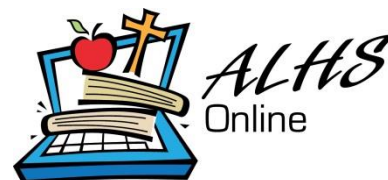


ALHS Online Update – February, 2014

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The purpose of this brief report is to update WELS High Schools on the blessings ALHS Online has received from a gracious God so far this year.

2013-14 Course Registrations: The following charts reflect the course registrations for 2013-14 after five weeks into the second semester (2-11-14). It was gratifying to see the strong increase in participation from 2012-13, both in the number of students enrolled and the schools involved!

The chart on the left indicates the number of students enrolled in each course. The drop in enrollment from first to second semester was anticipated to a certain extent for full-year courses, especially in the language areas. Reasons for withdrawal included such things as; academic difficulty, not enough time to keep up with requirements in other courses, personal or health issues.

The chart on the right indicates individual students enrolled in at least one course during 2013-14 from the schools listed. An * after a school name indicates a school new to ALHSO in 2013-14.

Enrollment numbers by Course:		
Course Name	Sem. I	Sem. II
Intro to Programming	25	
Web Page Design	16	
Statistics (runs with AP)	1	
AP Statistics	14	7
AP Environmental Sci.	5	4
Anatomy & Physiology	22	18
Doctrine	2	2
German I	14	6
Latin I	14	11
Spanish I	3	2
Astronomy		11
Computer Graphics		14
Game Programming		11
Total	116	86

2013-14 Student Enrollment:	
School	#
CLHS*	7
ELHS*	1
HVL	4
ILHS	9
KMLHS*	5
LLHS	3
ManLHS	14
MVLHS	16
NELHS	18
NLHS*	12
RMLHS*	4
St. Croix*	1
SLHS	10
West	12
WLA*	6
Public/Home	3
Total	125

Enrollment trends: The current school year (2013-14) marks the third year of courses being offered through ALHS Online. The chart below shows how the program has expanded over the years. To God be the glory!

ALHS Online Course & Enrollment Trends 2011-2015						
	2011-12	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15
# Courses	3+2= 5	5+5= 10	up 100%	10+10= 20	up 100%	17+18= 35
# Student Seats	32+28= 60	55+52= 107	up 78%	116+86= 202	up 89%	est.140+110= 250

2014-15 Registration Materials: Registration materials for 2014-15 have been sent via email to the high schools and are now also available on the ALHSO website <http://alhs.org> or by contacting the ALHSO superintendent Jim Grunwald at grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu or 507-354-8221, ext. 349.

Course/Instructor Evaluation: ALHSO takes the quality of the courses it offers very seriously. Courses and instructors are evaluated by students at the end of each semester. The ALHSO superintendent reviews the evaluations and then shares a summary with the course instructor as well as the ALHSO Board of Control. The superintendent works with the course instructor on any warranted improvements to the course. Feedback from school administrators to the ALHSO superintendent concerning specific courses is always welcome. Courses that do not meet the standards of quality set by ALHSO will no longer be offered through ALHSO until suitable changes are made to the content and/or instruction.

New Courses in 2014-15: The following courses are in addition to ones listed on the previous chart.

Multi-media Principals and Design - sem. 1, Adam Mateske, Mt. Olive, Appleton, WI

Christian Perspectives on Science - sem. 1, Dan Fenske, NLHS

Latin 2 – full-year, Karl Peterson, retired

Spanish 2 – full-year, Angela Hanson, stay-at-home mom

German 2 – full-year, Jean Neitzel, retired

AP U.S. History – full-year, Karie Munte, PhD student

AP Psychology – full-year, Greg Bork, Apostles, San Jose, CA

Physical Science – full-year, Kevin Zimmerman, SLHS

Biblical Knowledge – full-year, Karl Peterson, retired (for non-WELS and/or international students)

Life of Christ – full-year, Mark Lenz, retired (primarily for Public or home schooled students)

European Travel Studies – sem.2, Pete Baganz, HVL (every 2 years, requires summer travel)

Human Relations – sem.2, Greg Bork, Apostles, San Jose, CA

Note: **Statistics** and **AP Statistics** will not be offered in 2014-15 by mutual agreement between the course instructor and ALHSO. God-willing, a new instructor will be located so the courses can be offered again starting in 2015-16.

Course descriptions, grade levels, and pre-requisites for all courses are available in the *ALHS Online Course Descriptions* document located on the ALHSO website, <http://alhs.org>.

Future courses: ALHSO is always looking ahead to future years. Feedback from WELS high schools is very important in not only planning future course offerings, but locating qualified potential instructors for those courses. The course instructor is the number one factor in the quality of any course offered. The following courses are under consideration at this time for future years.

Languages – Year two of **Latin**, **German**, and **Spanish** will be offered in 2014-15. It is assumed that a third year will be added to some languages in 2015-16, and a fourth year after that.

Religion – ALHSO plans to offer a series of four religion courses, primarily for public and home-schooled students, with two courses offered each year. This year **Doctrine** was offered and next year a **Life of Christ** course will be added. In 2015-16, **Doctrine** will be offered again along with a **How the Church Grows** (Acts) course. The final course in the series is still being determined for debut in 2016-17.

AP Computer Science A – A WELS school expressed strong interest in this course, but a qualified instructor still needs to be secured. God-willing, the course will be offered starting in 2015-16.

Music Appreciation and/or a **Visual Arts** – A WELS school has expressed interest and an instructor has come forward. Instructor vetting still needs to occur. Anticipated course start date has not been set.

Credit Recovery – Almost all ALHS schools that responded to a survey last September indicated that they were set for credit recovery courses and therefore would likely not be interested in ones offered through ALHSO. Hence, ALHSO is not looking to offer credit recovery courses in the near future.

If you have any suggestions for additional courses or course instructors, please contact ALHSO superintendent Jim Grunwald at grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu or 507-354-8221, ext. 349.