

Valencia Academy's

VAL TECH



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What is Val Tech?

Val Tech is for students with a special interest in and aptitude for technology.

Pathways are:

Arts & Communications
Business & Computer Science
Science & Technology (Engineering)

(See outline on the back of this brochure.)

The Val Tech Program requires 240 credits for graduation including a minimum of 50 credits in technology from the prescribed pathways, each of which incorporates a 150-hour/10-credit internship. The internship can be done during the summer between the junior and senior year or during the senior year. It will culminate in a research project, a reflective essay, and an oral presentation. To be eligible for a tech diploma, a student will have to complete these requirements as well as develop an electronic portfolio.

Val Tech students must also meet district graduation requirements. These students are also able to fulfill both University of California and California State University entrance requirements.

The technology requirements are:

9th Grade:

- Computer Technology 1A/1B
- Health* (Zero period or summer school)
- Academic Studies & Career Planning* (Zero period, summer school, or the ASCP on-line course)

10th Grade:

- Elective from prescribed pathway (Some required sophomore courses will be offered Zero period)

11th Grade:

- Up to four (4) semesters of technology classes from prescribed pathways.
- Attendance at a pre-internship training seminar during the second semester.

12th Grade:

- Up to four (4) semesters of technology classes, including a 150-hour/10-credit internship culminating in the presentation of the research project and an electronic portfolio before the Val Tech Internship Committee.

*Semester class



What are Val Tech's entrance criteria?

- Submit application
- A grade of B or better in Algebra for 1st and 2nd quarters
- For the 1st and 2nd quarters, grade of B in GATE or Honors Language Arts **OR** a grade of A in regular Language Arts **INCLUDING** CAT-6 Reading and Language scores above the 75 percentile
- Letters of recommendation from two middle-school core teachers

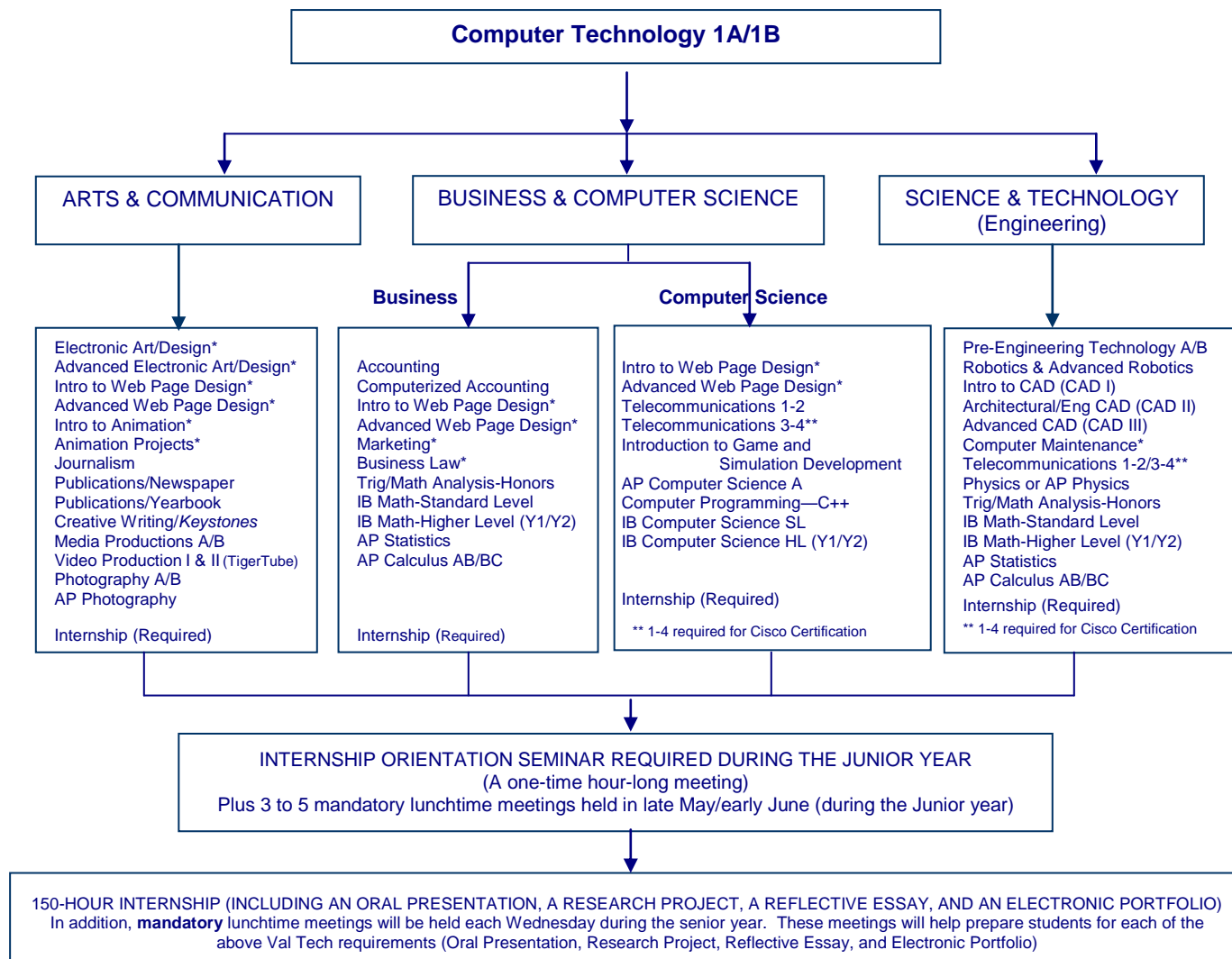
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VAL TECH TECHNOLOGY PATHWAYS



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Why should a student enter the Val Tech program?

- To earn a Tech Diploma
- To acquire advanced technology skills
- To prepare for continued education in high-level college and university courses
- To prepare for specialized technology certificate programs

