course provides skill development in the electronic procedures of producing and editing publications. Students create, format, illustrate, design, edit/revise, and print publications.
Exploring Business & Marketing	Students will be exposed to the fundamental concepts of business and marketing. Skills include basic business concepts, organizational communication, human resources management, entrepreneurship, accounting, finance, and leadership.
Film	This class is a hands-on film class where we learn about filmmaking, film theory/criticism, acting for film and several film genres including silent film, documentary, music videos, animation and others. This is NOT a movie watching class, though we will critique several films over the course of the semester.
Global Politics	Global Politics will focus on current events and their backgrounds. We will study and debate politics, conflicts, humanitarian efforts, and much more!
Hospitality and Tourism	The Hospitality and Tourism course provides the student with an understanding of one of the largest industries in Utah and the world. Specific applications include marketing, promoting, and selling the product of airlines, international travel, ground transportation, cruising, hotel and lodging, restaurants, and tours. Students will learn the importance of hospitality and tourism’s impact on the economy.

Lifetime Activities	The class is designed for students interested in a variety of activities that lead to a lifelong healthy lifestyle. The course utilizes appropriate instructional practices to develop competence and confidence in a variety of lifetime activity and movement forms, including sports, dance, outdoor recreation, physical fitness and proper nutrition.
Literature & Film	A special look at literature and film together. This is not your average class, as we will not be comparing the books to the movies. This will be an in-depth look at different stories and movies that share somewhat of a storyline or theme. You will need parent permission for this class and a syllabus will be provided before registration because some of the rated PG and PG-13 content.
Literature-Science Fiction & Fantasy	This course focuses on the origins of the modern Science Fiction and Fantasy genres. Participants will read and critically analyze short stories and novels by authors such as H. G. Wells, C. S. Lewis, Jules Vern, J.R.R. Tolkien, Carol Lewis, Ray Bradbury, Isaac Asimov, and Frank Herbert. Students will read and create literary criticism of modern works in these genres. Finally, the class will look at oral and visual mediums for these genres, including early works such as Beowulf to modern entries such as Star Wars.
Math Lab/Learning Strategies	This class is designed for students who need additional support in math, or for students who want additional enrichment in their math curriculum.
Marketing 1	Marketing I is the foundation for all marketing courses. Students will learn basic principles that lead to careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Students will be introduced to the world of marketing including the free enterprise system. The seven core functions of marketing will be examined: Marketing Planning, Marketing-Information Management, Pricing, Product/Service Management, Promotion, Channel Management, and Selling. A central focus throughout the course will be the development of soft skills including teamwork, oral communication, written communication, decision-making, and emotional intelligence.
Musical Theatre	This class is designed to teach basic musical theatre performance skills. We will develop our abilities to sing, dance and act both as a solo and in an ensemble. This class is highly participatory and NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. This class is in no way affiliated with the extra-curricular drama productions.
Social Dance	The class is designed for students interested in the art of social dance, partner dance. The class explores many genres of ballroom/partner dances, basic techniques related to the style of dance, elements of dance, dance fitness, terminology and dance history.

Stage Craft	This class is designed to be a hands-on approach the technical side of theatre. Most of this class will be focused on the design and building of the set, props and costumes for the Spring musical. Students will be taught to safely use drills, hammers, screwdrivers and other building equipment as well as scenic painting and theatrical design. Students may also have the opportunity to help backstage with the Spring musical.
Theatre Foundations 1	This class is specially designed to give students an opportunity to express themselves through theatre. Over the course of the semester students will be introduced to acting techniques, theatre history, improvisation and playwriting. This class is highly participatory and NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. This class is in no way affiliated with the extra-curricular drama productions.
Web Page Design	This semester course provides students with a major emphasis on the principles and design of a website as well as advanced Internet skills. HTML, Web publishing and graphic editing software will be used to design, create, format, and edit web pages.
Yearbook	This class is designed for the students to create and make their yearbook for the end of the year. The students will work on a program online to make sure that all of the best things about the school are shown and highlighted. It is a demanding class that requires full participation through the end of the semester for all students.