



Curriculum Overview

The sequence of courses listed below constitutes the core academic program at The Academy. Successful completion of this program, or an approved alteration to it, will fulfill the requirements for an Academy diploma. In the Upper School, most courses meet for the full school year, three times each week.

LOWER SCHOOL

7th Grade

English
Pre-Algebra*
Climate Connections: Earth Science
Geography
Introduction to Romance Languages:
 French and Spanish
Foundations in Music
Art

8th Grade

English
Algebra I*
Introduction to Physical Sciences
Health and Anatomy
American Government
French I or Spanish I
Introduction to Latin
Art

UPPER SCHOOL

9th Grade

Freshman Humanities**
Geometry*
Biology
French II or Spanish II
Latin I
Foundations in Art

10th Grade

Sophomore Humanities**
Algebra II and Trigonometry*
Chemistry
French III or Spanish III
Elective Courses

11th Grade

Junior Humanities**
Algebra III or Pre-Calculus*
Physics
French IV or Spanish IV
Elective Courses

12th Grade

Senior Humanities**
Environmental Science or Advanced Physics
Calculus or Statistics*
Senior Independent Project
Elective Courses

**Math placement will be determined upon enrollment.*

***Integrated Literature and History*

Sample Academic Electives for Upper School

Latin II, III, and IV
French V or Spanish V
Model United Nations
O Tempora! O Mores!! A History of the 21st Century
Photography I, II, and III
The Practice of Painting
Audio Engineering

Sample Studio Block Electives

Bands: Rock, Jazz, Blues, Celtic, Country, Klezmer, American Roots and more
Chorus
A Cappella
Painting and Drawing
Ceramics
Digital Photography
Creative Writing
Basket Weaving
Jewelry Making
Rug Braiding
Programming
Dance
Languages: Ancient Greek, Chinese, German
Journalism & Publishing
Architectural Rendering

All students are required to participate in athletic programs in the fall and spring seasons, one of which must be a competitive sport. Fall team options may include soccer and cross country. Recreational tennis, kayaking, and yoga may be offered as well. In the spring, team sports may include baseball, lacrosse, and Ultimate Frisbee. Spring recreational offerings may include kayaking or yoga. Students with a history of a commitment to a particular independent sport not offered at The Academy may obtain approval from the Director of Athletics to pursue that program. Students also have the option of participating in after-school winter programs such as competitive or recreational skiing, basketball and drama.

SUMMARY OF UPPER SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Four years of Humanities (8 credits)
Senior Independent Project (1 credit)
Four years of Sciences (4 credits)
Four years of Mathematics (4 credits)

Four years of a Modern Language (4 credits)
Latin I (1 credit)
Foundations in Art (1 credit)