

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW TWELFTH GRADE

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



# Twelfth Grade Curriculum Overview

## **Rhetoric IV: Senior Thesis**

In the final year of rhetoric, the primary feature is the organization, composition, presentation, and defense of a thesis. This project will be the culmination of the student's entire educational track. In addition to constructing the senior thesis, students will continue to engage with advanced rhetorical concepts, practice public presentation, and learn from famous speeches of modern history.

# **Literature IV: American Literature (AP Option)**

The senior year of literature centers around the great books of the American tradition from the discovery to the present day, with a focus on and the central ideas they present, the ways in which they reflect the culture from which they emerged, and the impact they've had on American culture and heritage. This year, students apply all the skills and understandings they have mastered over the many years of discussion and pages of text to discover what the works of the American authors contribute to the great conversation. Students will have the opportunity to take the AP Literature and Composition exam at the end of the school year.

# **Latin IV: 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 IV: Worldview & Apologetics

The final year of theology seeks to cultivate sensitivity, integrity, and faithfulness in living out the faith in this world. Using the years of Biblical and Theological study in the years prior, students are challenged to search out their answers to contemporary culture's hardest questions using the foundational truths of God's Word.



# **Twelfth Grade Curriculum Overview (cont.)**

# **History IV: United States (AP Option)**

In the final year of historical study, students will engage with the major figures, events, and influential movements of modern American history. Practicing the historical thinking skills that have been developing, students will analyze United States history from its earliest days to the present. Students will have the opportunity to take the AP U.S. History exam at the end of the school year.

# Science IV: Biology II

In senior Biology, students will have the opportunity to get into the more specialized areas of knowledge general biology did not cover. Students will delve into the thorough systems of nature, complex organic processes, and how organisms sustain themselves and grow due to microscopic events. In this course, students will have the opportunity to receive college credit.

# Math IV: Calculus (AP Option)

In the final year of mathematics, students master the art of recognizing how quantifiable forms can be used to understand reality and even predict outcomes. Students will begin pushing the bounds of mathematical theory and practice, and further develop creative and efficient solutions to complex problems. Students will have the opportunity to take the AP Calculus exam at the end of the school year.

### 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.