

curriculum overview ELEVENTH GRADE

equipping students for a life WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND ELOQUENCE

to the Glory of God



Eleventh Grade Curriculum Overview

Rhetoric III: Advanced Rhetorical Theory & Practice

In the third year of rhetoric, students will study the more advanced rhetorical concepts and applications from Aristotle, Cicero, and Quintilian, while applying the principles to more nuanced forms of writing. In addition to this study and practice, students will begin selecting a topic and doing preliminary research for the senior thesis.

Literature III: British Literature (AP Option)

The junior year of literature centers around the great books and poetry of Britain from the 16th through the 20th centuries with a focus on the central ideas they present, the ways in which they reflect the culture from which they emerged, and the impact they've had on western society. This year, students apply all the skills and understanding they have mastered over the many years of discussion and pages of text to discover what the works of the British authors contribute to the great conversation. Students will have the opportunity to take the AP Language and Composition exam at the end of the school year.

Latin III: Classic Texts & Composition

The third cycle of Latin (9th-12th grades) focuses on classic works in the Latin language in literature, philosophy, history, and theology. Engagement with these masterpieces of the Latin language is intended to further immerse students in the life of Latin and cultivate a love for the composition and contents our forebears read in the language in which it was written. In addition to reading excellent works in the Latin language, students will begin writing their own prose and poetry in Latin, seeking to emulate the excellent compositions they are encountering.

Theology III: The Reformation & Modern Church

Theology from the Reformation to the 20th Century provides a study of the developments and trajectories of Christian doctrine from the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century through the modern theological scene of the 20th century. The theology of some of the most influential individuals from these eras will be surveyed. Special attention will be given to the Protestant Reformation and the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation, Enlightenment theology, and theological liberalism. Students will be given the opportunity to research and report on their own denominational identity.



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History III: European (AP Option)

In the junior year of historical study, students will engage with the major figures, events, and influential movements of modern European society. Practicing skills that have been developing in this final cycle of historical study, students will take time to consider how the arc of European history has shaped the Western world today. Students will have the opportunity to take the AP European History exam at the end of the school year.

Science III: Physics

In high school physics, students will build on their prerequisite knowledge of geometry, algebra and physical science to study the more advanced laws and theories associated with motion and energy. Students will practice precise methods of problem solving and predicting outcomes. Additionally, students will practice demonstrating interactions of matter through clear models and representations of concepts.

Math III: Pre-Calculus

In the junior year of mathematics, students will begin transitioning from the foundational elements of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry, and look toward how it can apply to more realistic situations. Students will begin speaking the language of calculus and link their prior understandings to continuous change.

Music

High school students all participate in our upper school choir, a curricular choir that meets twice a week throughout the year. The upper school choir performs at a number of our all-school events.