



Mercy High School, San Francisco



Summer Prep Academy

June 21 – July 16, 2010

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Welcome to the **Mercy “SPA” – the Summer Prep Academy!** Mercy’s Summer Prep Academy offers a variety of courses for students of different ages. Our comprehensive offerings include academic and non-academic courses. Registration for the Summer Prep Academy opens on February 1, 2010. Students from all Bay Area schools are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Marguerite Rodriguez at (415) 334-0525, ext. 228 or mrodriguez@mercyhs.org.

Thank you for your interest in Mercy High School’s Summer Prep Academy. We look forward to receiving your registration.

Mercy High School, San Francisco is located on 19th Avenue, directly across from Stonestown Galleria. Our telephone number is (415) 334-0525. Our summer office hours are 7:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Summer High

Summer High offers on campus and online courses for 9th – 12th graders who wish to make-up, review, or preview a regular high school academic course. This program also offers driver’s education, dance, ecology, cooking, and photography courses.



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General Information and Student Guidelines

Please Read Carefully.

Students attending Mercy's Summer Prep Academy are expected to abide by the rules of Mercy High School. School rules will be reviewed during the orientation meeting on the first day of classes. The following are guidelines and expectations for our summer program.



Behavior

Mercy is a Catholic high school; we have certain standards of behavior that we expect from our students. We know you will respect our standards by behaving in an acceptable manner, and refraining from the use of foul or inappropriate language. Should you choose to be discourteous to either your fellow students or the summer faculty and staff members, you may be asked to leave. Mercy High School reserves the right to dismiss any student from the summer academy for inappropriate behavior.



Credits / Transfer of Credits

Five units of credit are awarded for each successfully completed academic course unless otherwise indicated. Non-Mercy students should check with their counselors before registering for a class to ensure transfer of course credits. All courses are offered on a first come, first serve basis. The schedule of classes is subject to change based upon enrollment. (Note: Mercy High School students are not awarded credit for required courses taken outside of the regular academic year except in the case of make-up work.)

Students are asked to carefully consider the classes for which they register. Schedule changes may not always be accommodated due to class size restrictions. Changes made to a schedule after the registration has been confirmed, are subject to a \$25.00 change fee.

Non-Mercy students must complete and submit a transcript request form in order to have summer grades sent to their home schools. Summer grades will not be released without a signed transcript request form. Transcript request forms will be made available to the students at the conclusion of the summer session. One official transcript is provided free of charge; there is a \$5.00 fee for each additional transcript request.



Attendance

Due to the nature of summer school and the class time needed for obtaining course credit, only TWO absences are permitted. Attendance (absences and tardies) can affect a student's grade(s). Students who miss more than ten minutes of a class (by arriving late or by leaving early) will be marked absent for the class. Three tardies of ten minutes or less will be considered as a full class absence. There are NO excused absences. **ON THE THIRD ABSENCE FROM A CLASS, REGARDLESS OF THE REASON, NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN. NO ALLOWANCES CAN BE MADE FOR FAMILY VACATIONS.**

Parents should call (415) 334-0525 by 7:45 a.m. if their daughter or son is going to be absent from class(es). Students who arrive late should report directly to the Main Office in order to receive an admit slip. Students will not be admitted late to class without an admit slip.



Holiday

Mercy's summer program will observe the Independence Day holiday on Monday, July 5, 2010. Students are expected to attend classes all other days during the holiday week. No allowances can be made for family vacations including July 4th holiday travel.



Dress Code

All students are required to wear appropriate school attire. Clothing should be neat, clean, and appropriate for the "business of school." No tank tops or short shorts will be permitted. Pants should be comfortable and worn at waist level. Excessively baggy, sagging, or tight-fitting pants or other clothing will not be permitted. No hats may be worn in the building. Images, logos, and other writing on clothing may not be derogatory nor foul in nature. If the administration determines that a student is dressed inappropriately, she/he may be asked to return home to change clothes. Students who return to school with inappropriate attire may not be allowed to return to the summer program.

