



2019-20
COURSE CURRICULUM GUIDE
Upper School

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Upper School

Grading Scale

| | | |
|----|--------|--------|
| A+ | 97-100 | (4.0) |
| A | 93-96 | (4.0) |
| A- | 90-92 | (3.67) |
| B+ | 87-89 | (3.33) |
| B | 83-86 | (3.0) |
| B- | 80-82 | (2.67) |
| C+ | 77-79 | (2.33) |
| C | 73-76 | (2.0) |
| C- | 70-72 | (1.67) |
| D+ | 67-69 | (1.33) |
| D | 63-66 | (1.0) |
| D- | 60-62 | (0.67) |
| F | 0-59 | (0) |

Quality Points

Weighted GPA One-half extra GPA quality point is awarded for honors courses for grades of at least 70%. One extra GPA quality point is awarded for AP and 500 level courses for grades of at least 70%.

2019-20 Upper School Course Requirements by Grade

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Grade 9

- Old Testament Survey
- English 9 or English 9 Honors
- World History or World History Honors
- Biology or Biology Honors
- Algebra I or Geometry/Geometry Honors or Algebra II Honors
- World Languages I or World Languages II
- Lifetime Fitness 9
- J-Term selection
- Elective(s)

Grade 10

- New Testament Survey
- English 10 or English 10 Honors
- United States History or US History Honors or United States History Advanced Placement
- Chemistry or Chemistry Honors
- Geometry/Geometry Honors or Algebra II/Algebra II Honors or Pre-Calculus Honors or Appropriate Math
- World Languages II or World Languages III
- J-Term selection
- Electives

Grade 11

- Christian Theology and World Religions
- English 11 or English 11 Honors or Language and Composition Advanced Placement
- American Government & Economics or American Government & Economics Honors or US Government & Politics Advanced Placement
- Algebra II or upper level math
- Physics or Physics Honors or upper level science or 500 Level science*
- World Languages III or World Languages IV
- One semester of Junior Seminar
- J-Term selection
- Electives

Grade 12

- Christian Philosophy and Apologetics
- English 12 or English 12 Honors or Literature and Composition Advanced Placement
- Western Civilization or Western Civilization Honors or European History Advanced Placement
- Upper level math or 500 Level math*
- J-Term selection
- Electives

*500 Level classes are college level classes which include: Advanced Placement courses and Calculus III Honors

Important Registration Considerations

ACADEMIC COURSE SELECTION

As a college preparatory school, our students are expected to take a rigorous class load. We are confident of their desires to take full advantage of the wide array of curricular and co-curricular offerings available at school. An important question that needs to be asked, however, is “How much of a course load is too much?” In asking this question it is recognized that a student’s course load will be affected by a variety of factors including: graduation requirements, grade level, personal interests and aptitudes, co-curricular involvements, future goals and aspirations, as well as commitments outside of school.

While colleges do show preference to students who challenge themselves academically by taking extra or advanced courses when they are qualified, experience shows that overextending can clearly have adverse consequences, be they academic, emotional, spiritual, or social. This is an area where the biblical principle of learning to count the cost (Luke 14:28-32) truly applies.

If a student qualifies for an honors course, that does not mean that it is always in their best interest to enroll in that course. We encourage consideration of all the aforementioned factors before making a decision as to a specific course load. Our general experienced recommendation would be that students not take more than two or three such courses in a given year.

It should also be noted that as a school we are not always able to accommodate requested schedule changes from students who, against school recommendation, find themselves overwhelmed, and grades earned in these instances remain on the academic transcript.

We are thankful for the variety of academic and co-curricular offerings that we are able provide at Charlotte Christian. Please use this guide, along with our teachers and counselors, as a resource to map your academic track.

It should be noted that final determination as to whether a course is actually offered during any academic year will be made by the administration based upon: degree of interest, staffing, and scheduling conflicts.

SUPPLEMENTAL COURSEWORK GRADES 9-12

All requests for supplemental coursework must be preapproved by the academic committee. If a course is offered at CCS, students are expected to take it at CCS rather than through another school. Under extenuating circumstances, requests for coursework that fulfills a graduation requirement will follow these guidelines:

- If this coursework fulfills a graduation requirement, it will appear on the CCS transcript and will be included in the student’s GPA.
- If the requested coursework does not fulfill a graduation requirement, it will be reflected as “see attached transcript” and not included in the student’s GPA. The transcript from the alternate educational institution will be sent along to colleges with the students CCS transcript. It is the student’s responsibility to provide an official transcript to the CCS registrar.

Upper School

Course Registration Process

COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

January: Each department follows placement criteria to recommend core classes for rising students. Department placement criteria are available in this guide and on the Charlotte Christian School website.

COURSE REQUESTS

February: Students select elective courses with guidance from counselors. Before student course selections are officially considered, the 2019-20 Enrollment Agreement and associated fees must be submitted to the Charlotte Christian School business office by the admissions deadline.

SELECTION AGREEMENT OR SECONDARY REPLACEMENT REVIEW

- Parents approve and return course requests/recommendations.
- If students would like their course placement to be reviewed at the end of the year, they may submit a Secondary Review form from the counseling center.

MASTER SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENT

March-May: The master schedule is created.

COURSE REGISTRATION

May-June: Secondary review decisions will be decided and communicated with students.

- Course placement will be reviewed at the end of second semester.
- Students who have fallen below prerequisite requirements for course placement are moved to the appropriate class.
- Students are officially registered in classes.
- Class schedules are generated.

SCHEDULE AVAILABILITY

July: Class schedules are provided to students prior to the beginning of the school year.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

August: Students may request schedule changes to academic core classes and AP classes until the end of the first two weeks of the academic school year (10 school days.) Schedule change requests for elective classes must be made before the end the first week of school of each semester (five days.) Following this drop/add period students may make formal requests to the academic committee in the event of extenuating circumstances only.

Upper School

Graduation Requirements

Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022

| Course | Units for Class of 2020 and beyond |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Biblical Studies | 4 |
| English | 4 |
| Mathematics | 4 |
| Social Studies | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| Fine Arts | 1 |
| Physical Education | 1 |
| January Term | 1 |
| Junior Seminar | 0.5 |
| Speech | 0.5 |
| World Languages | 3 |
| Electives | 1 |
| Total Unit Requirements | 27 |

Graduation Requirements

Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022

Explanation of Graduation Requirements

These requirements and explanations are designed for students who attend upper school at Charlotte Christian all four years. Students are required to complete a full academic load each year they are enrolled at Charlotte Christian School. Students transferring into Charlotte Christian School after the ninth grade may have their graduation requirements modified per administrative approval.

Bible

Students must complete a Bible class each year they are enrolled at Charlotte Christian School. If a student is admitted as a senior, they will be required to complete both junior and senior Bible classes.

English

Students must complete one credit each of grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 English.

Mathematics

Students must complete at least four credits which must minimally include Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and one course beyond Algebra II.

Science

Students must complete at least three credits which must include: Biology/Biology Honors; Chemistry/Chemistry Honors; and Physics/Physics Honors/Physics Advanced Placement. It is strongly recommended that students take a fourth year of science.

Social Studies

Students must complete at least four credits which include: World History or World History Honors; US History/US History Honors/US History Advanced Placement; American Government & Economics/American Government & Economics Honors/United States Government & Politics Advanced Placement; and Western Civilization/Western Civilization Honors or European History Advanced Placement.

Fine Arts

Students must complete one credit of a fine arts elective.

January Term

Each upper school student is required to earn a .25 J-Term credit per year as a graduation requirement. All morning and afternoon courses receive an eighth of a semester credit (.125) per year, while full-day courses and trips receive a quarter of a semester credit (.25). Charlotte Christian students are required to carry their minimum regular credit load for both first and second semesters in addition to their J-Term credits.

Junior Seminar

This one-semester required course is designed to support students as they prepare for the transition to successful academic, social, and spiritual experiences in college.

Physical Education

All students must take Lifetime Fitness 9 and an additional .5 credit of elective physical education (i.e. weight training) Participation in two seasons of any interscholastic sport also fulfills the additional .5 credit.

Speech

This .5 credit requirement may be met by taking any of the following courses: Intro to Acting, Intermediate Acting, Intro to Public Speaking, Logic and Debate, Vocal Workshop, or Honors Acting Studio.

World Languages

Students may meet the world language requirement in one of three ways:

1. Complete three units of the same language while in upper school.
2. Complete two units of the same language and one unit of another language while in upper school.
3. On the recommendation of the middle school world language teacher, enter the second or third level of a world language in ninth grade and meet the world language requirement upon completion of the third level.

