Imperial Academy
High School Course Descriptions
2026-2027

BIBLE COURSES

BIBLE 9 – Full Year
Grade Level: 9
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Covers the life of Paul, Church history and basic doctrines. Lectures and class discussions are based on the Imperial Academy Bible Lesson Level 9 Workbook. Students will also develop an advanced understanding of Bible literacy.

BIBLE 10 – Full Year
Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Bible 10 covers lessons 1-8 of the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course. Students will be instructed in basic doctrines through these lessons.

BIBLE 11 – Full Year
Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Bible 11-12 covers some lessons of the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course. Students will be instructed in basic doctrines through these lessons. Students will also cover Christian living topics.

BIBLE 12 – Full Year
Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Bible 11-12 covers some lessons of the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course. Students will be instructed in basic doctrines through these lessons. Students will also cover Christian living topics.

ENGLISH COURSES

WORLD LITERATURE - Full Year

Grade Level: 9
Prerequisite: English 8
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $25
Daily Homework: 5-10 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Examines classics of world literature with an added emphasis on researching, writing and composition. Continues the high school program of vocabulary development in preparation for college-bound standardized testing.

AMERICAN LITERATURE - Full Year

Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: English 9 (placement determined by faculty)
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $35
Daily Homework: 15-30 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Examines classics of American literature with an added emphasis on researching, writing and composition. Includes an overview of poetry. Continues the high school program of vocabulary development.

HISTORY COURSES

HISTORY OF BRITAIN - Fall Semester

Grade Level: 9
Prerequisite: None
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: An examination on the history of Britain and the British Empire. Examines the development of Britain from a small Island to the most powerful empire in modern history. Special emphasis is placed on the history of the Throne of David in Britain.

HISTORY OF JUDAH - Spring Semester

Grade Level: 9
Prerequisite: None
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Delivers an overview of the history of the land of Judah, from the early period of the patriarchs to the modern day. Upon completion, students will be able to better connect the past events with present struggles and future glory.

WORLD HISTORY – Full Year

Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: None
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $15
Daily Homework: 5-10 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Explores the origins of civilization and its development up to the Cold War.

AMERICAN HISTORY – Full Year

Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: None
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $15
Daily Homework: 5-10 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Explores our nation's early development, its period of industrialization and expansion, World Wars I and II, the Cold War, the turbulent Sixties, and the period from the Nixon administration to the 21st century.

GOVERNMENT – Full Year
Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: None
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 5-10 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Examines the vision, purposes and workings of the Constitution, taking in its information according to God's revealed knowledge.

MODERN CHURCH HISTORY – Full Year
Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: None
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Modern Church History is a detailed study of the later part of the Philadelphia era through the Laodicean era of God's true Church, beginning around 1960 where Herbert W. Armstrong's *Autobiography* ends.

MATH COURSES

Final math course placement will be determined by the faculty.

ALGEBRA 1 – Full Year
Grade Level: 9
Prerequisite: Pre-Algebra/Math Level 8
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $10
Daily Homework: 15-20 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Introduces basic algebra and geometry. Symbolic algebra blends with plane geometry to foster an understanding of analysis (equations) and space (shapes). Aims to make students comfortable with the different notations commonly used in mathematics and starts building awareness and appreciation of what those notations convey.

ALGEBRA 2 – Full Year
Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: Math Level 9
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $10
Daily Homework: 20-30 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Continuation of Algebra 1. Introduces more complicated expressions and helps instill an understanding of how to manipulate those expressions to extract useful information. Expounds on quadratic equations, exponential equations, so-called imaginary numbers, and trigonometric functions. Also introduces higher order polynomials, logarithmic equations, and summations.

GEOMETRY & TRIGONOMETRY – Full Year
Grade Level: 10-12
Prerequisite: Algebra 2
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $10
Daily Homework: 35 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Continues developing complex algebraic manipulations and solving advanced-level practical problems. Incorporates logical reasoning, statement-reason column proofs, and trigonometry while emphasizing analytic geometry. Prepares students for a comprehensive pre-calculus course.

PRE-CALCULUS – Full Year
Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: B or above in Math Level 10 Advanced
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $10
Daily Homework: 20-30 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Serves as a bridge that builds on both Algebra 2 and Geometry to prepare the student for Calculus. Has a strong emphasis on modeling real world problems with advanced mathematics. Covers advanced concepts dealing with infinite series, vectors, limits, and trigonometry.

CALCULUS – Full Year
Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: Math Level 11 Advanced
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $10
Daily Homework: 20-30 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: This course introduces differential and integral calculus of single-variable analytic functions. Students will learn about rates of change, approximations, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and real-world applications of differential and integral calculus. Students will continue developing knowledge of trigonometry and analytic geometry.

STATISTICS – Spring Semester
Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: Algebra 2
Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: $10
Daily Homework: 15-20 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Statistics affect all aspects of our lives. This course is designed to make statistics available to everyone. Statistical methods are carefully presented with a focus on both the suitability of the method and the meaning of the result. Statistical methods and measurements are developed in the context of applications.

