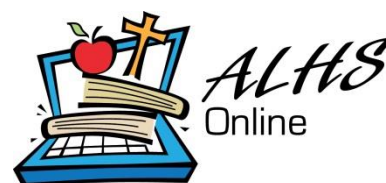


ALHS Online Update – February, 2015

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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.

2014-15 Course Enrollments: The following charts reflect the course enrollments for 2014-15 after six weeks into the second semester. It was gratifying to see the continued increase in participation over the years, 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 for full-year courses. 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 the 2014-15 student seat enrollments from various schools.

Enrollment numbers by Course: 2014-15		
Course Name	Sem. I	Sem. II
Intro. to Programming	27	
Web Page Design	9	
Multimedia Prin. & Design	9	
Anatomy & Physiology	16	14
AP Environmental Sci.	7	6
AP Psychology	64	59
AP U.S. History	12	12
Life of Christ	5	4
German 1	10	8
German 2	4	4
Latin 1	5	4
Latin 2	11	11
Spanish 2	1	1
Computer Graphics		13
Game Programming		12
European Travel Studies		1
Intro. to Psychology		11
Total	180	160

Student Seat Enrollment by semester: 2014-15		
School	Sem.1	Sem.2
ALA	10	10
CLHS	11	11
GPLHS	1	0
HVL	5	4
ILHS	10	7
KMLHS	1	0
LLHS	16	14
MLHS, WI	24	22
MLHS, MI	0	3
MVL	24	26
NELHS	6	6
NLHS	8	6
RMLHS	11	8
St. Croix	9	4
SLHS	3	4
WLHS-MN	8	4
WLHS-WI	2	2
WLA	25	24
Public/Home	6	5
Total	180	160

Enrollment trends: The current school year (2014-15) marks the fourth 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	↑ 100%	10+10=20	↑ 100%	13+14=27 ↑ 35%
# Seats	32+28=60	55+52=107	↑ 78%	116+86=202	↑ 89%	180+160=340 ↑ 68%

2015-16 Registration Materials: Registration materials for 2015-16 have been sent via email to the high schools and are available on the ALHSO website <http://alhs.org> under *Resources*, or by contacting 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 shares a summary with the course. The superintendent works with the course instructor on any warranted improvements. Feedback from school administrators to the ALHSO superintendent 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.

7th-8th Grade Pilot Program: ALHSO has received requests from WELS elementary schools to offer some higher-level courses to their qualified 7th and 8th grade students. ALHSO applied for and received a \$6,500 grant through the Antioch Foundation to offer a pilot program to teach Algebra and Spanish in 2015-16. ALHSO will contact select schools to participate in the pilot program. More information can be found on the ALHSO website, <http://alhso.org> under *Resources / 7th-8th Grade Pilot*.

Additional 2015-16 Courses: The following are in addition to ones listed on the previous chart.

Christian Perspectives on Science – sem. 1, Dan Fenske, MLC

Sequential Art: A Study of Graphic Novels – sem. 1, Peter Iles, WELS teacher in public school

Chinese 1– full-year, Tingting Schwartz, MLC

Latin 3 – full-year, Karl Peterson, retired

Spanish 3 – full-year, Angela Hanson, at-home mom

German 3 – full-year, Jean Neitzel, retired

AP Computer Science A – full-year, Joshua Schoeneck, KML

AP Statistics – full-year, Sara Knickelbein, at-home mom

Physical Science – full-year, Kevin Zimmerman, SLHS

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

Doctrine – full-year, Tim Dolan, LPS (primarily for Public or home schooled students)

How the Church Grows – full-year, Karl Peterson, retired (primarily for Public or home schooled)

Astronomy – sem.2, Dan Fenske, MLC

Note: Course descriptions, grade levels, and pre-requisites for all courses are available in the *ALHS Online Course Descriptions* document located in *Resources* on the ALHSO website, <http://alhso.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 – A 4th year of **Latin**, **German**, and **Spanish** in 2016-17, as well as Chinese 2.

Religion – A fourth religion course, primarily for public and home-schooled students, in 2016-17.

Music (Appreciation, Theory, and/or Technology) courses – Instructors have expressed interest, but still need to be vetted. Anticipated start date for at least one course is 2016-17.

Art (Appreciation, Creative Process, 2D Design, Visual) courses – Instructors have expressed interest, but still need to be vetted. Anticipated start date for at least one course is 2016-17.

Note: Most ALHS schools indicated that they are 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.