



COMBINE ACADEMY

ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS & DESCRIPTIONS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Academic Advisory

This class is offered to students who may benefit from some teacher-led academic support. Whether it is a quiet place to study or help needed in an AP class, this class will offer students that “study hall” time. This is a monitored class; teacher(s) offer support with homework, studying, organizing, grade tracking, etc. This course is also helpful for international students, particularly their first semester, if language is not their first language.

Agricultural Studies

This course will have students learn the varying agricultural practices across the globe, and students will have the opportunity to implement certain projects on and off campus. This will include both farming and livestock. This class will be facilitated in the classroom, as well as outside of the classroom/off-campus.

NEW CLASS! Arts Education

This course invites students to learn the fundamentals of art: mediums, color, design, drawing, and perspective, for example. Students will have the opportunity to evaluate artwork, as well as relate to visual arts from a personal, historical, cultural perspective. Students will create a variety of original artwork independently and collaboratively.

Computer Applications

This is a course designed to give students an overview of computer applications, including current terminology, introduction to computer hardware, software applications, and procedures. Students will learn and develop skills in these subjects: Internet Safety, Computer Basics, Computer Parts, Word Processing using Google Docs, Presentations using Google Slides, mastering the intricacies of Google Suite, as well as additional platforms to prepare students for real world success. *A working computer is required for this course - tablets will not meet the requirements for this course.*

Creative Writing

Students will write poems, short stories, plays, news stories, comic strips, children's books, an autobiography, and other genres of writing that express creativity. Students will also study writing samples from professional writers, as well as student writers to guide student progress. Students will learn the importance of tone and purpose in writing, particularly relating to particular audiences.

NEW CLASS! College Readiness (Life Readiness)

This course is designed to holistically support students, particularly during their senior/PG years as they prepare for collegiate and personal endeavors. Students will receive support in developing executive functioning skills, public speaking, research skills, composition, college and career preparation, college applications and essays to name just a few topics. *This course is designed for seniors/PG students.*

Current Events in Contemporary Times

Using current events, this elective course focuses on world and local issues that affect students' everyday lives, such as economics, government and conflict. This course uses newspapers, online media, cartoons, and newscasts to support class discussion.

ESL (English as a Second Language)

This course is for students whose native language is one other than English. Students review, practice, and synthesize the grammar in reading, writing, listening/speaking skills of standard English in an academic context. Vocabulary drives this course; students will develop their semantic and syntactic knowledge.



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Journalism

Students will be introduced to journalistic practices and writing types. Students will compose articles, columns, editorials, and feature articles for both print and online distribution. A variety of journalistic genres will be taught and practiced during this course.

Media Arts and Design

This project-based course will dive into varying levels of design. Students will learn the importance of audience, purpose, and tone when it comes to creating deliverables and will then create logos, flyers, presentations, infographics, for example. *Students will need a working computer to participate in this course.*

Psychology/AP Psychology

This course will touch a wide variety of subsections in the vast field of psychology. Students will learn theories and concepts that are applicable to their everyday lives: social psychological concepts, theories, and research. Emphasis is placed on personality traits, communication/leadership styles, effective problem solving, and cultural diversity as they apply to personal and work environments.

Public Speaking

This course is designed to learn and practice the skills needed for effective public speaking. Students will be required to prepare content to deliver verbally and in writing on a variety of topics with rhetorical strategies in mind. Students will be asked to speak in front of class and also present to other small groups. The course focuses on developing skills in the areas of language, listening, audience analysis, evidence evaluation, presentation skills, and oral communication effectiveness. This course will prepare students for their entry-level public speaking course in college.

NEW CURRICULUM! SAT Prep

This course explores the concepts tested on the SAT and teaches the skills and strategies needed for a successful testing experience. Both math and English preparation are included in this test prep class. It is preferred that upperclassmen (11th & 12th graders) complete this test by December. The PSAT, for underclassmen, is facilitated in October. Please consider these dates when choosing this course. *This course is prioritized for 12th graders.*

NEW CLASS! YEARBOOK

Yearbook is an elective course responsible for the production of the NEW Combine Academy Yearbook. This class is responsible for the content, design, layout, and sale of the book. Students are responsible for taking digital photos, conducting interviews, managing clerical operations, making announcements, and composing, designing, and editing all elements of text, graphic art, and digital photography layouts. This course requires students to be available outside of regular class hours to attend sporting events, student activities, etc.