

## MACA Next Step Course Descriptions

MACA's *Next Step* Program offers college-level courses taken on the MACA campus during a student's senior year. These courses count toward high school requirements while also providing college credit through Lancaster Bible College. These credits may be transferred to other colleges and universities according to each college's transfer process. Students eligible to enroll in these courses must be MACA seniors with a GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

### LAN 101 – English Composition

Students are introduced to the expectations and mechanics of academic writing. Through actively engaging in the research process, students discover and focus on a central idea, which they will support through a critical reading and *synthesis* of sources. This will enable the student to produce organized, supported, audience-driven persuasive academic papers reflecting an awareness of the power of language to shape cultural perceptions and communicate a biblical worldview. A grade of C- or better is necessary for students to move on to fulfill their writing intensive course requirement. This course will transfer to many colleges and universities as the English Composition course required for most two and four year degrees.

### LAN 104 – Public Speaking

This course is designed to enable students to speak effectively on selected subjects using various methods. Classroom practice is given in oral and interpretive readings. Study is given to the correct preparation and delivery of different kinds of speeches as well as the use of correct speech habits and behavior. This course will transfer to many colleges and universities as the communication course required for most two and four year degrees.

### HIS 201 – U.S. History I (1600-1877)

America traces its national existence back to a European experiment that had many different purposes from economic enterprise to religious utopianism. This class will trace the history of the United States from its founding through its revolution of independence to its near collapse in the Civil War. Following a chronological scheme, students will focus on the persistent themes in American society, economics, and politics in addition to recognizing the innovation associated with America's growth. This course will transfer to many colleges and universities as part of general studies requirements.

### BIB 103 – Creation & Covenants: OT I

This course surveys the books of the Pentateuch placing special emphasis on biblical beginnings and the development of the covenants as foundational for God's working in the rest of Scripture. Attention is given to background matters and critical and theological issues.

### BIB 104 – Israel's Life & Literature: OT II

This course surveys the Historical books of the Old Testament from Joshua to Esther. Visibility is given to the poetic and prophetic books as they intersect Israel's history. Attention is given to background matters and critical and theological issues.

### BIB 105 – Biblical Hermeneutics

This course is an introduction to the principles and practice of interpreting the Bible using the historical-grammatical-rhetorical method of interpretation. The course introduces students to key principles related to this method and then provides guidelines for applying these principles to determine the author's originally intended meaning. Students learn how to integrate electronic tools into the process. The course concludes with suggestions on how to determine the relevance of these original thoughts to our own lives.