

# 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! Our offerings range from enrichment courses, to our 6<sup>th</sup>-grade Prep for Prep, to Great Hearts credit courses. Explore on the pages below, and **register online by clicking here**.

All classes run Monday through Friday. 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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## [6<sup>th</sup>-Grade Prep for Prep](#)

We are pleased to offer a series of lively, engaging courses designed to help prepare students to start prep classes in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, taught by veteran prep faculty.

*Note: these courses are for students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY. Returning students or those looking to reinforce skills in math or English are encouraged to consider a credit course listed below.*

[Register online by clicking here.](#)

Course	Description	Schedule	Fee
<b>ACADEMY CULTURE</b>	This course is designed for middle school students new to Veritas, in order to familiarize them with the school's culture and Socratic practices. It is a good opportunity to practice and form classroom habits and note-taking skills through short lessons, readings, and exercises.	<b>June 1- June 12 8:00 AM - 9:55</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>READING &amp; GRAMMAR</b>	This is a reading, writing, and grammar course; students will read and discuss a short novel, as well as write their own narrative, descriptive, and analytical compositions.	<b>June 1- June 12 10:05 AM -12:00</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>LATIN</b>	This course offers an experience of the spoken Latin language for beginners and enthusiasts. No prerequisites are required--be prepared for a lively and interactive experience! <i>Archway students, keep your Latin skills fresh! New to Great Hearts? Start here!</i>	<b>June 15 - June 26, 8:00 AM - 9:55</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>MATH</b>	In this course, students review and practice essential math skills with a veteran prep teacher.	<b>June 15 - June 26, 10:05 AM -12:00</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>ALL FOUR COURSES</b>	Participate in the full program, all four courses at a reduced rate. <i>(Four-hour day includes built-in breaks between classes, with time for snacks.)</i>	<b>June 1 – June 26, 8:00 AM – 12:00</b>	<b>\$400</b>



## Enrichment

Expand your horizons with these enrichment courses, taught by Veritas instructors.

[Register online by clicking here.](#)

Course	Description	Schedule	Fee
<b>STUDIO ART (MS)</b>	This is an in-depth tutorial in acrylic painting. Supplies included in fee.	June 1-5 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  June 8-12 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$350
<b>STUDIO ART (HS)</b>	This is an advanced open-studio course including painting, etching, and drawing. Supplies included in fee.	June 1-5 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  June 8-12 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$350
<b>INTRODUCTORY SPANISH (HS)</b>	This weeklong course is a fun way to begin studying the Spanish language or refresh your memory about fundamentals--no previous experience required.	June 1-5 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM	\$125
<b>ELEMENTARY SPANISH (HS)</b>	This weeklong course is for those who have some basic Spanish experience, usually having taken at least a year of Spanish, and are interested in reinforcing and building on those fundamental skills.	June 8-12 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$125
<b>INTERMEDIATE SPANISH (HS)</b>	This weeklong course is for those who have taken at least a year of Spanish and are interested in reinforcing and building on those fundamental skills.	June 15-19 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$125
<b>ADVANCED SPANISH (HS)</b>	This weeklong course is for those who have taken at least two years of Spanish and are interested in reinforcing and building on those skills.	June 22-26 8:00am - 12:00 pm	\$125



## 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.*

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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 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> grades. The class will be taught in a 'hybrid' format – we will meet in class for 2 hours per day, and there will be additional online practice required daily, tailored to the student's individual skill level.	<b>June 1 - 26 10:05 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>ALGEBRA I (HS)</b>	<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 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$375</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 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$375</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. <b><i>Fulfills VPA graduation requirements.</i></b>	<b>June 1 - 26 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$375</b>

<b>INTRO LATIN</b>	This course offers students an introduction to basic Latin, and it is designed for students who transfer in during high school. Successful completion of this course earns 0.5 credit on the high school transcript.	<b>June 1 – 12 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>LATIN I (MS)</b>	This course is for new students transferring to Veritas in the 7th grade, in preparation for the Latin II course they will take in the fall. It is also open any returning 7th graders who need to re-take the class.	<b>June 1 - 26 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>LATIN I (HS)</b>	This course is for those who transfer to VPA during high school, as well as those who need to re-take the class. Successful completion of this course earns 1.0 credit on the high school transcript.	<b>June 1 - 26 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>LATIN REMEDIATION</b>	This course is for returning 7th graders who need to re-take Latin, or who wish to reinforce their Latin skills before going on to Latin II.	<b>June 1 - 26 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION (MS)</b>	This course is for both returning or incoming middle-school students who need to reinforce grammar, writing, or reading comprehension skills. We will read short, classic works of literature, write, imitate, and analyze. Grammar skills will be applied to writing clearly and reading effectively.	<b>June 1 – 26, 10:05 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>SPANISH (HS)</b>	This course is for those needing to retake the course or prepare to transfer to VPA after 9 <sup>th</sup> grade.  <b><i>**Important note for incoming 10th/11th grade students:</i></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.	<b>June 1 - 26 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>\$375</b>



## Summer Academy Policies and Procedures

**Homework:** For credit courses in particular, homework may be assigned from each class meeting. In order to cover the essential concepts of a year-long course, instructors will clearly communicate student expectations in this area.

**Dress Code:** Students must wear their school uniforms to summer school. All other policies regarding personal appearance are governed by the VPA [Dress Code](#). Please click the link and review the policy. Exceptions are noted below:

**NOTE: students from other Great Hearts' academies** (including those coming from Archway) are welcome to wear their current uniforms but will otherwise be held accountable to Veritas dress code standards.

**Students new to Great Hearts** may opt to [order their uniforms](#) or may wear other clothing that fits with the uniform code (a polo shirt, for example, without the school's crest would be appropriate for summer classes).

For **studio art classes** working with paints and other materials, students are permitted to wear non-uniform modest clothing, in accord with the Athletic Practice and Outdoor Field Day Dress Code in the [VPA Dress Code](#).

Alumni are welcome to attend summer courses, upon completing appropriate registration. Dress code for alumni participants, apart from art classes (noted above) is business casual.

**Snacks** are not provided by the school during the summer; please be sure to send snacks with your child if they need them during the day.

**Pickup & Drop-Off:** For morning classes, students may be dropped off at school as early as 7:45 am, and must be picked up no later than 15 minutes following the end of their registered course(s). Until 8:00 AM, parents should drop off and pick up students at the **south courtyard** for Veritas Prep, at the gates. Late arrivals should be dropped off at the VPA front lobby area. If a family needs a student to leave class early, a parent/guardian should notify the VPA front office at least 24 hours ahead. Students will not be released from class without parental notification.

There are bike racks near the front office where students may lock bikes. Students who walk or bike are allowed to enter/exit through the front lobby doors by the bike racks.

**Students with Allergies and/or Medications:** Please be sure to accurately and thoroughly fill out all allergy information using the form in the front office. Please note that you must provide the front office with any medication (clearly labeled with name and instructions) prior to your child attending the first day of their summer school class.

**Behavior:** Students are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the behavioral expectations of Veritas as outlined in the VPA [Family Handbook](#). Please click the link and review the policy. Students removed from a class or activity for disciplinary reasons will jeopardize their continued enrollment in the program as well as their registration fee(s).

**Payment and Refunds:** Contact [Mr. Thoits](#) with questions about 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.