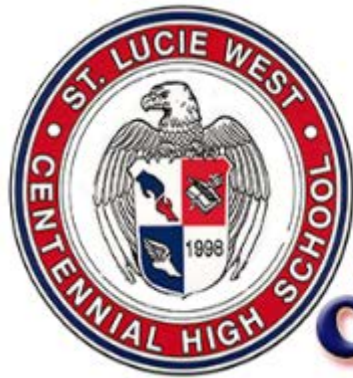


Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE Program)



**St. Lucie West
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What is AICE?

- The Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is an advanced academic curriculum and assessment program written and administered by the University of Cambridge in England.
- AICE program courses and examinations may be offered during grades 9 through 12.
- Students taking courses at the AICE level will sit for an exam at the end of the school year. If the student passes the exam, the student will earn college credit.

What are the benefits of AICE?

- AICE allows students to earn college credit while in high school
- It also provides students with the skills required to be successful in college and in future careers.
- **FLEXIBILITY** is the key benefit of AICE because students can tailor their courses to their academic strengths and interests.

Are AICE Credits Accepted By All Colleges and Universities?

- Yes, most colleges and universities accept AICE credits.
- Cambridge publishes a list on their website of U.S. universities that have provided written statements of their AICE recognition policy.
- (go to www.cie.org.uk and search for recognition to see if your college of interest is listed)

Two Tracks Students Can Take

- Take one or several AICE courses to earn college credit without necessarily earning the AICE diploma.
- Work towards earning the AICE Diploma.

