

## **Taos Academy's ECHS and Blended Learning Model Instructional Hours Outline**

Taos Academy's innovative blended learning model combines the flexibility, independence and personalization of digital instruction with the best practices of live learning. Our core academic classes (Math, English, Social Studies and Science) contain elements of online learning such as Edgenuity and Google Classroom as well as direct, face-to-face instructional components.

Students taking Dual Credit classes at UNM may do so in a way that either supplements their core academic classes (for example, taking live elective courses towards a Certificate credential such as Culinary Arts or Human Services) or that may be substituted for approved TA core classes (such as the Associates in Liberal Arts or Associates in PreScience). Internships may run for one or two consecutive semesters; 100 internship hours are required (along with progress reports and supervisor feedback) for 0.5 credit hours.

### **Online Instruction:**

Taos Academy's online content for these core classes is delivered by Edgenuity. The supporting document "SY17-18 TA Instructional Hours" details the digital requirements of our curriculum per class and grade level. In general, online course requirements increase throughout the grades as a student moves from 5th through 10th grade, then decrease slightly as students enter our Dual Credit program at UNM-Taos, CTE, Career Pathways, and Internship classes.

One lesson takes 1.5 hours to complete; this is higher for our younger incoming students, who must also learn to adapt to our blended learning model. As an example, a middle school student in a standard Life Science 7 class, for example, must complete 45 lessons or 67.5 hours of digital coursework in order to finish the online coursework components of this class. A student in a standard Geometry course must complete 93 lessons or 139.5 hours of online work in order to finish her/her class.

### **F2F Instruction:**

In addition to their online content, each of the core curriculum classes have live-taught components. As is shown on our "TA Master Schedule," Taos Academy students are required to be on campus two days/week at a minimum (Monday/Wednesday for middle schoolers and Tuesday/Thursday for our high school students).

\*\*\*College Link students taking Dual Credit core classes have M-Th College Link Lab times that are equivalent to 12-16 hours, as well as their mandatory Enrichment classes as determined by their DC schedule.

**Direct academic instruction for all students** to support their core curriculum (Math, English, Social Studies and Science) occurs during Math Enrichment, English Language Arts Enrichment, Global Studies/Leadership courses which support grade-level Social Studies content and SmartLab classes which support grade-level Science content. Live taught classes run for a full 18 week semester.

**Supplemental instruction** is also available for students through STEM Arts & Science classes, our Math and Humanities Labs, Student Success Lab, and the Middle School Plus program. These optional supports are not included in our Instructional Hours count.

Per NM state statute 22-2-8.1, a school year consists of at least one hundred eighty full instructional days for a regular school year calendar, exclusive of any release time for in-service training. The requirement for grades seven through twelve is six hours of instruction per day, totaling 1,080 hours per school year. Through its innovative blended learning model, Taos Academy is committed to meeting and/or exceeding this requirement for all TA students at all instructional levels for grades 5-12..

### Instructional Hours By Grade

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Course Name	Total Lessons
HS English I A & B	96
HS Math Readiness A & B	110
Strategies for Academic Success	53
HS NM History	52
HS Biology A & B	88
Digital Learning Time (Edgenuity)	399 lessons x 1.5 hours/lesson = 598.5 (17.6 hours/week)
Live Taught Class Time on TA Campus	80 days x 7 hours = 560 hours
<b>TOTAL for 9th Grade</b>	<b>1158.5 Instructional Hours</b>

10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Course Name	Total Lessons
HS English II A & B	99
HS Algebra IA & B	112
HS World History A & B	119
HS Environmental Science A & B	101
Digital Learning Time (Edgenuity)	431 lessons x 1.5 hours/lesson = 646.5 (19 hours/week)
Live Taught Class Time	80 days x 7 hours = 560 hours
<b>TOTAL for 10th Grade</b>	<b>1206.5 Instructional Hours</b>

11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Course Name	Total Lessons
HS English III A & B	92
HS Geometry A & B	93
HS US History A & B	107
HS Chemistry A & B	87
Edgenuity Curriculum Totals	379 lessons x 1.5 hours/lesson = 568.5 (16.7 hours/week)
Rosetta Stone Level I A & B	30 hours / semester = 60 hours
Live Taught Class Time	80 days x 7 hours = 560 hours
<b>TOTAL for 11th Grade</b>	<b>1188.5 Instructional Hours</b>

