



The Academy at Charlemont—Curriculum and Sequence of Study

The Academy operates on a 16-week semester system. Most courses are yearlong, one-credit classes, though some are completed in one semester with an equivalent number of classroom hours. Because Humanities includes both English and History, students earn two credits. Half-credit courses meet less frequently or for a shorter duration. Students earn a minimum of 5 credits per year. The following represents typical course enrollments for each grade, by year.

Visit charlemont.org/academics/courses to view a description of each class.

	English	History	Science	Math	Language	Fine Arts & Electives	Studio Block Arts Electives
Grade 6	Fundamentals in Literature I	Geography	Climate Connections	Pre Algebra I	Introduction to French and Spanish	Foundations in Art 6	<p>Offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for two periods each day, students choose from a variety of visual and performing arts classes taught by professional artists and musicians.</p> <p><i>Sample Music Electives</i> Bands: Rock, Jazz, Blues, Celtic, Klezmer, American Roots</p> <p>Chorus A Cappella</p> <p><i>Sample Visual Art Electives</i> Painting and Drawing Architectural Drawing Ceramics Fiber Arts Basket Weaving Jewelry Making Digital Photography Programming</p>
Grade 7	Fundamentals in Literature II	Introduction to Ancient Civilizations	Life Science	Pre Algebra II		Foundations in Art 7	
Grade 8	Voices of Literature	Civics	Physical Science AND Health	Algebra I	French or Spanish I AND Introduction to Latin	Foundations in Art 8	
Grade 9	World Cultures I		Biology	Geometry	French or Spanish II Latin I	Foundations in Art 9 Online Elective	
Grade 10	World Cultures II		Chemistry AND Health	Algebra II	French or Spanish III Latin II (elective)	Photography Online Elective	
Grade 11	American Studies		Physics	Pre Calculus OR Statistics	French or Spanish IV Latin III (elective)	Photography Practice of Painting Online Elective	
Grade 12	Senior Humanities Courses		Advanced Physics OR Environmental Science	Calculus OR Statistics	French or Spanish V (not required but highly recommended) Latin IV (elective)	Photography Practice of Painting Online Elective	
	Philosophical Viewpoints	Global Studies					
Senior Independent Project							

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

Summary of Upper School Course Requirements for Graduation

Four years of Humanities (8 credits) Latin I (1 credit)	Four years of Sciences (4 credits) Foundations in Art 9 (1 credit)	Four years of a Modern Language (4 credits) Senior Independent Project (1 credit)	Four years of Mathematics (4 credits)
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