

# PILLOW ACADEMY CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

Pillow Academy's academic program is oriented toward college preparation and provides opportunities that are adequate for entrance into community and major colleges. Pillow has developed the following curriculum tracks and guidelines as a way to structure the unique goals of each student. The three tracks are: Community College Track, University Track, and University Honors Track.

1. Only Students enrolled in the University Honors Track will be eligible for Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Only Students who have attended Pillow Academy for two full academic years - both Junior and Senior years -will be eligible for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
2. Only students enrolled in the University Honors Track and the University Track will be eligible to be an Honor Graduate. There are two classifications for graduating with honors. The requirements are:

University Honors Track:	Highest Honors: 93 and above Honors: 90 – 92
University Track:	Honors: 93 and above

Honor graduate status is based on the cumulative academic average for grades 9 – 12.

3. Twenty-three credits are required for graduation from Pillow Academy on all tracks. Of these twenty-three credits, twenty-one credits must be academic credits. The remaining two credits may be Academic or Non-academic credits.
4. Only  $\frac{1}{2}$  Non-Academic credit will be counted toward graduation each year.
5. All students must take at least FIVE (5) academic subjects each year.
6. Eighth Grade courses do not count toward graduation.
7. Students cannot continue in Science courses without the equivalent Math credits.
8. Health will count as a science credit for only the Community College Track.
9. To enroll or qualify for an Honors class and/or an AP class, students must meet the following criteria:
  - A. English, Science, Math and History – Established Grade Scores of 90 from previous courses plus teacher recommendations from that subject area.
  - B. Honors English IV Dual Enrollment
  - C. Must have completed Honors English III
  - D. Must meet Mississippi Delta Community College criteria for enrollment in Dual Enrollment Classes:
    - i. 3.0 GPA - cumulative GPA must be 3.0
    - ii. Completed 14 high school credits
    - iii. ACT sub-score of 16 in English

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  - A. 3.0 GPA - cumulative GPA must be 3.0
  - B. Completed 14 high school credits
  - C. Honors English IV Dual Enrollment, must have ACT sub-score of 16 in English and completed Honors English III
  - D. Algebra III Dual Enrollment, must have ACT sub-score of 18 in Math, completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II
  - E. Speech I Dual Enrollment, must have completed English III
  
11. University Track minimum requirements:
  - A. Four English Credits
  - B. Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Algebra III or Adv. Math
  - C. Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Advanced Biology
  - D. MS Studies, Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Economics
  - E. Two years of same foreign language
  
12. University Honors Track must include:
  - A. Four English Credits
  - B. Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Advanced Math or  
Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra III, Advanced Math or  
Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math and AP Calculus AB
  - C. Chemistry, Advanced Biology, and any two: Honors Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B
  - D. MS Studies, Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Economics
  - E. Three AP courses or two AP courses and Honors English IV Dual Enrollment. Courses must be from three of the four subject areas.

## COURSE AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

### COURSE SUMMARY GUIDELINES

	Community College	University Track	University Honors
English	4	4	4
Math	4	4	4
Science	4	4	4
Social Studies	4	4	4
Computer	1	1	1
Foreign Language	1	2	2
Electives*:	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Academic or Non Academic			
*Limit of 2 Non-Academic credits			
	23	23	23

## COURSE SELECTIONS

	<b>Community College</b>	<b>University Track</b>	<b>University Honors</b>
ENGLISH	English I English II English III English IV	English I Honors English I English II Honors English II English III Honors English III English IV Honors English IV DE	English I Honors English I English II Honors English II English III Honors English III English IV Honors English IV DE
MATH	Transitional Algebra Algebra I Geometry  Algebra II  Algebra III	Transitional Algebra Algebra I Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra II Honors Algebra II Algebra III Algebra III DE Honors Adv. Math AP Calculus AB	Algebra I Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra II Honors Algebra II Algebra III Algebra III DE Honors Adv. Math AP Calculus AB
SCIENCE	Physical Science Biology Chemistry Advanced Biology Health	Physical Science Biology Chemistry Honors Chemistry Adv. Biology Honors Adv. Biology Honors Physics AP Biology AP Chemistry* AP Physics B*	Biology Chemistry Honors Chemistry Adv. Biology Honors Adv. Biology Honors Physics AP Biology AP Chemistry* AP Physics B* <i>*Must have completed Algebra II</i>
SOCIAL STUDIES	Geography (½) MS Studies (½) World History U.S. History U. S. Government (½) Economics (½)	Geography (½) MS Studies (½) World History U.S. History AP U.S. History U. S. Government(½) Economics (½)	Geography (½) MS Studies (½) World History U.S. History AP U.S. History U. S. Government(½) Economics (½)
COMPUTER	Computer Applications	Computer Applications	Computer Applications
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	Spanish I	Spanish I Spanish II	Spanish I Spanish II
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES	Psychology (½) Sociology (½) Comparative Religion Health Journalism I Journalism II Art Speech I DE (½) Art Appreciation DE (½) Creative Arts Spanish II	Psychology (½) Sociology (½) Comparative Religion Health Journalism I Journalism II Art Speech I DE (½) Art Appreciation DE (½) Creative Arts	Psychology (½) Sociology (½) Comparative Religion Health Journalism I Journalism II Art Speech I DE (½) Art Appreciation DE (½) Creative Arts

