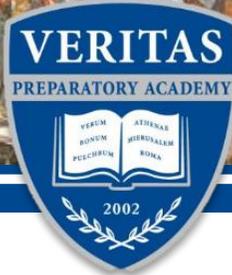


# Summer Academy Course Catalog



*“Education is not the filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a fire.”  
- Plutarch*

Keep the fire of learning alive this June with a VPA Summer Academy course! Explore on the pages below, and [register online by clicking here.](#)

All classes will be run by veteran Great Hearts faculty. Courses will take place online through Google Classroom. Zoom will be used for daily interactive lessons, coaching, and discussion. Your instructor will send an email the week before your class starts, to make introductions and share specific details, including the daily Zoom time. Depending on student needs, the teacher may adjust this daily Zoom time to make it work best for all.

For policies and procedures, [click here.](#) For questions relating to Summer Academy courses or enrollment, please contact [Mr. Thoits](#), program coordinator.

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## Credit Courses

The following courses meet the VPA standard for high school credit or middle school promotion, but may also be taken for remediation and reinforcing skills and concepts. These courses can help transferring students align with the Veritas curriculum, and returning students to complete missed credit. *These courses are not intended to substitute for future curricular coursework.*

[Register online by clicking here.](#)

Course	Description	Schedule	Fee
<b>PRE-ALGEBRA (MS)</b>	This course offers a reinforcement of basic pre-algebra skills and is designed for students who are entering 7th or 8th grades.	<b>June 1 - 26</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>ALGEBRA I (All)</b>	For rising freshmen who need to retake or complete the course, or students transferring into high school. <b>**An important note for incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade students:</b> Because all students enroll in Algebra II, students who have not taken Algebra I or demonstrated success in Algebra I will need to enroll in Algebra I in summer school. We also strongly encourage all students who struggled in Algebra I in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade to enroll in this course. Additionally, AZMerit and the standardized tests for college admission expect students to have a certain proficiency in this subject.	<b>June 1 - 26</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>ALGEBRA II/TRIG (PRE-CALCULUS)</b>	This course will offer a comprehensive review of the key pre-calculus components of the Algebra 2/Trigonometry course. Core topics will include: manipulating algebraic expressions, equations and inequalities; development, interpretation and graphing of functions (linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, logarithmic); and introductory trigonometry (triangle, unit circle, graphing). This is geared toward students who are in need of reinforcement and review of the pre-calculus skills initially covered in the Algebra 2/Trigonometry course, and also those students planning to take the Algebra 2/Trigonometry course in the fall, but would benefit from previewing and practicing some of the course material prior to the start of the school year.	<b>June 1 - 26</b>	<b>\$175</b>

<b>AMERICAN/AZ HISTORY (HS)</b>	This course will investigate the question of “What is an American?” in a series of discussions on founding documents, speeches, poems and songs from the founders to Martin Luther King. Special emphasis will be put on understanding the regime outlined by the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and the debates over the meaning and extent of democracy, federalism and equality in American history. This includes Arizona history. <i>Fulfills VPA graduation requirements.</i>	<b>June 1 - 26</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>EARTH SCIENCE (MS)</b>	This course is for rising 9 <sup>th</sup> -grade students who need to re-take the course from the 8 <sup>th</sup> -grade year.	<b>June 15-26</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>LATIN I (MS)</b>	This course is for new students transferring to Veritas in the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade, in preparation for the Latin II course they will take in the fall. It is also open any rising Veritas 7 <sup>th</sup> graders who need to re-take the class.	<b>June 1 - 12</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>LATIN II (MS)</b>	This course is for new students transferring to Veritas in the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, in preparation for the Latin III course they will take in the fall. It is also open any rising Veritas 8 <sup>th</sup> graders who need to re-take the class.	<b>June 15 - 26</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION (MS)</b>	This course is for students needing remediation in English Language Arts or to retake a middle-school Lit/Comp course. Concepts covered will include the parts of speech, subject and predicate, basic diagramming, reading short stories and poems. Along the way we will write short compositions to practice grammar, style, and structure.	<b>June 1 - 26</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>POETRY (HS)</b>	This two-week course, taught by our veteran Veritas poetry teacher, will review many of the foundational concepts of good, sound poetry (bonus points if you get that pun) while reading a wide array of great works. The course will also connect you to the broader world of poetry scholarship, listening to recorded poems and viewing spoken performances.	<b>June 15 - 26</b>	<b>\$125</b>

SPANISH (HS)	<p>This course is for those needing to retake the course or prepare to transfer to VPA after 9<sup>th</sup> grade.</p> <p><b>**Important note for incoming 10th/11th grade students:</b> Because of the accelerated pace of our Honors Spanish curriculum, even students who have taken Spanish at another school are strongly encouraged to consider taking the summer class to fully prepare to enter the 10th or 11th grade Spanish classes. If the 4-week class is not feasible, see options for Language in the Enrichment section above.</p>	June 1 - 26	\$175
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## Independent Study

The following courses involve more independent work than the full courses listed above. They meet the VPA standard for high school credit or middle school promotion. *These courses are not intended to substitute for future curricular coursework.*

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Course	Description	Schedule	Fee
PHYSICS (HS)	Teacher meets with students one day a week for 1 to 1 ½ hours (to be confirmed with teacher and may be adjusted based on class needs). There will be a short lecture and work on problems with individual help, followed by assignments for the week. The program covers the second semester.	June 1 - 26	\$90
ECONOMICS A (HS)	Teacher meets with students one day a week for 1 to 1 ½ hours (to be confirmed with teacher and may be adjusted based on class needs). There will be a short lecture and interactive discussion, followed by review of assignments for the week. The program covers the first quarter of the course.	June 1 - 26	\$90

## Summer Academy Policies and Procedures

The current Veritas Prep [Family Handbook](#) is the governing policy document.

**Admissions:** Classes are open to all students who complete registration and comply with course and academy expectations. Alumni are welcome to attend summer courses, upon completing registration.

**Synchronous Video Guidelines:** Students will follow the guidance of teachers on any sessions requiring the use of the Zoom platform. In this and all interactions at the academy, a disposition and practice of respect for others is the basic expectation. Disregard of guidance may result in removal from a Zoom session, or in extreme circumstances from the course. Refunds for disciplinary removal may not be processed. *By logging into Zoom through the teacher's invitation, you consent to your child participating in an electronic group forum with the teacher as host and with other students. Other individuals may be in student homes, so please be careful to set up your child in a quiet area and possibly to use headphones and sit with their back to a wall. Hosting teachers may mute participants as needed. No recordings of the session will be available to the public. **Please do not record (video, audio, or picture) any part of the session.***

**Payment and Refunds:** Course fees go directly to support instructor stipends: your support is appreciated. Please contact [Mr. Thoits](#) with questions about financial assistance/scholarships and payments. There is a "Pay Later" option at online checkout: please note that *all payments must be completed no later than one week before the scheduled start of the first class*, or students will not be allowed to attend. Courses may be refunded for any reason up to one week before the scheduled start of the first class. Refunds requested after the start of a course are not guaranteed and may be pro-rated.