Academic Courses of Study



High School Grades 9-12

Atlantic Christian Academy is committed to the integration of faith, love, and learning. Our Upper School program reaches a variety of learning styles and offers a curriculum of exploration as well as opportunities for students to develop core content understandings and skills. We have developed best practices for instruction and a variety of assessment strategies. ACA offers standard, regular, advanced/honors, AP (advanced placement), and dual enrollment classes in a variety of subjects that encourage students to meet their needs and reach their full potential.

Honors Courses are designed to challenge the student in a deeper study of the subject by improving their analytical and critical thinking skills. Students should expect to have additional reading, spend extra time on homework and assignments, complete in-depth essay test questions, and work on a major project. Approval by administration is required.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are designed to mirror college courses. Most college courses include many hours of out-of-class reading, and study. AP Courses at ACA are no different. Each AP Course has specific requirements related to the particular course of study. Expectations for the class will be communicated to students at the start of the semester. Approval by administration is required.

Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses are college courses offered to qualifying high school students. Curriculum is academically challenging, and students will experience the demands of college work. Atlantic Christian Academy offers DE courses through Palm Beach State College and Southeastern University. Courses taken at Palm Beach State are off campus or on-line, courses taken at Southeastern University may either be taken on campus and taught by ACA teachers or on-line. Students participating in DE Courses must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, have taken at least one AP Class, meet the admission requirements of the college, and have their ACA account in good standing. Dual Enrollment is only allowed with the written approval of administration. Dual Enrollment credits count for both high school and college and are credited as AP courses.

Community Service All high school students at ACA have the privilege of participating in approved community service. Accumulating a total of 100 hours over four years allows students to be a light in their community as they share the love of Christ in service to others.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Student Load All students are required to carry seven subjects with a value of seven units of credit during each year of high school.

- 1. Course changes will not be permitted after the first week of the semester.
- 2. Physical Education is required through ninth grade (exception Health/Phys. Ed. (HOPE) class was completed during the 8th grade school year).
- 3. Students attending college should review the published admissions requirements of the college of their choice to make sure they are taking the courses required for entrance. Our academic advisor is here to assist you and your student as you explore options in higher education.

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Course Selection

As a college preparatory program, the following courses of study are available:

AP Classes

Biology **European History** Language & Composition Microeconomics* Psychology U.S. Government & Politics* U.S. History Human Geography Seminar Literature & Composition

Bible

Biblical Worldview Old Testament Survey New Testament Survey **Apologetics** World Religions Countercultural Living

Language Arts

English I

English I Honors English II **English II Honors** AP Seminar **English III English III Honors** English IV **English IV Honors** AP Language & Composition AP Human Geography AP Literature & Composition AP Psychology

Social Studies

World Cultural Geography World History AP European History **United States History AP United States History United States Government*** AP U.S. Gov. & Politics* Economics* AP Microeconomics*

DE Classes

English Composition I English Composition II College Algebra College Success Principled Leadership Probability & Statistics

 $AP = Advanced\ Placement - college$ credit may be earned by passing AP exam $DE = Dual\ Enrollment - college\ credit$ may be earned with a "C" or better

Science

Physical Science Physical Science Honors Biology **Biology Honors** AP Biology Chemistry **Chemistry Honors** Anatomy&Physiology Anatomy&Physiology Honors Marine Science Physics

Physics Honors

Mathematics

Algebra I Algebra I Honors* Geometry **Geometry Honors** Algebra II Algebra II Honors Pre-Calculus **Pre-Calculus Honors** Mathematics for College Algebra Calculus Math for College Liberal Arts

Electives

2D Visual Arts* Band Chorus Computer Science Discoveries Creative Photography Criminal Justice Operations I* Dance Entrepreneurship First Aid & Safety* **HOPE Introduction to Business** Leadership

Medical Terminology* Personal Financial Literacy Project Lead the Way Psychology Spanish 1 & 2 Speech* Team Sports/Weight Training* Technical Theatre Design Production*

Theatre Arts* Vocal Ensemble

Endorsement Programs

Medical Fine Arts

* = Semester Courses

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