NON-ACADEMIC ELECTIVES	Athletics (½) Dance (½) Band (½) Chorus (½) Driver's Education (½)	Athletics (½) Dance (½) Band (½) Chorus (½) Driver's Education (½)	Athletics (½) Dance(½) Band (½) Chorus (½) Driver's Education (½)
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## CURRICULUM GUIDELINES - COURSES WITH PRE-REQUISITES

### ENGLISH

English I: promoted from 8<sup>th</sup> grade

English II, III, and IV: passed all the previous English courses (regular or honors)

Example: English IV – passed English I, II, and III.

Honors English I, II, III:

1. Completed all previous Honors English classes
2. Completed the previous year in Honors English class with 90 average
3. Honors Teacher recommendation

Honor English IV DE - Must have completed Honors English III.

Must meet Mississippi Delta Community College criteria for enrollment in Dual Enrollment Classes:

1. GPA 3.0 - cumulative GPA must be 3.0
2. Completed 14 high school credits
3. ACT sub-score of 16 in English

### MATH

Algebra I: promoted from 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra III: passed all the previous Math courses

Example: Algebra III – passed Algebra I (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (honors or regular), Geometry, (honors or regular), Algebra II (regular or honors)

Honors Geometry: completed Honors Algebra I (8<sup>th</sup>) with 90 average plus teacher recommendation

Honors Algebra II: completed Algebra I (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (regular or honors), and completed Honors Geometry with 90 average plus teacher recommendation

Algebra III Dual Enrollment: must be a Senior, must have ACT sub-score of 18 in Math, 3.0 GPA, must have completed 14 high school credits, and completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II (regular or honors)

Honors Advanced Math: completed Algebra I (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (honors or regular), Geometry (honors or regular), and Algebra II (honors or regular) with 85 average plus teacher recommendation

AP Calculus: completed Algebra I (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (honors or regular), Geometry (honors or regular), and completed the previous year with 85 average in either Honors Algebra II or Honors Advanced Math plus teacher recommendation.

## SCIENCE

Physical Science: promoted from 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Biology: passed 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science or Physical Science.

Chemistry: passed Physical Science and/or Biology (regular or honors).

Advanced Biology: passed Physical Science and/or Biology, Chemistry (regular or honors).

Honors Chemistry: completed Honors Biology (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) with a 90 average plus teacher recommendation

Honors Adv. Biology: completed Biology (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (regular or honors) and the previous year Honors Chemistry with a 90 average plus teacher recommendation.

Honors Physics: completed Biology (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (honors or regular), Chemistry (regular or honors) and the previous year Advanced Biology (honors or regular) with a 90 average plus teacher recommendation.

AP Biology: completed Biology (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (honors or regular), Chemistry (regular or honors) and Honors Advanced Bio with a 90 average plus teacher recommendation.

AP Physics: completed Biology (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (honors or regular), Chemistry (regular or honors), Algebra II (regular or honors), and Honors Advanced Biology with a 90 average plus teacher recommendation.

AP Chemistry: completed Biology (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) (honors or regular), Chemistry (regular or honors), Algebra II (regular or honors), and Honors Advanced Biology with a 90 average plus teacher recommendation.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

MS Studies and Geography: promoted from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

AP U.S. History: completed World History with 90 average and English II with 90 average plus teacher recommendation.

## ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

Speech I DE: 12<sup>th</sup> grade, completed English III, 3.0 GPA - cumulative GPA must be 3.0, completed 14 high school credits

Art Appreciation DE: 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 3.0 GPA - cumulative GPA must be 3.0, completed 14 high school credits