



# Upper School Grades 7-12

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,* offered to Grades 10-12, 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 ACA 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, Southeastern University, and Grand Canyon University. Courses taken at Palm Beach State are off campus, courses taken at Southeastern University may either be taken on campus and taught by ACA teachers or on-line, and courses at Grand Canyon University are taken on-line. Students participating in DE Courses must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, 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. A minimum of 25 hours per year for 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, unless special permission is given for fewer subjects.

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **Bible**

Biology Calculus AB **European History** Language & Composition Microeconomics\* Physics I Psychology U.S. Government & Politics\* U.S. History Human Geography

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

#### Language Arts

English 7 English 8 English I **English I Honors** English II **English II Honors** English III **English III Honors English IV English IV Honors** AP Language & Composition AP Microeconomics\* AP Literature & Composition AP Psychology

# Social Studies

World Studies 7 American History 8 World Cultural Geography World History **AP European History** United States History **AP United States History** United States Government\* AP U.S. Gov. & Politics\* Economics\*

## **DE Classes**

English Composition I English Composition II College Algebra **College Success** Principled Leadership

*AP* = *Advanced Placement* – *college* credit may be earned by passing AP exam Anatomy&Physiology *DE* = *Dual Enrollment* – *college credit* may be earned with a "C" or better

## Medical Endorsement Classes

Anatomy&Physiology Honors **AP Biology** AP Psychology **Biology Honors Chemistry Honors** First Aid & Safety\* Medical Terminology\*

\* = Semester Courses

# Science

Life Science 7 Earth Science 8 Physical Science Physical Science Honors Biology **Biology Honors AP Biology** Chemistry **Chemistry Honors** Anatomy&Physiology Honors Marine Science Physics Physics Honors AP Physics I

## **Mathematics**

Math 7 Pre-Algebra Algebra I Algebra I Honors Geometry **Geometry Honors** Algebra II Algebra II Honors Pre-Calculus **Pre-Calculus Honors** Mathematics for College Algebra Calculus AP Calculus AB Math for College Liberal Arts **Financial Literacy** 

# Electives

(Grades 7 & 8) Computer Science Discoveries\* Band Chorus\* Dance\* Musical Theatre\* HOPE/PE/Team Sports\* Theatre Arts\* Visual Arts\* (Grades 9-12) 2D Visual Arts\* Band Chorus Criminal Justice Operations I\* Entrepreneurship First Aid & Safety\* HOPE Introduction to Business Medical Terminology\* Personal Financial Literacy Pre-AP Drama Spanish 1 & 2 Speech\*

Team Sports/Weight Training\* **Technical Theatre Design** Production\* Theatre Arts\*