SCIENCE COURSES

BIOLOGY – Full Year
Grade Level: 9
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Lab Fee: $25
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: A survey of scientific fields including botany, zoology, microbiology, cytology, genetics, and ecology. Lays a firm foundation for understanding the intricate design of the body and all living things. Includes dissection of multiple mammal organs and various zoological specimens.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE – Full Year
Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Lab Fee: $10
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Physical Science is the study of matter and energy and includes chemistry and physics. It is a basis for the further study of chemistry and physics. Labs or investigations are used to give students hands-on learning and practical applications as well as to teach the material.

CHEMISTRY – Full Year
Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: Algebra 1
Semester Credits: 0.5
Lab Fee: $20
Daily Homework: 15-20 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: A study of the basic principles of chemistry with special emphasis on problem-solving and chemical reactions in everyday life. Develops problem-solving skills related to the nature of matter, chemical reactions, stoichiometry, energy transformations, atomic and molecular structure, thermodynamics, chemical bonding and periodic properties. Associated labs build observation and reasoning skills, as well as reinforce lecture principles.

FUNDAMENTALS OF PHYSICS – Full Year
Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: Math Level 11 Advanced
Semester Credits: 0.5
Lab Fee: $50
Daily Homework: 10-15 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Detailed study of kinematics, dynamics, rotational motion, gravity, oscillations, waves, optics, thermal physics, electrical forces, electrical potential, DC circuits, magnetic forces, atomic physics and nuclear physics.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7-12 – Full Year

Grade Level: 7-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.25
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 20 minutes (for online students)
Availability: Everyone
Description: Physical Education is an essential, basic part of a complete education. This course helps develop a lifestyle that enables total development of every student by navigating the rigors of physical activity. It allows physical, mental, emotional and social components of fitness to come together in developing character needed for success throughout life. This program provides a variety of movement experiences to help all students develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to function effectively in society. Students will utilize a broad, general and inclusive training program to develop physical fitness not only for a more abundant life, but also to actively give and participate in the community.

HEALTH – Spring Semester

Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.25
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Everyone
Description: This class helps students develop good habits in health by understanding how nutrition and food culture can shape our health.

PRACTICAL ARTS COURSES

CAREER SKILLS – Full Year

Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Lab Fee: None
Daily Homework: 5-10 minutes
Availability: Boys
Description: Gives an overview of various careers and prepares students for their futures as productive members of society and supporters of the Work. Class begins with the *Seven Laws of Success* and Mr. Armstrong's experiences from his *Autobiography.* Students will also take an aptitude test to help find the right fit for their interests and talents. They will also interact with guest lecturers and others experienced in a number of different careers.

COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN – Full Year*

**every other year—offered this year, 2026-2027*
This class can also count for Fine Arts.
Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.25
Lab Fee: $55
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Everyone
Description: Computer Aided Design (CAD) is an overview of the computer program(s) used to design three-dimensional objects and products. This kind of software is used to create parts, architecture, and art.

HOME ECONOMICS – Full Year

Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5
Lab Fee: $25
Daily Homework: 5-10 minutes
Availability: Girls
Description: Provides girls with the basics of hospitality and practical skills for after high school.

JOURNALISM – Full Year

Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: English 8
Semester Credits: 0.25
Book Fee: $15
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Everyone
Description: Teaches students about the parts of developing a successful online publication. This covers reporting, interviewing, photography, layout, and organization. ***Note: Unfortunately, we are not able to offer this class in 2026-2027 due to staffing shortages.***

LIFE SKILLS – Spring Semester

Grade Level: 12
Prerequisite: English 8
Semester Credits: 0.25
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 5-10 minutes
Availability: Everyone
Description: Gives soon-to-be graduates the basics of success after high school. Gives basic instruction on finances, housing, and job-seeking.

MICROSOFT OFFICE – Full Year

Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.5 Per Certification
Lab Fee: $20
Daily Homework: At-home study course
Availability: Everyone
Description: Students can apply to earn certifications and competency in the Microsoft Office Suite (Word and Excel). Students who pass this course with an 85%+ on both Word and Excel will earn a credit towards the HWAC computer technology course. A 70%+ will still count as a high school credit, but not toward AC.

WEB DEVELOPMENT – Full Year*

**every other year—next offered 2027-2028*
Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.25
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: Varies
Availability: Everyone
Description: Helps students develop skills to create a functional and appealing websites and manage them.

WORK EXPERIENCE CREDIT – Full Year

Grade Level: 11-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: .5 per session; 1 credit total possible
Lab Fee: None
Daily Homework: See below
Availability: Everyone
Description: Work Experience is an opportunity for students to earn credit for working outside of school. If you are currently working at an after-school job, you may earn additional credit for your work during the school year and summer. 0.5 credit per 90 hours documented work per session (fall, spring, summer) for up to one elective credit total. Any paid work position where academic and career-related skills are being learned may qualify. Earn one elective credit total.