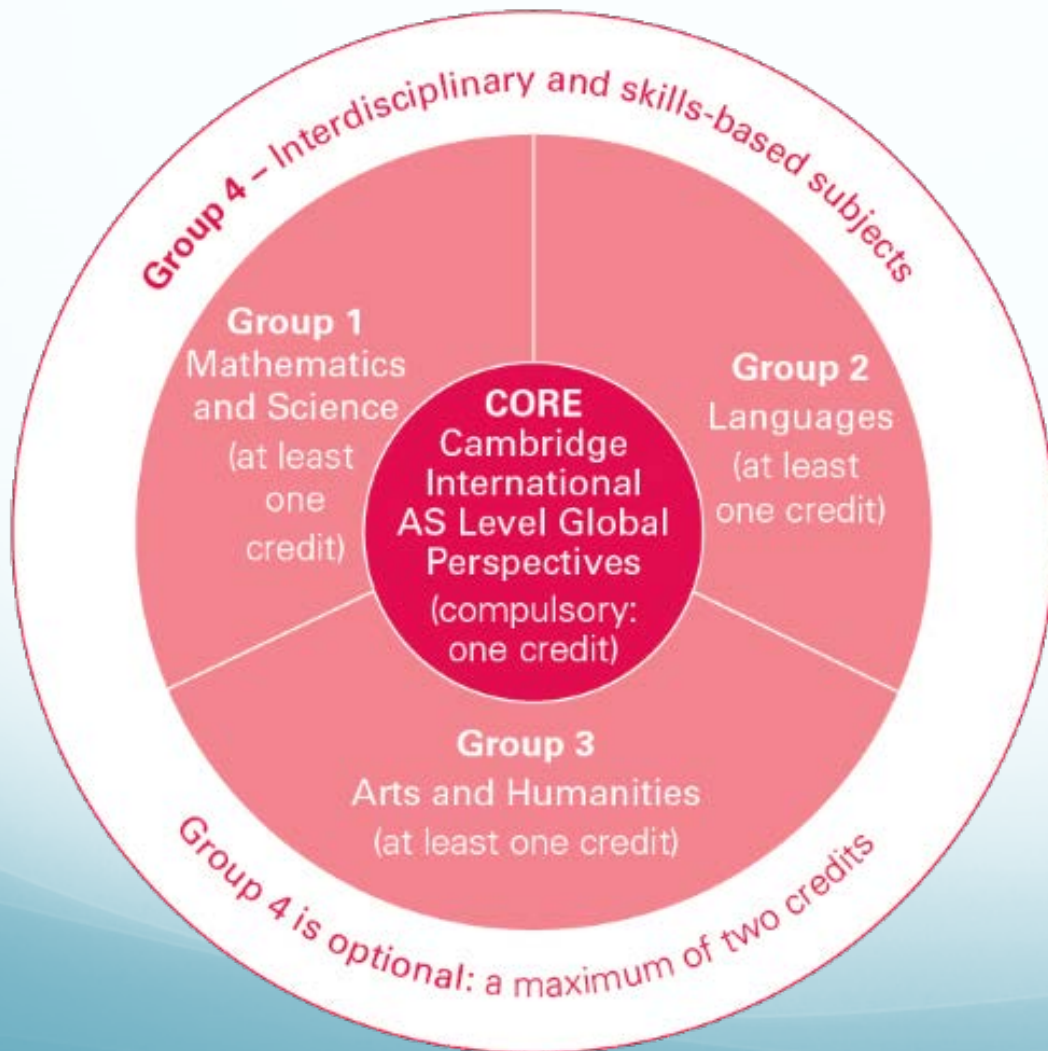
AICE Diploma

- To earn the AICE Diploma, the student must complete 7 courses and pass the 7 exams for each course.
- Students must take at least one course in each of the three subject groups.
 - Group 1: Mathematics and Sciences
 - Group 2: Languages
 - Group 3: Arts and Humanities
 - Group 4: Optional
 - Core: Global Perspectives
- Must be done within a three year period.
- Quite possible for a freshman to start taking AICE courses in 9th grade and have an AICE Diploma awarded by the end of 11th grade.

Do Students have to earn the AICE Diploma in order to earn college credits

- No.
- Students who pass AICE exams will receive General Certificate of Education (GCE) subject certificates for examinations passed.
- Students may take any AICE course and if the student passes the exam, the student will earn college credit.

AICE Diploma Requirements



AICE Diploma seeking students must complete seven courses. Student must take at least one course from Group 1; one course from Group 2; one course from Group 3; and the mandatory core course. The rest of the courses can be taken in any group. In order to qualify for the diploma, the student must take all 7 courses during a 3 year period.

AICE Course Offerings at Centennial

Group 1: Math and Science

- AICE Environmental Management
- AICE Marine Science
- Psychology

Group 2: Languages

- AICE English Language
- AICE Spanish

Students taking these classes are also earning high school credit and meeting high school graduation requirements.

Group 3: Arts and Humanities

- AICE European History
- AICE US History
- AICE Geography
- AICE Psychology
- AICE Sociology
- AICE English Literature

Group 4: Interdisciplinary Skills (Optional)

- AICE English General Paper
- AICE Thinking Skills

Core: Mandatory

- AICE Global Perspectives

Do Colleges Look More Favorably at AICE Courses and Diplomas?

- Colleges know that AICE is a four-year program with a proven international curriculum.
- They know that students have been working at an advanced college prep level beginning in ninth grade.
- They also value the depth and breadth of the AICE four-year course of study.

Does earning an AICE diploma help with the Florida Bright Futures Qualifications?

- Earning an AICE diploma and completing 100 hours of community service guarantees the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship at the highest level regardless of GPA and SAT/ACT scores.
- The highest level of Florida Bright Futures pays for 100% of tuition for four years at any Florida college or university (public or private)
- (Note: 100 hours of community service is not an AICE requirement; it is a Bright Futures Scholarship Requirement)

Admissions to AICE Program

- Students must either submit an application to the AICE office to be reviewed, or register for an AICE course. Request for an AICE course does not guarantee admission.
- The following criteria will be reviewed to determine eligibility for AICE:
 - Grades (minimum 3.0 GPA on core academic subjects)
 - FSA Scores (minimum 3 or above) or comparable national examinations
 - Teacher recommendations (one from an English Teacher; other can be any subject area teacher)
 - Disciplinary Records
 - Attendance Records

Students Accepted into AICE Courses Cannot Drop

- *Students who are accepted and enrolled in an AICE course MAY NOT drop the course unless they are receiving a grade of a D or an F after the first 9-week grading period.*

Test Cost and Student Obligation

- Each test costs approximately \$100.
- School covers the cost of the exam.
- However, students who are registered to take an AICE exam and do not show up, will be obligated to pay the cost of the exam.
- Student will be placed on the obligation list and student's high school diploma will be held until the obligation is cleared.

Questions?????

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