

SOA Credential

Requirements:

- Completed Senior Thesis
- Successful completion of one of the following courses:
 - Arts & Humanities, AP Art History, Honors Art History, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Feminine Studies, Music Theory, OR another elective arts course outside your major area (see Miller for approval of a course that is not listed here)
- 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher (calculated at the end of the 3rd nine weeks grading period in the student's Senior year)
- 20 Hours of Community Service completed for each year the student is enrolled at SOA
 - Maximum 10 Hours per year of "Your Choice" service (Your choice service can include any service that does not involve helping a family member.)*
 - Mandatory 10 Hours of service working with an organization (or multiple organizations) on the SOA Pre-Approved Organizations List*
 - Students may complete all 20 of their hours with SOA Pre-Approved Organizations

SOA Credential with Service Distinction

Requirements:

- Completed Senior Thesis
- Successful completion of one of the following courses:
 - Arts & Humanities, AP Art History, Honors Art History, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Feminine Studies, Music Theory, OR another elective arts course outside your major area (see Miller for approval of a course that is not listed here)
- 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher (calculated at the end of the 3rd nine weeks grading period in the student's Senior year)
- 40 or more Hours of Pre-Approved Community Service completed for each year the student is enrolled at SOA
 - All service must be completed with SOA Pre-Approved Community Service Organizations*
- Students must lead/organize a SOA sponsored community service project
 - Students must submit their service project to the Credential Committee for pre-approval via the google form (before March 1), and complete a service project report along with evidence of the project's success when completed (before service log due date).

Additional Information

- Service hours not completed by the due date may be made up with a 50% late penalty. All make-up hours must be pre-approved. See Mrs. Miller for more information and a make-up hours log.
- You may submit an application for an organization to be added to the Pre-Approved List if you feel the organization directly serves a disadvantaged population. February 28 is the deadline for submitting applications for new organizations to the SOA Pre-Approved Organizations list. Any requests received after March 1st will be considered for the following school year.

***Hours submitted during the 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 school years were accepted as all choice hours due to COVID. If you are completing make-up hours from the 20-21 or the 21-22 school year, these hours must be pre-approved.**

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