12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Course Name	Total Lessons
HS English IVA & B	96

HS Algebra IIA & B	86
HS Government	53
HS Economics	53
HS Health	57
<b>Edgenuity Curriculum Totals</b>	345 lessons x 1.5 hours/lesson = 517.5 (15.22 hours/week)
<b>Rosetta Stone Level II A &amp; B</b>	30 hours / semester = 60 hours
<b>Live Taught Class Time</b>	80 days x 7 hours = 560 hours
<b>TOTAL for 12th Grade</b>	<b>1137.5 Instructional Hours</b>

Please note that the instructional hours listed above are **exclusive** of elective online courses, tutoring in the Student Success Lab, STEM classes, internship hours, or Friday Early College High school programming.

### ECHS Individualized Student Schedules

When a TA student enters College Link, their schedule changes based on the number and scheduling of the UNM Dual Credit classes that they are taking. All College Link students (those with an adjusted or nontraditional schedule due to their course load and pathway) are required to attend one Academic Advisory session from 8-10 am on Tuesday mornings. In addition, students must sign up for a total of 3-4 College Link Lab Times running from 8-12 or 12-4 pm Monday-Thursday as best suits their college schedule, for a total of 12-16 hours on required time here on TA campus each week besides their Advising period.

Students taking an ELA or Math course at Taos Academy are also required to attend the corresponding Enrichment class. A sample schedule with a breakdown of Instructional Hours/Seat Team appears for each Pathway described in the narrative.

#### 1) Associates Degree Pathway (ECHS):

<b>SAMPLE ECHS Students #1 &amp; #4 NSP</b>	
<b>UNM Dual Credit - ENGL 292 &amp; 293</b>	<b>2.5 hrs/week x 32 weeks = 80 hours</b>
<b>UNM Dual Credit - MATH 121 &amp; STATS</b>	<b>3 hrs/week x 32 = 96 hours</b>
<b>HS Government - Edgenuity</b>	<b>54 lessons x 1.5 hours = 81 hours</b>
<b>UNM Dual Credit - ECON 105</b>	<b>2.5 hrs/week x 16 = 40 hours</b>
<b>UNM Dual Credit - CLASSICS 107</b>	<b>2.5 hrs/week x 16 weeks = 40 hours</b>
<b>UNM Dual Credit - PSYCH 105</b>	<b>2.5 hrs/week x 16 weeks = 40 hours</b>
<b>Community Internship</b>	<b>100/semester = 200 hours</b>
<b>College Link Advisory</b>	<b>2 hours/week x 36 weeks = 72 hours</b>
<b>College Link Lab Time</b>	<b>12 hours/week x 36 weeks = 432 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL for SAMPLE ECHS Student #1 &amp; Student #3</b>	<b>1,081 hours</b>

2) Certificate Pathway (ECHS):

SAMPLE ECHS Students #2 & #4 NSP	
HS English IVA & B	96
HS Algebra IIA & B	86
HS Government	53
HS Economics	53
UNM CART 109	2.5 hrs/week x 16 = <b>40 hours</b>
UNM CART 110	2.5 hrs/week x 16 = <b>40 hours</b>
UNM CART 129	2.5 hrs/week x 16 = <b>40 hours</b>
UNM CART 124	2.5 hrs/week x 16 = <b>40 hours</b>
Edgenuity Curriculum Totals	288 lessons x 1.5 hours/lesson = <b>432 hours</b>
Live Taught Class Time	80 days x 7 hours = <b>560 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL for SAMPLE ECHS Student #2 &amp; Student #4</b>	<b>1152 Instructional Hours</b>

3) TA Career Credential (non-ECHS)

SAMPLE non- ECHS Student #3 & #6 NSP	
HS English IVA & B	96
HS Algebra IIA & B	86
HS Government	53
HS Economics	53
SafeServ Certification	1 hour x 18 weeks = <b>18 hours</b>
WorkStudy/Internship	100/semester = <b>200 hours</b>
Edgenuity Curriculum Totals	288 lessons x 1.5 hours/lesson = <b>432 hours</b>

<b>Live Taught Class Time</b>	<b>80 days x 7 hours = 560 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL for SAMPLE non- ECHS Student #3 &amp; #6</b>	<b>1,210 hours</b>