Jewelry and makeup should be minimal and appropriate to the school setting. Visible body piercing and tattoos are not allowed. Hair styles are to be neat, clean and appropriate to the school setting. Extraordinary or extreme hair colors and styles are not permitted.



Food, Smoking, Etc.

Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks will be available in the Cafeteria. Food, beverages and gum are not permitted in the classrooms or hallways. Consumption of food and beverages is allowed in the cafeteria only.

Mercy High School is a non-smoking campus. Violation may lead to being asked to leave the Summer Prep Academy. Any student found dealing in or selling drugs or alcohol or in possession of drugs or alcohol or under the influence of alcohol / illegal substance will be expelled from the Summer Prep Academy and the appropriate authorities will be contacted.



Electronic Devices

No electronic devices (cell phones, Blackberries, iPhones, iPods, etc.) are to be used during the school day and are subject to confiscation. Confiscated items will be routed to the Summer Prep Academy's director and a parent/guardian will be required to pick it up. At the second confiscation, whether it is the same item or not, the item may not be returned until the conclusion of the summer program.



Parking and Drop-Off / Pick-Up of Students

Mercy does not provide any on-campus student parking. Parking areas on campus are available for faculty and staff only. Unauthorized cars on campus are subject to towing at the owner's expense. Student parking is available on lower Junipero Serra, located by Mercy's back campus entrance. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the back campus entrance (located on lower Junipero Serra).

DO NOT STOP AND DROP OFF STUDENTS ON 19TH AVENUE – THIS IS A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.

Bicycles are to be parked and locked on back campus. There is no skateboarding or rollerblading allowed on campus.



Textbooks

Textbooks will be issued to students during the first week of classes. Please cover books to keep them in good condition. If a book is missing or badly damaged at the end of summer, the student to whom it was issued will be charged for the cost of replacing the book. Final transcripts will not be issued until the book has been returned or the fee has been paid.

Students taking online courses are responsible for purchasing the required textbook(s).



Valuables

Please bring to school only items you can carry with you during the day. No locker facilities will be available. Please do not bring anything of value with you to school.



Summer High



Science

Biology A (5 units)

Topics of this course include: animal and plant life at different stages, examining molecular building blocks of proteins and DNA, cell development, genetics, evolution, and the ecological interaction of all living things. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)

Biology B (5 units)

Topics of this course include: animal and plant life at different stages, examining molecular building blocks of proteins and DNA, cell development, genetics, evolution, and the ecological interaction of all living things. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)

Chemistry A (5 units)

This course deals with the substances that make up our environment and the changes that take place in these substances. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)

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Integrated Physical Science (5 units)

Course examines the basic principles of science, applying them to the world in which we live. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)



World Languages

Spanish I Review (5 units)

This course is a review of Spanish I. This introductory course uses speaking, listening, reading comprehension, and writing to develop basic skills. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)

Spanish II Review (5 units)

A review of Spanish II, this course continues to introduce basic structures and vocabulary needed for oral communication along with the development of proficiency in basic language skills. All basic grammar structures are reviewed. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)

Spanish III Review (5 units)

A review of Spanish III, this course continues to introduce basic structures and vocabulary needed for oral communication along with the development of proficiency in basic language skills. All basic grammar structures are reviewed. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)



History

United States History (5 units)

This is a survey course of United States history. Beginning with colonial America, this course will examine our American history from diplomatic, cultural and economic viewpoints. Students will gain experience in critical reading, use of primary sources, note-taking and analyzing conflicting opinions and interpretations. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)

World History (5 units)

This course provides a thematic approach to the study of the most dynamic periods of major world civilizations and their interactions with each other. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)



Religious Studies/Theology

Theology (5 units)

This course provides a thematic approach that will focus on the traditions and values of the Catholic Christian experience. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)



English

English I (5 units)

This course is a review of freshman English. English I places emphasis on the techniques of paragraph and essay structure and the importance of uses of detail and commentary. Grammar, vocabulary, and spelling will also be stressed. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)

English II (5 units)

