

Hillcrest Academy | Academics

College Preparatory Curriculum

Hillcrest Academy offers the academic rigor necessary to prepare for college entrance exams and a successful university experience. Advanced Placement courses available: AP European History, AP Calculus, AP English Composition, AP Art, and AP American History.

English courses are divided into two parts: Composition and Literature. Composition covers grammar, paragraph construction, research papers, and essay work. Literature includes novels, short stories, poetry and drama.

History courses focus on the past and present in order to better prepare for the future. Freshman study American Government. Sophomores examine the development of America from colonial times to the present. Juniors study World History. Seniors study today's society through social science courses.

At least three years of Math and at least three years of Science are required during the student's four years of high school. Class choice includes: Biology, Honors Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physical Science, Physics, Consumer Math, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus.

University credit is given for students that score 3 or better on Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Residents of Minnesota may also receive college credit through a Minnesota Program called Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO).

Choice of Electives

In addition to the required courses at HLA, students round out their academic experience with elective courses. These include: Foundations of Art; Art Studio; Band; Computer Programming; Piano; Journalism/Yearbook; Ceramics; Drama; Instrumental; Spanish I, II, Computer Aided Drafting; Choir; Accounting; Photography; Economics; Health; Multimedia Design; Voice; French I & II.

Atmosphere

The faculty and staff at Hillcrest seek to provide a nurturing and encouraging environment that fosters academic and spiritual growth. From positive classroom climate to Chapel services to student-led Bible studies, students experience personal care and interest from teachers and peers. That is why parents from all over the country and the world send their children to Hillcrest. And as we disciple young people, keeping them in the Word, God is doing the ultimate work in their lives.

A Christian World-View

Classes at Hillcrest Academy are taught from a Christian perspective. Most classes begin with prayer or a devotional, as well. Teachers are not only academically qualified in the classroom, each one is a professing Christian who is interested in the cognitive and spiritual development of each student. Bible classes are a major part of the Hillcrest curriculum. Faculty members lead students on a journey through both the Old and New Testaments. This experience combines survey courses as well as individual book studies. Through these studies, students will gain better understanding about God, themselves, and relationships with others.