Please note: Although the world language requirement will be satisfied upon completion of the third level, the student must accrue the 27 units necessary for graduation by earning more elective credits. For highly selective college placement, it is strongly recommended that students take the fourth and Advanced Placement levels of the world language.

Placement Criteria - English

| Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
|---|---|--|--|
| <p>English 9 Prerequisite English 8</p> <p>or</p> <p>English 9 Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in 8th grade Language Arts or 83% in Language Arts Honors</p> | <p>English 10 Prerequisite English 9 or English 9 Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>English 10 Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in English 9, 83% in English 9 Honors</p> | <p>English 11 Prerequisite English 10 or English 10 Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>English 11 Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in English 10, 83% in English 10 Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>Language and Composition AP Prerequisite minimum of 93% in English 10 Honors</p> | <p>English 12 Prerequisite English 11 or English 11 Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>English 12 Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in English 11, 83% in English 11 Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>Literature and Composition AP Prerequisite minimum of a 93% in English 11 Honors, or minimum of 83% in Language and Composition AP</p> |

Other placement criteria may include ERB, WrAP, PSAT scores; demonstrated work ethic; critical thinking and writing skills improvements via writing folders; possible writing sample; and department recommendation.

ENGLISH 9

English 9 focuses on developing critical thinking, reading comprehension, and writing skills. Students analyze short stories, novels, poetry, and drama as they build their understanding of literary structure, style, and meaning. They continue refinement of writing skills through multiple literary analysis papers and expand these analytical abilities by consulting nonfiction resources to write a research paper. Students build vocabulary skills through the study of prefixes, suffixes, roots, analogies, and words in context. In grammar, they review parts of speech and sentence structure, focusing on skills for effective communication.

Prerequisite: English 8 and departmental approval
• 1 credit

ENGLISH 9 HONORS

English 9 Honors differs from English 9 in the intensity and depth of study. Students read more independently, complete more writing assignments and demonstrate mastery of abstract concepts.

Prerequisite: 93% year end grade in English 8 or 83% in English 8 Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

ENGLISH 10

English 10 builds on foundations of composition, literary analysis, vocabulary and critical thinking. As students encounter prose, poetry and drama from the major literary periods, they consider style and theme from a Biblical perspective and within the context of the writer's life and times. They prove, practice and further develop their ability to write clearly and effectively. Vocabulary and grammar study concentrates on building skills related to college entrance exams.

Prerequisite: English 9 or English 9 Honors • 1 credit

ENGLISH 10 HONORS

English 10 Honors differs from English 10 in the intensity and depth of study. Students read more independently, complete more complex writing assignments and demonstrate mastery of abstract concepts.

Prerequisite: 93% year end grade in English 9 or 83% year end grade in English 9 Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

ENGLISH 11

Students will examine classic and modern literary works from Africa, Southwest Asia, India, China, Japan, Korea, Central and South America, and Europe. Students will develop critical reading and analytical skills as they explore novels, plays, dramas, poems, short stories, and essays. Particular attention is given to improving writing skills. Vocabulary and grammar study continues to emphasize correct application of words in various contexts.

Prerequisite: English 10 or 10 Honors • 1 credit

ENGLISH 11 HONORS

This course differs from English 11 in the intensity and depth of study. Students will also connect how religions, geography, politics and history influence global literature. Students read more works independently, complete more complex writing assignments, and demonstrate greater fluency in critical reasoning and expression. A strong emphasis is placed on preparing students for college-level reasoning and writing.

Prerequisite: 93% year end grade in English 10 or 83% year end grade in English 10 Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Language and Composition Advanced Placement focuses on written analysis of how a writer's style produces meaning and on written preparation of a logical, well-supported argument. Rhetorical elements of style studied include diction, detail, figurative language, syntax and organization. Timed writing assignments and essay revisions are performed frequently.

Prerequisite: 93% year end grade in English 10 Honors with departmental approval • 1 credit

ENGLISH 12

The objective of this class is to develop the reading and writing skills of students while exposing them to a wide variety of American, British, and European literature. We concentrate on analyzing and interpreting literature by doing "close readings." Additionally, by improving writing skills, such as prewriting, drafting, and editing techniques, and refining English language usage skills, such as learning and using correct grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary, we will have the necessary tools to successfully transition to a college environment. Analysis will be done from a biblical perspective.

Prerequisite: English 11 or 11 Honors or AP Language and Composition • 1 credit

ENGLISH 12 HONORS

This course differs from English 12 in the intensity and depth of study. Students read more works in class and independently, complete more complex writing assignments, and demonstrate greater fluency in critical reasoning and expression.

Prerequisite: 93% year end grade in English 11 or 83% year end grade in English 11 Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Literature and Composition Advanced Placement is a college-level course designed to prepare students for writing in college across all curriculums, as well as for taking the Literature and Composition Advanced Placement Exam in May. This course follows the curriculum requirements as set forth by the College Board. The reading selections and writing assignments are rich, diverse, and challenging; the pace of the class is intense. Students will concentrate on the analysis of literature by doing "close readings" and developing other skills necessary for the exam. In addition, the literary analysis will look at style and structure and a writer's diction, imagery, use of detail, language and syntax and to what effect.

Prerequisite: 93% year end grade in English 11 Honors, or 83% year end grade in Language and Composition Advanced Placement, and departmental approval. • 1 credit

JANE AUSTEN LITERARY STUDIES

This elective course introduces Austen's major works of fiction, placing her work in its historical and cultural context and analyzes the texts in order for students to gain a greater understanding of the stories' themes, cultural mores, and Austen's literary techniques.

Prerequisite: Available to Juniors and Seniors • .5 credit

English

Placement Criteria - Math

Math Department

For placement of grade 8 students into upper school levels:

For placement of an eighth grade student into an honors math class, the student must have a year-end grade of 93% or above in the designated prerequisite class and departmental approval.

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| <p>Algebra I Prerequisite minimum: pass Pre-Algebra</p> | <p>Geometry Prerequisite minimum: pass Algebra I</p> <p>or</p> <p>Geometry Honors Prerequisite minimum: 93% in Algebra I</p> | <p>Algebra II Prerequisite minimum: pass Algebra I and Geometry</p> <p>or</p> <p>Algebra II/ Trigonometry Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in Algebra I, a minimum of a 93% in Geometry and take an assessment test or a minimum of an 83% in Geometry Honors</p> | <p>Adv. Functions and Modeling Prerequisite minimum: pass Algebra II</p> <p>or</p> <p>Pre-Calculus Prerequisite minimum of 93% in Algebra II or 83% in Adv. Functions</p> <p>or</p> <p>Pre-Cal Honors 83% in Algebra II Honors</p> | <p>Calculus AB AP or BC AP Prerequisite minimum of 83% in Pre-Cal Honors for AB and 93% in PreCal Honor for BC</p> <p>or</p> <p>Statistics AP Prerequisite minimum of 83% in Pre-Cal Honors or 93% in Pre-Cal or 97% in Advanced Functions</p> | <p>Probability, Statistics and Finite Prerequisite minimum: pass Advanced Functions or Algebra II Honors</p> <p>Probability, Statistics and Finite Honors Prerequisite minimum: 90% in Advanced Functions</p> <p>Calculus III Honors Prerequisite of 93% in Calculus AB or completion of Calculus BC AP</p> |
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* Students may start the math sequence in middle school, such as Algebra I, but four math credits are still required to be earned in the upper school. Grades, effort, maturity, responsibility, consistency, critical thinking and study skills are considered as well as relevant standardized test scores.

ALGEBRA I

Algebra I reviews pre-algebra skills and introduces the following algebraic topics: operations with integers, functions, and their graphs, solving equations and inequalities, graphing and writing linear equations, solving systems of equations and inequalities, quadratic equations and functions, exponents and exponential functions, right triangles, radical and rational expressions, and polynomials. Problem-solving strategies are incorporated throughout the course.

Prerequisite: Pre-Algebra and/or departmental approval •
1 credit

GEOMETRY

Geometry provides a thorough introduction to classical Euclidean geometry and emphasizes the deductive reasoning process. The course includes a study of lines, angles, triangles, circles, polygons, solid figures and how they are related. It uses the concepts of coordinate geometry, congruence, similarity, area, volume, and transformations to analyze the different topics in a more hands-on approach to geometry.

