Academic

Courses of Study

High School Grades 9-12

Atlantic Christian Academy offers a variety of college preparatory academic classes, as well as electives in areas such as the arts and physical education. Students at ACA receive a distinctive Christian education rooted in the Word of God. The instructional program emphasizes a balanced liberal arts and general academic education within a nurturing environment.

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, research, 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 each semester. Approval by ACA administration is required.

Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses are college courses offered to high school students. Curriculum is academically challenging and students will experience the demands of college work. Atlantic Christian Academy accepts DE credits from Palm Beach State College. Students participating in DE Courses must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and meet the admission requirements of the college. Dual Enrollment is only allowed with the written approval of Administration and classes must be scheduled so they do not interfere with other ACA core classes. Students must meet minimum academic requirements established by the Guidance Department prior to dual enrollment, and once enrolled, must continue to meet all other ACA course requirements. Students in grades 9-11 must take Dual Enrollment courses outside of the normal school day. Senior students must be enrolled in a minimum of five classes between the college and ACA. At least four of the five classes must be taken at ACA and include a Bible credit for each semester. These credits count for both high school and college and are credited as honors courses.

For a course description summary, please visit our website @ www.atlanticchristianacademy.org/Academics/Guidance

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, with the exception of seniors, 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 second 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 guidance counselors are 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 (please also refer to the Course Catalog on our website):

**Ninth Grade**
- Bible
- English I
- Math (Algebra 1 or Geometry)
- Science (Physical Science or Biology)
- World Cultural Geography
- Spanish I
- Physical Education/Health or Elective Choice

**Tenth Grade**
- Bible
- English II
- Math (Geometry or Algebra 2)
- Science (Biology or Chemistry)
- World History
- Spanish II
- Elective Choice

**Eleventh Grade**
- Bible
- English III
- Math (Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus)
- Science (Chemistry or Physics)
- U.S. History
- 2 Elective Choices

**Twelfth Grade**
- Bible
- English IV
- Math (Pre-Calculus or Math for College Readiness)
- Science (Physics, AP, or DE course)
- Government / Economics
- 2 Elective Choices

**Possible Electives**
At least one Fine Arts course is required
- Fine Arts Digital Art, Visual Art, Drama, or Choir
- Physical Fitness Weight Training

Students are encouraged to vary their electives and participate in extracurricular activities. Colleges are looking for those well-rounded individuals who have made the most of their high school experience.

**Graduation Requirements**
Requirements for graduation begin in the ninth grade. (Exceptions: Credit for Algebra 1, Physical Science, and Physical Education/Health may be earned when taken during the 8th grade year and passed with at least an 80%. Courses must be retaken in 9th grade if the student receives less than an 80%).

1. A student must earn a minimum of 26 units of credit and a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
2. A student must successfully complete the following required units of study:

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**College and Career Calendar**

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