This course is a review of basics covered in the second year of high school English. The main focus is on responding adequately to fiction and non-fiction reading as well as drama. The students must participate in class, write expository essays that express their personal experiences and also show their objective and analytical understanding of the literature. The course will also include and emphasis on grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)

English III/IV (5 units)

This course is a review of upper division (junior and senior level) English. The main focus is on a more objective, analytical response in expository and argumentative writing to the student's interpretation of literature and non-fiction. The course will include an emphasis on grammar, vocabulary, and spelling, but will also further refine the student's style and usage in her or his writing. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)



Mathematics

Algebra IA (5 units)

This is first semester of Algebra I. Topics include operations, solving equations, linear equations and graphs, data displays and inequalities. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)

Algebra IB (5 units)

This is second semester of Algebra I, which builds on topics from the first semester and includes systems of linear equations, direct variation, quadratic functions and graphs. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Geometry (5 units)

This course will cover the basics of Geometry, such as points, lines, planes, angles, reasoning and proof, perpendicular and parallel lines, congruent triangles, properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, similarities, circles, surface area and volume. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Advanced Algebra (Algebra II) A (5 units)

This is the first semester of Advanced Algebra (Algebra II). Topics include sampling and reasoning, models of variation and growth, linear systems and matrices, quadratic functions and graphs. Credit given for one semester. (11:00 a.m.)

Advanced Algebra (Algebra II) B (5 units)

This is the second semester of Advanced Algebra (Algebra II), which includes modeling problem situations in algebra and statistics, exploring and applying functions, logical reasoning, sequences, and series. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus (5 units)

This course includes study of exponential and logarithmic functions, modeling and analyzing data, applying probability models, and the study of angles, vectors, trigonometric functions, transformations, and tessellations. Credit given for one semester. (7:45 a.m.)



Electives

Driver's Education (2.5 units)

This course covers basic driving skills and the California Vehicle Code. Behind the wheel training is NOT included. This course is held June 21 – July 7. (7:45 a.m.)



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Course fees:

English only	\$325 + \$125 registration fee
Math only	\$325 + \$125 registration fee
English and Math	\$550 + \$125 registration fee

Students enrolling in English **or** Math will follow a daily schedule, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Students taking both English **and** Math will follow a daily schedule, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All schedules will be confirmed in writing.



Explore and Enrich!



Summer Cooking

Summer Cooking is an ideal culinary experience for the aspiring teen chef in your family. Food preparation techniques are the focus of this hands-on class. The class consists of brief lectures/demonstrations, preparing, cooking and enjoying the meals.

Fee:	Summer Cooking	\$350
Dates and Time:		
	Session I	June 21 – July 2, 2010
	Session II	July 6 – July 16, 2010
		2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
		2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Summer Dance

Summer Dance program is designed for beginner/advanced beginner dance students. The program offers instruction in four dance disciplines. Classes meet Monday through Thursday (no dance classes on Fridays).

Fee:	Summer Dance	\$150
Dates and Time:		
		June 21 – July 15, 2010
		2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.



After School Dance – Summer Edition

After School Dance offers advanced instruction for the more experienced dance student, in four dance disciplines. Classes meet Monday through Thursday (no dance classes on Fridays).

Fees:	Mercy Students	\$36 -- \$100
	Non-Mercy Students	\$72 -- \$160
Dates and Time:		
		June 21 – July 15, 2010
		4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



Summer Photography

Summer Photography explores the artistic medium of digital photography. Students will learn to enhance images through the use of software.

Fee:	Summer Photography	\$350
Dates and Time:		
Session I	June 21 – July 2, 2010	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Session II	July 6 – July 16, 2010	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



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Fee:	Summer Kids	\$625 + \$125 registration fee
Dates and Time:		
Monday – Friday	June 21 – July 16, 2010	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Summer Ecology

Summer Ecology offers a hands-on ecological, outdoor learning experience for students entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the fall of 2010. This program provides a greater understanding of the San Francisco Bay bioregion. Through various activities designed to highlight local geography, geology and native cultures, this is a great opportunity to explore our world in a classroom without walls. This program is not designed for remediation.