Prerequisite: Algebra I and or departmental approval
• 1 credit

GEOMETRY HONORS

Geometry Honors provides a thorough introduction to classical Euclidean geometry and emphasizes the deductive reasoning process. The course includes a study of lines, angles, triangles, circles, polygons, solid figures and how they are related. It uses the concepts of coordinate geometry, congruence, similarity, area, volume, and transformations to analyze the topics in a more formal, proof-centered approach to geometry. The Honors level results in a more rigorous and faster pace of material being taught. There is also a greater emphasis on solving geometric problems involving quadratic equations.

Prerequisite: Grade of 93% in Algebra I and departmental approval • 1 credit

ALGEBRA II

Algebra II builds upon the basic math skills developed in Algebra I, building a strong foundation for future math courses. The following topics are covered: functions, permutations, exponential and logarithmic functions, rational functions, periodic functions and introductory trigonometric concepts. Problem-solving strategies and appropriate technology are incorporated throughout the course.

Prerequisite: Algebra I, Geometry and or departmental approval • 1 credit

ALGEBRA II & TRIGONOMETRY HONORS

Algebra II Honors is a fast-paced class that is the foundation for Pre-Calculus Honors and then AP Calculus. Algebra II Honors differs than the Algebra II course in that the pace is much faster and the depth of knowledge is more intense. Students must be able to show why not just how in solving problems. Topics covered: functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, rational functions, the conics, translations, graphs of the basic functions to include the conics, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric functions, also the law of sine and cosine and trigonometric identities.

Prerequisite: Grade of 93% in Algebra I; Grade of 93% in Geometry and take assessment test or grade of 83% in Geometry Honors; and departmental approval • 1 credit

ADVANCED FUNCTIONS & MODELING

Advanced Functions and Modeling is for students who have completed Algebra II. This course provides further development of modeling and applying functions. The following functions are included: linear, polynomial, exponential, trigonometric, power, logarithmic, along with sequences and series. Appropriate technology is included in the course.

Prerequisite: Algebra II and/or departmental approval
• 1 credit

PRE-CALCULUS

Pre-Calculus covers the topics of a freshman year college algebra course. Students receive an in-depth study of functions including polynomial, power, rational, exponential, logistic, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. Also included is a study of analytic trigonometry, vectors, parametric and polar equations, analytic geometry and discrete mathematics.

Prerequisite: Grade of 93% in Algebra II or grade of 83% in Adv. Functions and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

PRE-CALCULUS HONORS

Pre-Calculus Honors prepares students for AP Calculus. The following topics are included: graphing families of functions, polynomial, power, rational, exponential, logistic, logarithmic and trigonometric functions, analytic trigonometry, vectors, parametric and polar equations, analytic geometry, and an introduction to limits. Appropriate technology is included in this course.

Prerequisite: Grade of 83% in Algebra II Honors and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

Math

CALCULUS AB ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Calculus AB is a college-level course for students planning to pursue a college major requiring extended use of mathematics. AB Calculus follows the curriculum of a first semester college Calculus class. It is expected that those enrolled in this class will seek to earn college credit. This course emphasizes a multi-representation approach with problems being expressed graphically, numerically, analytically and verbally. The connections between these representations are very important in both attacking a problem and answering one. Broad concepts and widely applicable methods are emphasized. Topics covered are limits, derivatives and integrals. This AP Calculus course is single-blocked.

Prerequisite: Grade of 83% in Pre-Calculus Honors and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

CALCULUS BC ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Calculus BC is a college-level course for students planning to pursue a college major requiring extended use of mathematics. BC Calculus follows the curriculum of a first and second semester college Calculus class. It is expected that those enrolled in this class will seek to earn college credit. This course emphasizes a multi-representation approach with problems being expressed graphically, numerically, analytically and verbally. The connections between these representations are very important in both attacking a problem and answering one. Broad concepts and widely applicable methods are emphasized. Topics covered are everything in the AB curriculum in addition sequences, improper integrals, infinite series, parametric, vector and polar functions. This AP Calculus course is double-blocked.

Prerequisite: Grade of 90% in Pre-Cal Honors and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

STATISTICS ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Statistics Advanced Placement examines and simulates probability distributions in order to predict and estimate future events. Students investigate ways to analyze the relationship between two or more variables through the concepts of correlation and regression. Using a graphing calculator, students discover and understand concepts algebraically, graphically and numerically, as the AP exam requires.

Prerequisite: Grade of 83% in Pre-Calculus Honors or 93% in Pre-Calculus or 97% in Advanced Functions, evaluation or departmental approval • 1 credit

PROBABILITY, STATISTICS & FINITE MATHEMATICS

This course provides a study of contemporary and traditional mathematics that includes probability, statistics, sequences and series, logic, matrices, graph theory, financial mathematics, number systems and other finite math topics. Appropriate technology is included in this course.

Prerequisite: Advanced Functions and Modeling • 1 credit

PROBABILITY, STATISTICS & FINITE MATHEMATICS HONORS

Probability and Statistics Honors emphasizes concepts of fundamental probability skills and statistical analysis. Statistical methods are carefully presented with a focus on understanding both the suitability of the method and the meaning of the result. Statistical methods and measurements are developed in the context of real world applications. Critical thinking and interpretation are essential in understanding and evaluating statistical results. Appropriate technology is included in this course.

Prerequisite: 90 % Advanced Functions and Modeling • 1 credit

CALCULUS III HONORS

Calculus III Honors follows Calculus Advanced Placement and includes the study of multivariable functions, vector-valued functions in plane and space, curvature, double and triple integrals, vector analysis, differential equations and other advanced math topics.

Prerequisite: Grade of 93% in Calculus AB or completion of Calculus BC and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

Math

Placement Criteria - Science

| Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
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| <p>Biology Prerequisite completion of Grade 8 Earth Science</p> <p>or</p> <p>Biology Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in Earth Science</p> | <p>Chemistry Prerequisite completion of Biology</p> <p>or</p> <p>Chemistry Honors Prerequisite minimum of 83% in Biology Honors or 93% in Biology and placement in Honors Math Level</p> | <p>Physics Prerequisite completion of Biology & Chemistry</p> <p>or</p> <p>Physics Honors Prerequisite Completion of Algebra II Honors or Advanced Functions and a minimum of 83% in Chemistry Honors or minimum of 93% or above in Chemistry</p> <p>or</p> <p>Physics C- Mechanics AP Prerequisites must have 93% in Chemistry Honors and 93% in Pre-Calculus Honors. Concurrent or Completion of Calculus AB or BC</p> | <p>Astronomy Prerequisite Seniors only completion of Biology, Chemistry</p> <p>Anatomy and Physiology Prerequisite completion of Biology and Chemistry</p> <p>Environmental Science AP Prerequisite completion of Biology and Chemistry</p> <p>Chemistry AP Prerequisite minimum of 93% in Chemistry Honors, 83% in Physics Honors or Physics C AP</p> <p>Physics C - Mechanics AP Prerequisites: If completed Honors Physics with 83% or higher, must also have 83% in Chemistry Honors and 83% in Pre-Calculus Honors. Concurrent or Completion of Calculus AB or BC</p> |

* Please note the progression of science classes is linked to math placement and may vary.

* Upper school requires three science credits for graduation: biology, chemistry and physics. The fourth year is optional but strongly encouraged.

* Grades, effort, maturity, responsibility, consistency, reading comprehension, critical thinking, and study skills are considered as well as relevant standardized test scores.

BIOLOGY

Biology integrates regular class work with laboratory experience to offer a broad understanding of many biological topics. Students begin the year by learning general characteristics of living organisms. They study life at the molecular/chemical level and then learn the function and structure of cells, the metabolic processes that keep organisms alive, and the genetic and reproductive properties that maintain all species. During second semester, students begin to classify organisms according to specific kingdom and species characteristics. Several weeks of the course are involved in examining theories about the origin of life. During this time, students are encouraged to research, question, and discover fallacies and evidences surrounding these theories. Throughout the year, students learn the importance of biology in everyday life. They are encouraged to find the perfect design God planned in the living world He created.

Prerequisite: Grade 8 Earth Science and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

BIOLOGY HONORS

Biology Honors is for students who exhibit exceptional skills in math and science. Topics are similar to those covered in Biology, but are covered with increased breadth and depth.

Prerequisite: Grade of 93% in Earth Science • 1 credit

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry explores the composition, structure, properties and transformation of matter. Its problem-solving approach coordinates theoretical elements of the science with laboratory experimentation. Students receive an introduction to the major divisions of chemistry and develop a greater understanding of and appreciation for the order and design of God's creation. Major concepts of the course include atomic theory, stoichiometry, chemical reactions and reactivity, chemical bonding and the properties of substances, chemical kinetics, and chemical equilibrium.