PERFORMING ARTS COURSES

ARMSTRONG YOUTH CHORUS – Full Year

Grade Level: 7-12
Prerequisite: Placement determined by faculty
Semester Credits: .25
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Edmond-Only
Description: The Armstrong Youth Chorus develops the vocal musical talents of those enrolled. Students will participate in a variety of different kinds of musical pieces and perform them in public.

ORCHESTRA – Full Year

Grade Level: 7-12
Prerequisite: Placement determined by faculty
Semester Credits: .25
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 30 minutes
Availability: Edmond-Only
Description: The Armstrong Youth Orchestra develops the instrumental musical talents of those enrolled. Students will participate in a variety of repertoire and perform at various public events throughout the school year.

PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTION

Grade Level: 7-12
Prerequisite: Placement determined by faculty
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 50 minutes
Availability: Edmond-Only
Description: Develops and refines technical, musical, artistic skills associated with piano performance. Instructor sets semester goals with each student that will be the primary focus of every lesson, and the semester's repertoire serves as tools to achieve these goals.

DANCE TRANSFER CREDIT

Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: Placement determined by faculty
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: See below
Availability: Online
Description: To receive a fine-art credit for private dance lessons, online students must practice a minimum of 4 hours a week, including lessons. Students must have a minimum of 1 period of instruction per week (for every week IA is in session). Students must have a minimum of 1 performance opportunity each semester (defined as an organized event with an audience). Accepted students will be enrolled in a transfer credit page where they can fill out and upload a form at the end of each semester.

MUSIC TRANSFER CREDIT

Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: Placement determined by faculty
Semester Credits: 0.5
Book Fee: None
Daily Homework: 50 minutes
Availability: Online
Description: To receive a fine-art credit for private music lessons, online Imperial Academy students must practice a minimum of 50 minutes a day for 5 days each week. Students must have a minimum of 1 period of instruction per week (for every week IA is in session). Students must have a minimum of 1 performance opportunity each semester (defined as an organized event with an audience). Students accepted to this course will be enrolled in a transfer credit page where they can fill out and upload a form at the end of each semester.

VISUAL ARTS COURSES

ART TRANSFER CREDIT – Full Year

Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.25
Lab Fee: TBA
Daily Homework: Varies
Availability: Everyone
Description: TBA

ART 2 PAINTING – Full Year

Grade Level: 9-10
Prerequisite: How Pictures Work
Semester Credits: 0.25
Supply Fee: $100
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Local and Online
Description: This course will dive deeper into the different types of drawing and painting and the techniques to create beautiful artwork in these mediums. First semester will be an in-depth exploration of graphite and the techniques needed to create compelling and realistic drawings. Second semester will comprise instruction on color and the properties of how to use the different kinds of paints and substrates to achieve the desired outcome.

ADOBE CS – Full Year*

This class can also count for Practical Arts.
**every other year—next offered 2027-2028*
Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.25
Lab Fee: None
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Everyone
Description: Provides the basics for the Adobe Creative Suite: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, etc.

ADVANCED MEDIA PRODUCTION – Full Year*

This class can also count for Practical Arts.
**every other year—offered this year, 2026-2027*
Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: Adobe CS
Semester Credits: 0.25
Lab Fee: None
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Everyone
Description: Advanced Media Production carries on to more advanced techniques in Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign, as well as some other plugins for the Adobe Creative Suite.

PHOTOGRAPHY – Full Year*

This class can also count for Practical Arts.
**every other year—next offered 2027-2028*
Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: None
Book Fee: $20—Students will need to provide their own digital SLR camera.
Semester Credits: 0.25
Daily Homework: Some
Availability: Everyone
Description: Develops students' ability to take compelling and useful photos.

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY – Full Year*

This class can also count for Practical Arts.
**every other year—offered this year, 2026-2027*
Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: Photography
Book Fee: $10—Students will need to provide their own digital SLR camera.
Semester Credits: 0.25
Daily Homework: Some
Availability: Everyone
Description: Develops students' ability to take compelling and useful photos.

VIDEO EDITING – Full Year

This class can also count for Practical Arts.
Grade Level: 9-12
Prerequisite: None
Semester Credits: 0.25
Lab Fee: None
Daily Homework: Minimal
Availability: Everyone
Description: Video Editing teaches students how to create videos in Adobe Premiere Pro. Students will learn how to create professional videos and meet technical requirements.

Here are the minimum requirements for Premier Pro 2026, the Video Editing software:

Windows:
Memory (RAM): 8GB minimum, 16GB recommended
Graphics (GPU) 1GB VRAM
Storage: 10GB available hard-disk space.

Mac:
Memory (RAM): 8GB minimum, 16GB recommended
Processor: M1 or newer
Storage: 10GB available hard-disk space.