Fee:	Summer Ecology	\$450
Dates and Time:		
	July 6 – July 16, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Summer Online

Summer Online courses are offered in collaboration with the Network for Mercy Education. Five units of credit are awarded for each online course. Students participating in online courses should expect to commit approximately 15 – 20 hours per week, per course in order to complete lessons and assignments. Access is 24/7 and 48 hours is the maximum lapse between logins. **Students may NOT interrupt study with a vacation.** Students should have the appropriate textbook(s) on the first day of the course. Textbooks are to be purchased online by parents. Information regarding textbooks is posted at www.emercyed.org. Please order books in sufficient time to allow for order processing and shipping.

Each student is required to have an email address that will allow for sending attachments. One parent must provide an email account to allow the teacher direct communication. **The registration deadline for online courses is Monday, June 14, 2010.**

Semester Credit

<p>Class Dates: June 21 – July 22, 2010 \$375 per course + \$125 registration fee</p>
<p>American Government Art History Creative Writing Economics Health Introduction to Psychology Fitness Sociology</p>

Credit Recovery

<p>Class Dates: June 21 – July 9, 2010 \$250 per course + \$125 registration fee</p>	<p>Class Dates: July 12 – July 30, 2010 \$250 per course + \$125 registration fee</p>
<p>1st Semester</p>	<p>2nd Semester</p>
<p>English – Grade 9 English – Grade 10 English – Grades 11 and 12 Theology – Grades 9 and 10 Theology – Grades 11 and 12</p>	<p>English – Grade 9 English – Grade 10 English – Grades 11 and 12 Theology – Grades 9 and 10 Theology – Grades 11 and 12</p>



Registration Information and Instructions

Please read carefully.

1. To enroll in a summer course, complete the appropriate registration form(s).
2. Attach full course fee(s) plus registration fee to the form(s). Please refer to the fee schedule.
 - Payments can be made by check or cash. We do not accept credit cards.
 - **Registration forms received without full payment will not be processed.**
 - Checks that are returned by the bank will be assessed an additional fee of \$25.
3. Completed forms and payments can be mailed or dropped off in person to:

Mercy High School ATTN.: Summer Prep Academy
3250 Nineteenth Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132
4. Please make checks payable to Mercy High School.
5. Registration by mail must be received by Monday, June 14, 2010.
 - After June 14th, all registration must be completed in person. No personal checks will be accepted after June 14th, cash or cashier's check only. **Final day to register for all on campus courses is Thursday, June 17, 2010.**
 - **Registration will NOT be accepted on June 21, 2010 – the first day of classes.**
 - **Note: The registration deadline for all online courses is Monday, June 14, 2010.**
6. Received registration forms will be confirmed in writing. Course change requests made after a schedule has been confirmed will be assessed a \$25 fee.
7. **If registering for more than one course, the registration fee need only be paid once.**
8. Mercy High Summer Prep Academy does not assume responsibility for course placement for non-Mercy students. Non-Mercy students should verify course selections with their school counselor or appropriate school official prior to registration.
9. Any student removed for excessive absences or for disciplinary reasons will not receive a tuition refund or academic credits.
10. Mercy High School reserves the right to cancel or change the time of any course offering for which an insufficient number of students have registered.
11. Courses cancelled by Mercy are not subject to cancellation restrictions, students will receive full refunds.
12. Registration fees are non-refundable.
13. If a student withdraws from a course on or before June 21, 2010, all course fees will be refunded but registration fees will be forfeited.
14. If a student withdraws from a course after June 21, 2010, ALL fees are forfeited.
15. Please make course selections carefully; all policies apply to withdrawals made due to incorrect course selections.
16. Refunds will be processed the week of June 21, 2010 regardless of the date of the request.



Fee Schedule



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On Campus: Academic Courses \$450 per course + \$125 registration fee

Online: Semester Credit Courses \$375 per course + \$125 registration fee
Credit Recovery Courses \$250 per course + \$125 registration fee

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