Prerequisite: Biology • 1 credit

CHEMISTRY HONORS

Chemistry Honors is for students who exhibit exceptional aptitude in math and science. Topics are covered with increased breadth and depth and require more time (e.g., labs).

Prerequisite: Grade of 83% or above in Biology Honors or a grade of a 93% in Biology and concurrent enrollment in math honors course and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

PHYSICS

This course provides students a general overview of physics. Students learn the basic principles of Newtonian Mechanics including motion, acceleration, forces, momentum, and energy, as well as the fundamental principles of electricity, magnetism, light and sound. The course is highly experiential, with an emphasis on hands-on laboratory work. The course stresses God's preeminence over His creation and demonstrates the order of His work.

Prerequisite: Completion of Biology and Chemistry • 1 credit

PHYSICS HONORS

Physics Honors introduces students to a science that seeks to explain the fundamentals of all phenomena of nature. Physics investigates all matter, from subatomic particles to galaxies, and all energy, from transmission to nuclear fusion. Students broaden their understanding of the physical world and receive an excellent foundation for future study in science and engineering. The course trains students to analyze and solve problems scientifically as they study classical mechanics (the study of motion), electricity and magnetism, with a brief introduction to wave phenomena, optics and sound.

Prerequisite: Student must have completed Algebra II Honors or Advanced Functions; and a grade of 83% in Chemistry Honors or grade of 93% in Chemistry; and departmental approval • 1 credit

PHYSICS C-MECHANICS ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Physics C-Mechanics Advanced Placement is a rigorous course that covers all topics in mechanics. It is equivalent to the first semester of an introductory college physics course for engineering, physics and chemistry majors and gives students the opportunity to earn college credit.

Prerequisite: If completed Honors Physics with 83% or higher, must also have 83% in Chemistry Honors. If no prior Physics class taken, must have 93% in Chemistry Honors. Concurrent enrollment or completion of Calculus AB or BC, and department approval • 1 credit

ASTRONOMY

Astronomy is a year-long science elective that targets students who have a fascination with the complexity, order, and grand design of the universe. The course explores the continually developing cosmos that surrounds us for as far as telescopes allow us to see. Topics include recognizing constellations, our solar system, black holes, galaxies, origin theories, asteroid collisions with Earth, and manned space flight. Evening star parties will be offered throughout the year for students to see the glory of the sky firsthand with an 8" telescope. Sunspots will be observed during daylight hours.

Prerequisite: Completion of Biology and Chemistry • Available to seniors • 1 credit

ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY

This course involves a survey of the structure, function and interactive dynamics of the human body. Students will understand functional anatomy with application to life experience through case studies. This course requires a keen interest in human anatomy and physiology. The first semester covers fundamentals of anatomy and physiology while the second semester explores each body system in detail. Dissections are required. Students are given the option of completing a practicum in the training room or writing a research paper. Students who elect the practicum will be eligible to work in the training room for service hours in subsequent years.

Prerequisite: Biology; Chemistry • 1 credit

CHEMISTRY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Chemistry Advanced Placement is the equivalent of a general college chemistry course and gives students the opportunity to earn college credit. The course continues to develop students' ability to think critically and to express ideas orally and in writing with clarity and logic. Topics are investigated in depth and at a brisk pace.

Prerequisite: Average grade of 93% in Chemistry Honors, 83% in Physics Honors or AP Physics C; concurrent enrollment in Pre-Calculus or higher and departmental approval • 1 credit

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Environmental Science Advanced Placement is an interdisciplinary college-level course that provides students with the scientific principles, concepts and methodologies necessary for understanding the interrelationships of the natural world; identifying and analyzing environmental problems (natural and man-made); evaluating the relative risks associated with these problems; and examining alternate solutions for resolving and/or preventing them. The course is an excellent choice for students who have completed two years of an upper school laboratory science and show keen interest in environmental issues. Topics include: energy flow and matter cycling in ecosystems, basic ecology, human population dynamics, resource use, energy issues, food/soil resources, water resources, biodiversity loss, air/water pollution detection and management, eutrophication, acid rain, ozone depletion, and climate change.

Prerequisite: Grade of 83% in Biology, Chemistry, and departmental approval • 1 credit

Placement Criteria - Social Studies

| Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
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| <p>World History Prerequisite completion of Grade 8 Social Studies</p> <p>or</p> <p>World History Honors Prerequisite 93% in Grade 8 Social Studies</p> | <p>U.S. History Prerequisite completion of World History</p> <p>or</p> <p>U.S. History Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in World History or 83% in World History Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>U.S. History AP Prerequisite minimum of 93% in World History Honors</p> | <p>American Government & Economics Prerequisite completion of US History</p> <p>or</p> <p>American Government & Economics Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in US History, or a minimum of 83% in US History Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>U.S. Government & Politics AP Prerequisite minimum of 93% or above in US History Honors; or 83% or above in US History AP and department approval</p> | <p>Western Civilization Prerequisite completion of US History and American Government and Economics</p> <p>or</p> <p>Western Civilization Honors Prerequisite minimum of 93% in American Government and Economics or a minimum of 83% in American Government and Economics Honors</p> <p>or</p> <p>European History AP Prerequisite minimum of 93% in American Government and Economics Honors; 83% in U.S. Government AP.</p> |

WORLD HISTORY

This full-year course involves the study of geography, civilizations, world religions, economic and political systems, and other major developments that have been crucial to the course of human history. This course begins with creation and ancient civilizations, moves through the rise and fall of the Roman empire, the rise of nation-states, and ends with the present day. Students will develop historical thinking skills as they identify key figures, pivotal events, and major movements that have shaped the world into what it is today. Additionally, students will develop organization and study skills that will prepare them for success at a high school level.

Prerequisite: None • 1 credit

WORLD HISTORY HONORS

World History Honors differs from World History in the intensity and depth of study. Students will analyze primary sources, evaluate document-based questions through historical research, and complete more writing assignments, demonstrating mastery of both historical facts and writing skills.

Prerequisite: 93% in Grade 8 Social Studies • 1 credit

UNITED STATES HISTORY

United States History surveys American history, beginning from the prehistorical settlements of Native Americans in North America to the end of the 20th century. It provides a strong background in historical facts while incorporating the sweeping themes of history that continue to influence our world. Taught against the backdrop of world history events and current events, the course shows the interdependency of our nation and the rest of the world.

Prerequisite: None • 1 credit

UNITED STATES HISTORY HONORS

United States History Honors differs from United States History in the intensity and depth of study. Students are expected to analyze important historical events with an emphasis on the examination of primary sources. Students will examine the interdependency of our nation to the world through writing assignments, demonstrating mastery of both world history historical facts and writing skills.

Prerequisite: 93% or above year end grade in World History or 83% in World History Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

UNITED STATES HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

United States History Advanced Placement provides students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary for dealing critically with problems and materials in United States history. The program gives students an opportunity to complete the equivalent of a full year's college-level work while preparing for intermediate and advanced college courses. Students assess historical materials - their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability and their importance - and weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. This course helps equip students with skills for drawing conclusions based on informed judgment and for presenting reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in essay format.

Prerequisite: 93% in World History Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS

This course of study will give the students a broad-based understanding of both the institutions and purposes of the American government and the economic theories and policies inherent in our free market economic system. Most of our emphasis in the study of government is devoted to civil liberties, the three branches of government, our political behavior, and public policy. Our study of economics will emphasize our economic choices, market pricing, macroeconomic theory, and some microeconomic theory.

Prerequisite: None • 1 credit

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS HONORS

American Government and Economics Honors differs from American Government and Economics in the intensity and depth of study. Students are expected to analyze important historical documents and evaluate critical economic data to write a research paper each semester.

Prerequisite: 93% or above in US History; 83% or above in US History Honors; or 83% or above in U.S. History Advanced Placement • 1 credit

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

United States Government and Politics Advanced Placement gives students a critical perspective on economics, politics and government, involving both the study and general concepts used to interpret United States politics and the analysis of specific case studies. It requires students to analyze the institutions, groups, beliefs and ideas that make up the American political reality.

Prerequisite: 93% or above in US History Honors; or 83% or above in US History Advanced Placement and departmental approval • 1 credit

WESTERN CIVILIZATION

This course offers an in-depth study of the history of western civilization from the fall of the Roman Empire and the growth of Christianity. The class explores the peoples, events, ideas, innovations, political and economic structures, cultures, and religious systems of major western European civilizations, placing particular emphasis on their formative influence on US ideas and ideals. Most of our learning and discussion will revolve around the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, the Age of Enlightenment, the French Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, World Wars I and II, the Cold War, and the contemporary western world.

