

## College Academy

### PURPOSE:

College Academy at South Florida Bible College is an academically rigorous dual enrollment program with a Christian worldview where high school students can earn both college and high school credits while growing in Biblical thought and victorious Christian living.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary is an institution of higher learning where the Bible is central in preparing men and women for ministry to serve Christ and His Church through Biblical thought and Christian life.

### BENEFITS:

#### **1. General Education core completed by high school graduation.**

General education courses are a basic standard across colleges and universities nation-wide. The 36-credit hour general education core is comprised of oral and written communications, humanities, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences and mathematics.

#### **2. Transferability**

South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary holds accreditation and credentials that allow credit transfer to other colleges and universities.

- Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
- Florida Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS)
- Florida State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (FL-SARA)

#### **3. Reduces overall cost of college.**

The average cost of attending college in the United States is \$35,331 per year,<sup>i</sup> including tuition, fees, books, supplies, and daily living expenses. Completing general education coursework while in high school reduces the total time needed to complete a Bachelor's degree after high school graduation, thereby reducing the cost per student.

#### **4. Begin college experience with reduced course load.**

Once a student has graduated high school, eligibility for financial aid requires students to take a full-time class load of 12 credit hours in an undergraduate program. During dual-enrollment, students are eligible for reduced tuition while taking any number of credits.

#### **5. Curriculum taught from Christian worldview.**

SFBC faculty and staff profess faith in Christ and demonstrate that faith both in and out of the classroom. While textbooks and class topics expose students to a variety of social and cultural perspectives, classes are taught from a Christian worldview.

#### **6. Flexible cohort system**

College Academy students will take part in a cohort system comprised of dual-enrolled high school students. Small student/teacher ratios foster deep, honest discussion among professors and students. The cohort will have a set schedule of balanced available classes each semester in growing difficulty. Students have the option to begin as early as their Sophomore year of high school in order to earn the Associates Degree. Students desiring to take classes not available in the cohort schedule will have the opportunity to take additional classes in the college with the advisement of the College Academy counselor.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

1. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills;
2. Research and critically analyze information, ideas, and arguments;
3. Understand and explain how history influences the religious, political, social, and cultural components of society;
4. Grasp the fundamental concepts of philosophy and explain how various theistic and non-theistic ideologies affect the Christian perspective;
5. Analyze the influence of societies and cultures on the humanities;
6. Examine major world religions from a Christian context;
7. Comprehend basic psychological theories and principles;
8. Develop knowledge of the physical universe and understand how human actions affect the environment;
9. Exhibit proficiency in quantitative and qualitative reasoning;
10. Demonstrate an understanding of the Biblical Worldview in general studies;
11. Identify and understand the history and content of the Bible;
12. Demonstrate an understanding of the Biblical Worldview in general studies;
13. Understand the challenges, objections, and alternatives to the Christian faith;

14. Exhibit the ability to clearly communicate the gospel in local and global settings; and
15. Exhibit the competence and proficiency to pursue advanced studies at the undergraduate level.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **1. Application**

#### **2. High School Transcript**

High school and home education transcripts will be accepted showing an academic course of study in English, mathematics, science, and social studies. Transcripts must show completed academic coursework per grade level for admission.

#### **3. PERT Exam**

Incoming students will take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) in order to determine class placement in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Students who do not meet the prerequisite test score in an area must either take the remedial course as an elective or retake the exam. Remedial courses provide students with the requisite skills to succeed at the collegiate level. Students may retake the exam or a portion of the exam after waiting a minimum of two weeks. If students pass one portion of the exam they will be allowed to register for classes English, the humanities, and Bible courses but will be prohibited from registering for college level mathematics.

### **REGISTRATION:**

All new College Academy students are required to attend orientation and advisement. Orientation will address academic requirements of the Associates of Arts degree, the College Academy cohort system, spiritual formation, and student life integration.

The College Academy Counselor will assist students and their families in registering for both the College Academy cohort classes as well as SFBC undergraduate courses. The counselor will be able to assist families in state mandated documentation of high school requirements completed by College Academy coursework.

College Academy students will be designated as Non-Degree seeking until the final semester before graduation. Upon application of a certificate or degree application student classification will change to degree seeking according to the degree applied.

## **FERPA**

Students attending College Academy are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Educational records will not be released to individuals other than the student except as provided for by a release of information. Students must sign FERPA documentation before any academic or financial information may be shared or discussed with the student's family members by a professor or staff member.

## **ELIGIBLE COURSE CREDIT HOURS:**

College Academy students are allowed to take no more than 60 semester credit hours and may earn an Associate's Degree upon completion of program requirements. Available college credits cap based upon high school class. The maximum number of credit hours a College Academy student may take by grade level per semester:

- Sophomore: 6
- Junior: 9
- Senior: 12

## **PROGRAM HOURS:**

Days: Tuesday & Thursday  
Time: 9:30-12:00, 1:30-4:00 PM  
Extracurriculars 12:00-12:30

## **TUITION & FEES:**

Tuition: \$135 per credit hour  
College Academy application fees are waived.

