



PROVIDENCE
A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
TENTH GRADE

equipping students for a life
WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND ELOQUENCE
to the Glory of God



Tenth Grade Curriculum Overview

Rhetoric II: Intermediate Rhetorical Theory & Practice

In the second year of rhetoric, the student completes their study of the basic framework of classical rhetoric while employing the skills learned in complex persuasive essays, creative writings, and a major research paper modeled after the senior thesis. Students will build off of skills learned in the basic canons and genres of rhetoric by practicing skills in the more advanced canons and the appeals of rhetorical persuasion.

Literature II: Medieval Literature

The sophomore year of literature centers around the timeless classics from the Medieval period, known to be standard for the past several centuries to a student's education in the humanities. The works explore deep spiritual questions and truths that are central to the Christian faith, and do so with greater power of poetry than the world has seen for ages. In this year of study, students will grow in their literacy of the canon of great books while building more sophisticated skills of literary study and personal delight in reading works from an age long past.

Latin II: 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 II: The Medieval Church

Theology from the Medieval period provides a study of the developments and trajectories of Christian doctrine from the early Middle Ages leading up to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. This class will survey the theology of some of the most influential individuals of the medieval period, whose works greatly influence the Christian faith to this day.

History II: The Medieval World

The sophomore year of history covers the 1,000-year period between the fall of the western Roman empire and the beginning of the Italian Renaissance. This course explores the major political, social, religious, and cultural institutions and events that shaped this complex and dynamic period of human history. Students will engage with the major figures, events, and ideas of Medieval society, while practicing skills in historical analysis, interpretation, contextualization, and appreciation.



Tenth Grade Curriculum Overview (cont.)

Science II: Chemistry

In high school chemistry, students will gain a deeper knowledge of the composition of matter on an atomic and molecular level. Students will apply mathematical and scientific skills acquired over the years to better understand the properties and interactions of created matter and energy composing the universe. Students will measure and experiment with various forms of matter and chemical processes to develop methods of inquiry, data collection and analysis to draw conclusions and communicate results.

Math II: Algebra II

In the sophomore year of mathematics, students will complete their study in algebra, using all the skills and tools they have learned in prior years to solve multi-faceted problems abstractly and in real scenarios. Students will integrate all they have learned from prior algebra and geometry to play with expressions, solve equations, and prove functions.

Art

In upper school art, students practice more advanced techniques in artistic expression in drawing, painting, and sculpting. Through various projects they will sharpen their skills as artists and grow in their appreciation of art forms.

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.

P.E.

In the high-school physical education course, students work together to build skills in organized sports and careful body control. Students begin to practice strategy under stress in more high intensity games with more complex rules and principles of game play.