Prerequisite: US History, American Government & Economics or department approval • 1 credit

WESTERN CIVILIZATION HONORS

Western Civilization Honors differs from Western Civilization in the intensity and depth of study. Students will be expected to examine primary text sources, evaluate historical events and cultures and create writing analysis. Students will demonstrate mastery of both historical information and writing skills by completing a research paper.

Prerequisite: 93% or above in American Government and Economics; 83% or above in American Government and Economics Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

EUROPEAN HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

European History Advanced Placement meets the one year senior Western Civilization requirement. This course is the study of the history of Europe from 1450 to the present, which includes the Renaissance, the Reformation, the English Civil War, the Napoleonic years, both World Wars and much more. So many of the roots of America are in Europe, and this class is important for understanding the world in which we live in.

Prerequisite: 93% in American Government and Economics Honors or 83% in US Government Advanced Placement or departmental approval • 1 credit

Social Studies

Elective Courses

CURRENT EVENTS

This discussion-based class will explore how a Biblical worldview intersects with the events taking place in today's world. It is essential for us to learn how to apply our faith to real world situations. God's absolute truth revealed in His word provides a roadmap for our decisions as we journey through school and beyond. The current headlines will provide case studies for the students to think critically as well as collaborate with their peers on seeking God's direction.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology will give the students an understanding and appreciation of psychology. We will be analyzing Your Self (with emphasis on theories of personality), Your Body (with emphasis on body rhythms and mental states), Your Mind (with emphasis given on thinking and intelligence), Your Environment (with emphasis on learning and behavior), Your Mental Health (with emphasis on psychological disorders), and Your Life (with emphasis on emotions, stress, and health). The Christian perspective and current events will be integrated throughout the course.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY

Students will study the historical development and contemporary discipline of psychology including its roots in philosophy and biology. This course examines biology (neuroscience, genetics, human development, sensation and perception); cognition (learning, memory, thinking, language and intelligence); psychological functioning (motivation, personality theory, psychological disorders and therapy); and social functioning (stress, health, social psychology). This course prepares students to analyze, critique and respond to the aforementioned from a Biblical worldview.

Prerequisite: Available to seniors only. Minimum of 80% in junior English and Social Studies courses • 1 credit

Placement Criteria - World Languages

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| FRENCH | French I | French II Prerequisite minimum: pass French I | French III Prerequisite minimum: pass French II | French IV Honors Prerequisite 90% in French III or 83% in French III Honors | French Language and Culture AP Prerequisite minimum of 83% in French IV Honors |
| | | or French II Honors Prerequisite minimum of 90% in French I | or French III Honors Prerequisite 90% in French II or 83% in French II Honors | | |
| LATIN | Latin I | Latin II Prerequisite minimum: pass Latin I | Latin III Prerequisite minimum: pass Latin II | Latin IV Honors Prerequisite 90% in Latin III or 83% in Latin III Honors | Latin AP Prerequisite minimum of 83% in Latin IV Honors |
| | | or Latin II Honors Prerequisite 90% in Latin I | or Latin III Honors Prerequisite 90% in Latin II or 83% in Latin II Honors | | |
| SPANISH | Spanish I | Spanish II Prerequisite minimum: pass Spanish I | Spanish III Prerequisite minimum: pass Spanish II | Spanish IV Honors Prerequisite minimum of 83% in Spanish III Honors, 90% in Spanish III | Spanish Language and Culture AP Prerequisite minimum of 83% in Spanish IV Honors |
| | | or Spanish II Honors Prerequisite minimum of 90% in Spanish I | or Spanish III Honors Prerequisite minimum of 83% in Spanish II Honors, or minimum of 90% in Spanish II | | |

* The world language completed in upper school does not have to be three years of the same language; it can be two years of the same language and one year of a different world language all completed in upper school. World Language completed in middle school can count towards graduation requirements if levels II and III of the same language are passed in upper school.

FRENCH I

French I emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards - Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. French I introduces the French language and its culture and covers most basic functions of the language. Emphasis is on listening, speaking, reading and writing skills within a given context and extending outside the classroom setting when possible. An overview of the culture – its products (literature, laws, foods, games), perspectives (attitudes, values, beliefs), and practices (patterns of social interaction) – is integrated throughout the course. Students acquire insight into how languages and cultures work by comparing the French language and culture to their own. Topics of study include the calendar, weather, family and home, time, school, sports, Psalms, and Bible verses related to themes. The class is conducted in French and English.

Prerequisite: None • 1 credit

FRENCH II

French II emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards - Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. French II continues developing the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing as students participate in simple conversational situations by combining learned elements of the language orally and in writing. Students compose sentences that narrate, describe, compare and summarize familiar topics from the French culture. They also use the language to communicate basic survival needs and interact on everyday issues inside and outside the classroom setting. Students expand their understanding of similarities and differences between their own culture and language and those of France. Students completing this course are able to recite and learn specific assigned Bible verses. The class is conducted predominantly in French.

Prerequisite: French I and department placement test • 1 credit

FRENCH II HONORS

French II Honors continues developing the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing as students participate in simple conversational situations by combining learned elements of the language orally and in writing. Students compose sentences that narrate, describe, compare and summarize familiar topics from the French culture. They also use the language to communicate basic survival needs and interact on everyday issues inside and outside the classroom setting. Students expand their understanding of similarities and differences between their own culture and language and those of France. Students completing this course are able to recite and learn specific assigned Bible verses. The class is conducted predominantly in French.

Prerequisite: 90% year end grade in French I and departmental approval • 1 credit

FRENCH III

French III emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. French III builds upon the foundation of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills begun in levels I and II. Students respond to and maintain face-to-face communication in French. They identify main ideas and significant details in discussion, presentations, and written texts and interpret authentic materials. Students take the AAPPL test to demonstrate communicative proficiency. At the conclusion of the course they are able to present a simple plan of salvation in writing. The class is conducted predominantly in French.

Prerequisite: French II • 1 credit

FRENCH III HONORS

French III Honors emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards - Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. French III Honors offers additional opportunities for expanding the skills of language learning: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students initiate and maintain face-to-face communication in French. They identify main ideas and significant details in discussion, presentations, and written texts and interpret authentic materials. Students are introduced to brief literary works. The class is conducted predominantly in French.

Prerequisite: 93% year end grade in French II or 83% year end grade in French II Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

FRENCH IV HONORS

French IV Honors emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. French IV Honors focuses on enabling students to communicate in writing and in extended conversations on a variety of topics. Students use more complex grammatical structures as they narrate, discuss, and support ideas and concepts with concrete facts. Upon course completion, students have a good understanding of what is socially acceptable in the French culture. At the conclusion of the course, students are required to give their testimony in writing in French using biblical references. The class is conducted in French.

Prerequisite: 90% in French III or 83% year end grade in French III Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

AP FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE®

AP French Language and Culture® emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards - Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. This class emphasizes conversation, grammar and composition. The class enables students to attain high levels of ability in listening, speaking, reading and writing. They are exposed to a variety of genres to help them expand their knowledge of formal language in oral and written forms, thereby increasing levels of coherency, resourcefulness, fluency, and accuracy. Students are graded using the AP scale.

Prerequisite: 83% year end grade in French IV Honors and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

World Languages

LATIN I

Latin I introduces the Classical Languages Standards through the study of Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities. Students analyze the basic grammar, vocabulary and structure of Latin, and compare it to English. Emphasis is on development of listening, speaking, reading and writing within a given context, extending outside the classroom setting when possible. Students will learn Latin and Greek derivatives as a part of building vocabulary and enhancing a student's strength in the language arts. Students also explore important aspects of Roman culture and compare it to their own community. Content is introduced through the short stories of *Ecce Romani I*.

Prerequisite: None • 1 credit

LATIN II

This course is the continuation of Latin grammar and a deeper study of Roman culture and history presented via *Ecce Romani II*. The grammar in Latin II reviews topics from Latin I with expanding use of declensions, adjectives, adverbs, and cases. These skills will be used to translate longer Latin texts to English, a task that requires more knowledge of grammar and vocabulary recall.

Prerequisite: Latin I • 1 credit

LATIN II HONORS

This course is the continuation of Latin grammar and a deeper study of Roman culture and history presented via *Ecce Romani II*. The grammar in Latin II reviews topics from Latin I with expanding use of declensions, adjectives, adverbs, and cases. These skills will be used to translate longer Latin texts to English, a task that requires more knowledge of grammar and vocabulary recall. This course is taught at a quicker pace with deeper exploration of content.

