

# American Distance Learning Academy

## Opportunity Advancement & Graduation Options

Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the revised requirements for a standard diploma will combine relevance and rigor into one seamless goal for high school students.

Relevance: A student will study areas in which he/she has a particular strength or interest.

Rigor: Each student can choose the level of challenge they want to attain.

Standard High School Diploma - 18 Credit Program	18 Credits
<b>English</b>	4
<b>Mathematics</b> (all students must take and pass Algebra I or a series of equivalent or higher level courses)	4
<b>Science</b>	3
<b>Social Studies</b>	3
<b>Physical Education including integration of health</b>	1
<b>Electives</b>	3

College Prep High School Diploma - 24 Credit Program	24 Credits
<b>English</b>	4
<b>Mathematics</b> (all students must take and pass Algebra I or a series of equivalent or higher level courses)	4
<b>Science</b>	3
<b>Social Studies</b>	3
<b>Physical Education including integration of health</b>	1
<b>Foreign Language</b>	3
<b>Electives</b>	6

### ADLA Opportunity Advancement: Expanded Independent Study Program

For every grade level students may apply one of their Elective Credits in our Expanded Independent Study Program. This program allows students to choose a specific study topic and use real world experience to gain school credit. We believe in encouraging students to put in the effort to learn a trade, subject or interest that may be outside a normal curriculum but is still deemed a worthy learning experience. This allows students to use their communities to gain experience and knowledge that will stay with them as they enter adulthood.

Examples of experiences that may be used for the Expanded Independent Study Program are: an Internship at a law firm, a program at Space Camp, an Outward Bound retreat, or even a Student Ambassador Program's international journey. Requirements: application review to establish eligibility, experience must be a minimum of 60 hours, additional class fee of \$150 & students must keep a journal of work undertaken.

**4 Credits**

#### Notes:

- Students must apply and be approved for a study in the Expanded Independent Study Program.
- Admission to most universities typically require a minimum of 18 specific units, two of which are in a foreign language. With college enrollment at an all time high and limited space, students must work to set themselves apart from others competing for the same seat. Students who plan to attend a University should include foreign language in the elective and take the 24 Credit College Prep High School Diploma Program.



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