

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE ACADEMY

American Experience Academy I 1 Year Grades 10 - 12 3 credits

The American Experience Academy I focuses on early Ohio life of both the people and wildlife. It is a one year immersion class that will take place during three consecutive class periods. Socratic seminar, experiential learning, field projects, and vigorous inquiry will make up the majority of the class. The Academy is a fully integrated English, science and social studies class, and contains a rigorous curriculum at and above the honors level. Students may be asked to purchase 8 - 10 books as well as fabric to make an historical impression. As a culminating activity, Academy I students host an annual Frontier Days re-enactment and educational outreach. During the week-long program each May, students engage in a number of authentic eighteenth century activities, and they also teach elementary school-aged children from several different districts about life on the Ohio Frontier. Students will receive 1 credit each for The Ohio Frontier (History), Honors English, and Field Biology. These courses can help students achieve an honors diploma as well as improve their reading, writing, and critical-thinking skills.

Fee: \$50

American Experience Academy II: 1 Year Grades: 10, 11, 12 3 credits

The American Experience Academy II focuses on changing environmental ideals through American history. It is a one year immersion class that will take place during three consecutive class periods. Academy II is a fully integrated English, Science and Social Studies class and contains a rigorous curriculum at and above the honors level. The primary focus of Academy II will be on environmental stewardship. On-going projects focus on creating and maintaining an aquaponics greenhouse system to promote sustainable agriculture. Students will be expected to work with professionals in the fields of government, finance, and science to move the project forward. Several community outreach projects are also part of the class, including constructing and maintaining a hiking trail on CHS property. Students may be asked to purchase additional materials, including 8-10 books and will receive 1 credit each for: The American Tradition of Conservation (History), Honors English, and Applied Environmental Science. These courses can help students achieve an honors diploma as well as improve their reading, writing, and critical-thinking skills.

Fee: \$50

NOTE: Students interested in taking either Academy I or Academy II may opt to earn College Credit for all three courses through Hiram College.

(American Experience Academy I & II will be offered alternate years)