Prerequisite: 90% year end grade in Latin I and departmental approval • 1 credit

LATIN III

Latin III is a continuation of the stories presented in *Ecce Romani II*. The course requires an intermediate level of language as described in the Classical Language Standards. The stress is on reading, grammatical and syntactical complexities, with continued studies of the Roman culture.

Prerequisite: Latin II • 1 credit

LATIN III HONORS

Latin III Honors is a continuation of the stories presented in *Ecce Romani II*. The course requires an intermediate level of language as described in the Classical Language Standards. The stress is on reading, grammatical and syntactical complexities, with continued studies of the Roman culture. Honors Latin is presented at a deeper and quicker pace with an increased focus on translation skills.

Prerequisite: 90% year end grade in Latin II; or 83% year end grade in Latin II Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

LATIN IV HONORS

This course is meant to increase students' knowledge of the language, customs, religion, and history of the ancient Romans by exposing them to original Latin texts. The majority of time will be spent on learning to read the Latin language; at this stage in your studies the emphasis will fall on taking the skills learned in previous levels of Latin and applying them to the reading of original Latin poetry and prose. Students will also continue to hone their grammar and translation skills and add to their knowledge of ancient Roman history and classical mythology.

Prerequisite: 90% in Latin III or 83% in Latin III Honors • 1 credit

LATIN ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The AP Latin course focuses on the in-depth study of selections from two of the greatest works in Latin literature: Vergil's *Aeneid* and Caesar's *Gallic War*. The course requires students to prepare and translate the readings and place these texts in a meaningful context, which helps develop critical, historical, and literary sensitivities. Throughout the course, students consider themes in the context of ancient literature and bring these works to life through classroom discussions, debates, and presentations. Additional English readings from both of these works help place the Latin readings in a significant context. This course is designed for students who have completed four years of Latin or at the recommendation of the instructor.

Prerequisite: 83% year end grade in Latin IV Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

SPANISH I

Spanish I emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. Spanish I introduces the Spanish language and its culture as students learn and perform the most basic functions of the language. Emphasis is on development of listening, speaking, reading and writing within a given context, extending outside the classroom setting when possible. A general introduction to the culture - its products (literature, laws, foods, games), perspectives (attitudes, values, beliefs), and practices (patterns of social interaction) – is integrated throughout the course. Students acquire insight into how languages and cultures work by comparing the second language and culture to their own.

Prerequisite: None • 1 credit

SPANISH II

Spanish II emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. Spanish II continues developing the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing as students participate in simple conversational situations by combining learned elements of the language orally and in writing. Students are provided additional time to strengthen skills and understanding of concepts first learned in Spanish I and are exposed to new skills and concepts as sequentially appropriate. They compose simple sentences to narrate, describe, compare and summarize familiar topics from the Spanish culture. They also use the language to communicate basic survival needs and interact on everyday issues inside and outside the classroom setting. Students expand their understanding of the similarities and differences between their own culture and language and those of Spanish-speaking countries. The class is conducted in Spanish and in English.

Prerequisite: Spanish I and sufficient score on year end department placement test • 1 credit

SPANISH II HONORS

Spanish II Honors emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. Spanish II Honors continues developing the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing as students participate in simple conversational situations by combining learned elements of the language orally and in writing. They compose sentences that narrate, describe, compare and summarize familiar topics from the Spanish culture. They also use the language to communicate basic survival needs and interact on everyday issues inside and outside the classroom setting. Students expand their understanding of the similarities and differences between their own culture and language and those of Spanish-speaking countries. The class is conducted predominantly in Spanish and will explore content at a deeper level.

Prerequisite: 90% year end grade in Spanish I and departmental approval • 1 credit

SPANISH III

Spanish III emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. Spanish III builds upon the foundation of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills begun in levels I and II. Students respond to and maintain face-to-face communication in Spanish. They identify main ideas and significant details in discussion, presentations, and written texts and interpret authentic materials. At the conclusion of the course they are able to present a simple plan of salvation in writing. The class is conducted predominantly in Spanish.

Prerequisite: Spanish II • 1 credit

SPANISH III HONORS

Spanish III Honors emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. Students respond to and maintain face-to-face communication in Spanish and are assessed at the intermediate level. They identify main ideas and significant details in

discussion, presentations, and written texts. The class is conducted in Spanish. Student progress is monitored using ACTFL National Proficiency guidelines for intermediate learners.

Prerequisite: 90% year end grade in Spanish II or 83% year end grade in Spanish II Honors and departmental approval
• 1 credit

SPANISH IV HONORS

Spanish IV Honors emphasizes integration of the five National World Language Standards- Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities- from a Biblical perspective. Spanish IV Honors focuses on enabling students to communicate in writing and in extended conversations on a variety of topics. Students use complex grammatical structures as they narrate, discuss and support ideas and concepts with concrete facts. At the conclusion of the course, students are required to give their testimony in writing in Spanish using Biblical references. Students may take the SAT II written component and will participate in the National Spanish Exam. The class is conducted in Spanish.

Prerequisite: 90% year end grade in Spanish III and departmental approval or 83% year end grade in Spanish III Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP Spanish Language and Culture® explores the six AP curriculum themes: Families and Communities, Science and Technology, Beauty and Aesthetics, Global Challenges, Contemporary Life, and Personal and Public Identities. Through analysis and communication of these themes, students attain advanced levels of ability in listening, speaking, reading, writing and cultural competence. Students are graded according to the AP scale, in conjunction with the ACTFL performance standards for intermediate high/advanced low learners. The class is conducted exclusively in Spanish.

Prerequisite: 83% year end grade in Spanish IV Honors and departmental approval • 1 credit

SPANISH LITERATURE ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Spanish Literature Advanced Placement is a survey course of Peninsular and Latin American literature. The course focuses on critical reading and writing in Spanish. Students will become familiar with major literary movements and the philosophies behind them, as well as the major authors who exemplify each. They will study how language is connected to and shaped by the history, cultural practices and values of those who speak it, as reflected in the literature of Hispanic peoples. As a part of the course, students are expected to acquire the terminology of literary analysis in Spanish, discuss and criticize literature in writing, and refine general skills in speaking and writing Spanish. The class is conducted as an independent study course.

Prerequisite: 83% year end grade in Spanish IV Honors, 83% year end grade in Spanish Language Advanced Placement and departmental approval

Biblical Studies

| Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
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| Old Testament Survey | New Testament Survey | Christian Theology and World Religions | Christian Philosophy and Apologetics |

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Old Testament Survey covers the historical flow of the Old Testament. The aim is to acquaint each student with the background, content, message and personal application of the historical narrative sections of the Old Testament from Genesis to Nehemiah, and also to study the unity of all the books in the progress of revelation and redemption. At the completion of this course, students will be able to list the basic facts regarding the historical background, theme and content, understand creation theories, describe Israel's geography and the location of important historical sites, and apply the Old Testament's message to our modern cultural context.

Freshman requirement • 1 credit

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

New Testament Survey is an overview of the books of the New Testament. Students will learn about the validity of the Scriptures, the geography of Bible lands, the life of Messiah Jesus, the actions of the Jesus' first disciples, and lessons found in the letters. Some questions discussed include: Who is God? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? What is real love? What is eternal life? What is the best way to live? What does it mean to have a biblical worldview?

Sophomore requirement • 1 credit

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

Christian Theology and World Religions teaches students to analyze other faiths from a biblical and logical perspective and equips students with the ability to respond intelligently to those of other belief systems. The first semester of this course traces the historical development of the Church and includes an overview of the major doctrines of Christianity. Students learn to articulate biblical doctrines such as the doctrine of God, the Trinity, angels and salvation, and to debate opposing theological similarities and differences of Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy and the various Protestant denominations. The second semester encompasses a critical examination of all major world religions including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and cults.

Junior requirement • 1 credit

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY AND APOLOGETICS

Christian Philosophy and Apologetics focuses on the study of apologetics as students discover a rational basis for their faith, face their doubts and questions, and strive toward a close relationship with Christ. Substantial time is spent laying a foundation whereby students may see the role of the mind in their relationship with our Creator and Lord. The relationship between faith and reason is discussed and the philosophical underpinnings of Christianity are investigated. Students are challenged to take a critical look at the worldviews that permeate the cultures of this world. Throughout the year, students are encouraged to make the Christian faith their own, no longer relying on others for their justification of belief. This class culminates in an extensive paper in which the students give their personal statement of faith.

Senior requirement • 1 credit

Computer Science & Technology

COMPUTER SCIENCES

The course introduces students to the foundational concepts of computer science and challenges them to explore how computing and technology can impact the world. Students will gain knowledge in digital representations of data and programming and app design using JavaScript.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

COMPUTER SCIENCE ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Computer Science Advanced Placement is a rigorous programming course. Topics include loops, arrays, data structures, objects, methods and interfaces. Students are required to take the first semester exam and the Advanced Placement exam.

Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in Pre-Calculus Honors and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

This one semester course introduces students to the fundamentals of Google Sketchup and AutoCAD software commonly used in the architectural or engineering industries. Students will become familiar with these programs, drawing techniques and design. This course focuses on residential architecture.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

DIGITAL MEDIA

In this course, students will dive into the creative worlds of Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator to learn basic to intermediate graphic media principles. This hands-on course will provide students the opportunity to learn from experienced users of both Photoshop and Illustrator.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

ENGINEERING I

Engineering I is a hands-on, project-based course where students apply the engineering design process to solve problems. Students will apply math, science, and engineering standards to bring their designs through the stages of product development. They will use 3D modeling software, a digital engineering notebook, and 3D printers, to work on both individual and collaborative projects

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

ENGINEERING II

Engineering II continues the development of the engineering design process in students to solve real world problems and bring ideas to life. Students will learn STEM principles, while using problem-based learning, and working in a collaborative environment. Topics of Engineering include mechanisms, strength of materials and structures, automation, and kinematics. Students will create real products to analyze and test. Student will have the opportunity to use creativity, prove their concepts, and promote their ideas to their peers.

Prerequisite: Engineering I • .5 credit

iKNIGHTS TECH FORCE

The iKnights Tech Force is a student-run technology help desk/support program. The goal of iKnights Tech Force is to expand our school's technology integration and proficiency. Students will take a leadership role in developing the technology support structures and resources for both students and teachers. This will be accomplished through basic tech troubleshooting, assisting teachers and students with tech integration, creating support for foundational apps, and providing tech news and updates.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

Fine Arts - Visual

ART I

Art I is a basic introduction to visual art concepts and art-making techniques. Students will use various art mediums and methods to create drawings, paintings, graphic designs and ceramic pieces. Projects will be based on an understanding and use of the basic "Elements of Art" and "Principles of Design." Developing the ability to see artistically and to solve visual problems creatively will also be emphasized.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

ART II

Art II is for students who have had some art experience and who wish to further develop their art making skills. This year-long class focuses on creative development and contextual art history. Projects include two and three-dimensional creations.

Prerequisite: Art I and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

STUDIO ART HONORS

Studio Art Honors is a year-long advanced level studio art class that is a precursor to AP Studio Art. Students will further develop their artistic skills and knowledge through drawing, painting, collage, printmaking and darkroom photography. They will explore experimental mediums and develop a portfolio of quality works.

Prerequisite: Art II and departmental approval • 1 credit

2D ART AND DESIGN, 3D ART AND DESIGN, AND DRAWING ADVANCED PLACEMENT

These Advanced Placement courses enable juniors and seniors who are highly motivated and committed to art to do college level work while still in upper school. The program requires a portfolio of the year's work arranged according to specific guidelines. Students can choose one of the three areas of focus to begin their portfolio. At the end of the school year, students must submit their completed portfolios to the College Board for evaluation.

Prerequisite: Studio Art Honors and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

ART HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Art History Advanced Placement provides an art history survey of both Western and non-Western art. The class explores the relationship of art to various cultures and time periods and expands students' worldview. Power Points, reproductions and videos are used in conjunction with class lectures. Students may earn college credit upon successful completion of the AP exam in Art History. Students who participate in AP classes receive additional quality point(s) in their GPA calculation. Please note that students whose final grade in an AP course is lower than a C will not receive any additional quality point(s). Individual students may elect to take the AP Art History exam if desired.

Prerequisite: none • 1 credit

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital Photography introduces students to the fundamentals of digital photography. These include camera operation, exposure techniques and concepts of effective visual composition. Projects will emphasize development of an awareness of our visual environment. Various subjects will be photographed in creative and innovative ways to help students go beyond the "point and shoot" level of digital photography. Students must supply their own digital camera with standard lens and image transfer equipment. Students will need to have the camera available for every class.

Prerequisite: none • .5 credits

SCULPTURE

This semester course provides an introduction to 3-dimensional design principles as applied to the sculpture-making process. Students will work hands-on to create sculptural forms using various sculpting techniques and materials. These materials will include (but not necessarily be limited to) clay, plaster, wire, wood, cardboard, found objects etc. Through this course students will focus on technical, historical, aesthetic, and cultural aspects of sculpture, as they develop their own personal style of developing 3-dimensional artwork.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

Fine Arts - Music

INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC THEORY

Introduction to Music Theory is designed to give students a foundation of knowledge and understanding in music theory, and will be useful for students who are interested in vocal or instrumental music. This class will serve as a prerequisite to AP Music Theory. Students will study topics such as: melody (how to read notes), rhythm (how to count music), scales (major/minor keys) chords (what makes a chord), history (composers and musical periods).

Prerequisite: None .5 credit

MUSIC THEORY

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Music Theory Advanced Placement is academically-oriented, requiring students to read, analyze, discuss, and create music, as well as to apply techniques of the baroque-classical era to modern music. Students learn the system of notation used in classical music and discern keys, meters, note names and rhythms. They understand the construction and relationships of major and minor scales, identify related key signatures, identify intervals and chords used in classical music, and construct these intervals and chords from a given note. Students also develop skills of melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic discernment and dictation. They increase their pitch recognition and music memory and use these skills to scribe music played for them.

Prerequisite: Intro to Music Theory and/or departmental approval • 1 credit

UPPER SCHOOL ORCHESTRA HONORS

Upper School Orchestra Honors is for students in grades 9-12 who play violin, viola, cello, or bass. In this class students will continue development of skills such as note reading, understanding rhythms, and playing in tune. Students learn to play in a variety of musical styles, and learn how key signatures and major/minor scales function within the music. Students will complete one additional assignment each quarter to receive Honors credit. Performances/ rehearsals outside of the regular school day are required.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval/
Instrument Proficiency
• 1 credit

DIGITAL MUSIC I - GARAGEBAND

In Digital Music I, students learn to use the software for GarageBand for Mac. The student will develop skills such as recording, mixing, and composing. Through this course, students will come to realize that technology is a major part of today's music and how this technology can enhance each student's musical interests and skills.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval
• .5 credit

DIGITAL MUSIC II - ABLETON LIVE

Digital Music II continues to build the student's skills in the area of song creation and music software programming. Students will learn to use the music software program Ableton Live 9 Intro.

Prerequisite: Digital Music 1 and
departmental approval • .5 credit

MUSIC HISTORY: FROM BACH TO ROCK

Through participation in Music History: From Bach to Rock, students will cultivate the ability to listen to music deeply and to understand how the music of the past influences today's music. Students will understand the evolution of music (classical, jazz, and rock) through exposure to composers and artists throughout history while building a vocabulary of the elements of music.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

UPPER SCHOOL CHOIR

Upper School Choir, which meets during the school day, provides a place for students to learn the foundation of skills needed for choral music. Students will study a varied repertoire of choral literature representing different historical periods, styles, and cultures. This course is an introduction to choral singing, performance techniques, and music literacy, which includes reading music at sight and basic theory skills. This ensemble will require some performances and rehearsals outside of the regular school day.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit per
semester (may be taken year-long for 1
credit)

UPPER SCHOOL CHOIR HONORS

This audition-only choir is for the experienced singer who wants to continue to excel in vocal technique, sight-reading, and choral ensemble skills. This is a full-year course that meets twice a week during the zero hour (7:00 - 7:50) and performances and rehearsals outside of the regular class time are required occasionally.

Prerequisite: Audition • .5 credit

INTRODUCTION TO GUITAR

This class is designed for beginners on the guitar or players who would like to fill in the gaps in their basic overall knowledge of the instrument. It is not designed for those who have extensive study (several months of private instruction) Students will begin playing right away with proper playing position. This course will cover instrument knowledge, individual strings, basic techniques, simple chords, strumming, basics of finger-style technique, reading music (standard notation), and concepts in music theory that can be used to read & write music. Music played in this class will be drawn from Classical, Contemporary Christian, American Popular, and Folk styles. Students are responsible for providing 1. Their own acoustic instrument, with nylon or steel strings, in good playing condition. 2. Electronic tuner, and guitar picks. Note: Electric only guitars are not conducive to this class.