## **SPIRITUAL LIFE FORMATION:**

1. Chapel: Students enrolled in College Academy will participate in chapel in order to foster cross-cultural and cross-generational fellowship and worship.
2. Chaplain's Corner: Students will engage in bimonthly discussions led by the SFBC chaplain and assisting faculty in order to assist in the spiritual formation of College Academy students. Discussion and fellowship across diverse cultures, ages, and denominations will allow students to gain an appreciation for theological discussion and global ministry.

### **STUDENT LIFE INTEGRATION:**

Student life integration promotes student retention into successive academic programs. Opportunities for cross-cultural fellowship, character growth, and discipleship of students by staff and faculty mentors provide means of holistic education outside of the classroom setting.

1. Clubs: Regularly scheduled meetings afford mentors the opportunity to further discuss topics that would not fall within the regular curriculum. Mentors may schedule guest speakers, promote a community service project, and organize students to attend a conference if applicable. Potential appropriate clubs include: Live the Life, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), psychology, debate, chess, intercultural, and Bible study.
2. Community Service: Students are able to earn community service hours through projects hosted by Student Life. Students pursuing an A.A. are required to serve 80 hours of community service, 20 of which are to be completed at South Florida Bible College. Integration of students from the college, EAP, and College Academy promote cross-cultural and cross-generational collaboration.
3. Intramural Sports: Intramural sports allow students to play in regularly scheduled sports with minimal financial and time commitment. Students gain fellowship with teammates and discipleship by the staff willing to coach the sport. Considerations for intramural sports include booking the venue appropriate to the number of students, liability waivers, and faculty/staff involvement.

## COURSE SCHEDULE:

### Bible Requirements:

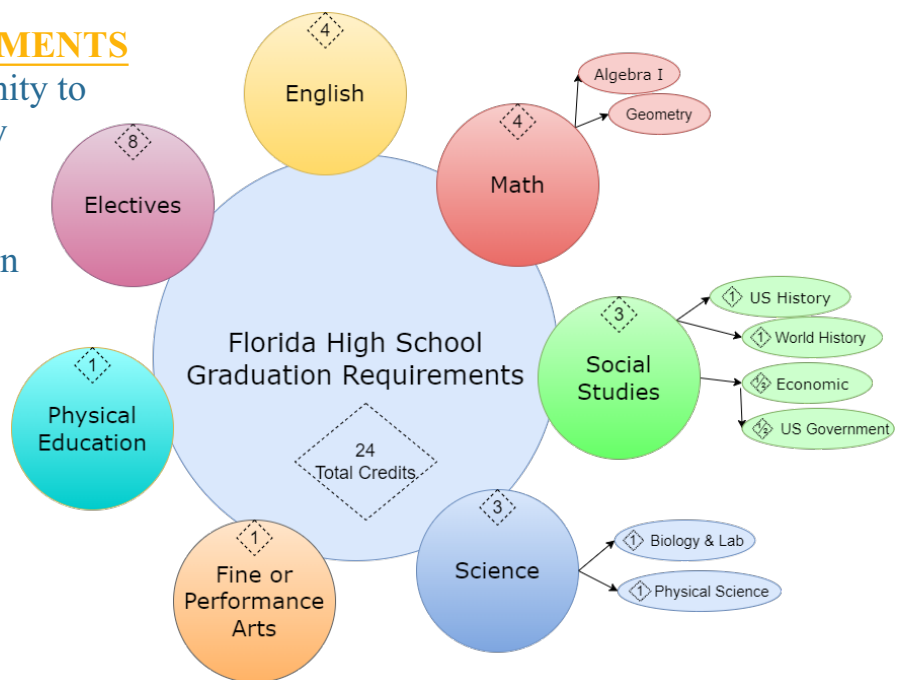
BBL 1101	Old Testament Survey	3 credits
BBL 1151	New Testament Survey	3 credits
BBL 2201	Bible Doctrines Survey	3 credits
MIN 1101	Introduction to Evangelism	3 credits

### General Education Requirements:

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3 credits
ENC 1101	English Composition II	3 credits
ENL 2012	English Literature	3 credits
ESC 1000	Introduction to Earth Science	3 credits
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3 credits
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	3 credits
PHI 2100	Introduction to Logic	3 credits
PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits
REL 2300	World Religions	3 credits
SPC 1024	Introduction to Speech Communication	3 credits
WOH 1012	History of Civilization I	3 credits
WHO 1022	History of Civilization II	3 credits

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students have the opportunity to graduate College Academy with both a high school diploma and an Associates of Arts Degree. Graduation requirements include successful completion of all required courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students must complete a minimum number of volunteer service hours.



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<sup>i</sup> Hanson, Melanie. “Average Cost of College & Tuition” EducationData.org, January 27, 2022, <https://educationdata.org/average-cost-of-college>