Prerequisite: None .5 credit

VOCAL TECHNIQUE

This course focuses on developing proper vocal technique, which is then applied to various genres such as pop, jazz, folk, musical theatre, and art song. Emphasis is placed on healthy singing technique and vocal pedagogy. Students receive training in private voice lessons, group master classes, class performance and a final recital performance.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

WIND ENSEMBLE HONORS

Wind Ensemble Honors is a performance-based class that enables students to develop their instrumental performance technique and musicianship as a service to the school and as a ministry for God's glory. This ensemble performs grade level appropriate repertoire for concerts, chapels, and special events both at school

and in the community. Daily coursework focuses on developing the fundamentals of performance technique and ensemble playing such as tone, intonation, balance, rhythm, and musicality. Elements of music theory and music history are also taught in this class as they relate to the literature being performed. Students wishing to enroll in Wind Ensemble Honors must

demonstrate grade appropriate mastery of fundamental technique on their instrument as well as grade appropriate music reading skills.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval/
instrument proficiency • 1 credit

Fine Arts - Film/Theatre

INTRODUCTION TO ACTING

Introduction to Acting is a one-semester course that focuses on building a strong ensemble of students. The course will inherently build self-confidence while strengthening presentation skills and developing the young actor. This will be accomplished by exploring the three tools of the actor (body, voice, and mind) through pantomime, improvisation, characterization, script analysis, and scene work. The class is participatory in nature with a memorized scene as the culminating project.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

INTERMEDIATE ACTING

Intermediate Acting is a semester course that is designed for the student who either has theatrical experience and/or has successfully completed Introduction to Acting. The student will delve deeper into acting training through a series of exercises and improvisations that further explore characterization and scene work. The course will also explore different styles of theatre and teach audition techniques. The culmination will be a one-act play.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Acting and/
or departmental approval • .5 credit

ACTING STUDIO (ACT 1) HONORS

ACT I is an honors-level acting troupe comprised of students who have a passion for acting and a strong work ethic. Entrance into the class is through audition. The ideal candidate is someone who has at least completed Introduction to Acting. During the year, students have the opportunity to perform in a variety of venues such as Windy Gap, a dinner

theatre, and chapels. They will also compete in the NC Thespian Conference, Christian in Theatre Arts Festival, and NC Thespian Festival. When not preparing for performances the students work on various acting methods.

Prerequisite: By audition only (Actors) or
Interview (Tech Theatre track). • 1 credit

BROADCASTING (Knights Knews)

Broadcasting educates students on the power and potential of various mass communication strategies. The Knights Knews team creates a magazine that airs weekly to all upper school students and is posted on YouTube on the Knights Knews channel. In addition to the news magazine, students will also learn how to create a broadcasting personality, which they will utilize throughout the school year. Students will be required to learn editing on Final Cut®, and create news stories in words and pictures on Celtx®. An application and video submission is a required part of the audition to be on the Knights Knews team.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of
Intro to Film Production and departmental
approval. • 1 credit

INTRODUCTION TO FILM PRODUCTION

In this semester course, students will learn the basics of how to write, plan, shoot, and edit various video content. This hands on course will explain how to shoot news anchors, interviews, music videos, and short films. Students will become proficient in basic camera handling, script writing using Celtx® software, and editing on Final Cut®.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

FILM STUDIES

The purpose of this course is to educate students on the making, history, and language of films. In addition to learning about roles in filmmaking, students will learn to look beyond the story and see how film uses its images appropriately to create desired effects within audiences. Throughout the semester, students will watch and write about several films that have importance in the history of movies. Students will also see how films are used to communicate a director and writer's worldview.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

TECHNICAL THEATER

This course is designed to give the student a working knowledge of the technical aspects of theater. The course will include work with scenic design, set construction, painting, property design and construction, lighting, sound engineering, costume and make-up design, stage management, and dramaturgy. Although this is primarily a hands-on-class, research and projects will also be a part of the course. The student will also be required to work on some productions that will extend beyond the school day.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

Personal Development

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS

Introduction to Business provides a foundation for business education by exploring issues and principles of finance, marketing, entrepreneurship, communications, management, economics, leadership and human resources. Students also study profiles of business leaders, challenges in the business world and real-life business scenarios.

Prerequisite: Algebra I; scheduling priority given to students in grades 10-12 • .5 credit

BUSINESS II / PERSONAL FINANCE

This course is a second level class that goes deeper into the business fundamentals of finance, accounting, marketing, management and human resources. Additionally, students will learn about the basics of personal finance that will help prepare them for college and beyond.

Prerequisite: Complete Intro to Business; available to juniors and seniors. • .5 credit

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING

Introduction to Public Speaking teaches a better understanding of the art of public speaking and improves each student's skill in that arena. The course is designed to meet students where they are in their ability level. The coursework will include but not be limited to, theater games, lively group discussion, the skill of using PowerPoint in speeches, and several in-class presentations each with its own focus.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

JANUARY TERM

J-Term occurs the first week of January following Christmas break. The J-Term break makes it possible to offer nontraditional courses as well as a variety of educational and mission/service trips. Courses include: three and/or six-hour enrichment classes, mission/service/spiritual life trips, and internships (juniors and seniors only.)

Prerequisite: Required for all students • .25 credit

JUNIOR SEMINAR

Junior Seminar is a required semester course for all juniors. This course will help prepare students for their senior year as well as for college by: equipping them with test-taking strategies for the SAT and ACT exams; providing opportunity for the completion of college essays, inventories and resumes; examining the impact of worldview on higher education; requiring research of specific colleges; and instructing effective college visit strategies as well as various important relational skills. A variety of speakers will

be utilized, according to their areas of expertise, all with a common emphasis on students seeking God's good and special will for their lives and effectively impacting the world around them (their senior year and beyond), for Christ. This course is required for graduation.

Prerequisite: Required for all juniors • .5 credit

LOGIC AND DEBATE

The course trains students how to organize their thoughts correctly and articulate their ideas intelligently. Students will learn the science of forming an argument and the art of communicating it with precision and respect. This course will cover the basics of truth, logic, and argumentation which will equip students to recognize the philosophical assumptions and underpinnings of an argument in order to judge its validity. Students will learn to identify formal and informal logical fallacies and how to construct sound syllogisms. There will be ample class time dedicated to in-class debates. All students will have the opportunity to express their skills through debate topics of their choice.

Prerequisite: Open to grades 10- 12 • .5 credit

SENIOR STUDY HALL

Eligible seniors, with parental and administrative approval, will be permitted to leave the building during the first or fourth block of the school day. There is no instruction during this time; therefore, no grade is awarded nor do they receive credit.

Prerequisite: Available to seniors • No credit awarded

STUDY HALL

This is a period in the school day when students are not scheduled for an academic class. Study hall is a quiet work environment monitored by a teacher. There is no instruction during this time; therefore, no grade is awarded. Students do not receive credit for study hall.

Prerequisite: None • No credit awarded

TEACHER AIDE

Teacher Aide gives students hands-on experience with routine tasks of a teacher. Students are assigned to a teacher for one class period. This class will be evaluated with a pass/fail grade only.

Prerequisite: Available to juniors and seniors and approval by the designated teacher • .25 credit

P.E. & Life Skills

LIFETIME FITNESS 9

This course will focus on educating students as to the importance of lifetime physical wellness through aerobic exercise, movement training, nutrition, mental health and strength training. Emphasis will be placed on the assessment and maintenance of physical fitness to improve health and performance. Additional emphasis will be placed upon the application of psychological and sociological concepts, including self-responsibility, positive social interaction, and group dynamics in the learning and performance of physical activity. Units of activity will include physical fitness as well as traditional aerobic sports and games.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

WEIGHT TRAINING

Weight Training involves basic exercise for major muscle groups and routines appropriate for developing muscular strength and endurance. The class is open to males and females. Students may take this class multiple times, but only a total of one credit (two semesters) may be applied toward graduation requirements. This class will be evaluated with a pass/fail grade only.

Prerequisite: Completion of Life Fitness • .5 credit

Publications

JOURNALISM

Journalism is designed to give students a solid grounding in the field of journalism. Students will study the fundamental principles of gathering, writing, reporting, and editing news. They will develop composition skills appropriate for news stories, feature articles, news columns, and editorials. Students research school topics and write articles for a school publication that they organize and print. Students must be highly committed to school newspaper production to gain admittance into this course.

Prerequisite: None • .5 credit

YEARBOOK

Yearbook teaches the art of producing a JK-12 yearbook. The ability to write well and some experience in photography, design and layout are useful for this class. Because of the many deadline pressures involved, students must be organized and responsible. Seniors who have at least one year of experience with serving on yearbook team may earn an honors credit for their senior year.

Prerequisite: Open to 9-12 grade; application required
• 1 credit

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