

SCHOOL



PROFILE

VERITAS ACADEMY is a K-12 classical Christian school founded in 1996 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Offering a rigorous curriculum committed to the seven great liberal arts — disciplines that prepare people to fully participate in a free society — Veritas seeks to educate the whole child by cultivating virtue and curiosity, producing well-rounded, competent students who think critically and communicate winsomely.

STUDENT BODY

- 356 students (K-12) | 77 students in grades 9-12
- 28% are students of color (K-12)
- Many Veritas students will be first-generation college students.
- Over 50% of K-12 students receive some form of financial aid.

ACCREDITATION

Veritas is accredited by the Association of Classical Christian Schools.

CLASSICAL MODEL

As a classical Christian school, Veritas employs a distinctive, time-tested model of academic excellence that provides students with the tools of learning, preparing them to flourish not only in college and careers, but as educated, active citizens. The classical approach began with the ancient Greeks and was refined by medieval scholars who incorporated a Christian worldview.

Employing the great liberal arts tradition of the Trivium, Veritas educates students in three phases: Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. Students are prepared with thorough knowledge of facts in K-6th grade (Grammar), learn to think critically through those facts and examine ideas in 7th-9th grade (Logic), and practice communicating ideas winsomely in 10th-12th grade (Rhetoric).

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

The cornerstone of the Veritas rhetoric program is a unique, holistic humanities curriculum that provides an integrated study of literature, history, theology, and philosophy. Students read, analyze, and discuss original texts, studying many of the most influential works of the Western tradition. Harkness learning is used throughout classes, training students to engage with the ideas and information presented through active, thoughtful discussion with their teachers and classmates.

SENIOR THESIS

As the culmination of a Veritas education, all seniors complete a 15 to 20 page thesis on a cultural, political, or theological issue and defend it before an audience and a panel of experts and community members. This rigorous process gives students experience writing academic research papers, thinking on their feet, and persuasively communicating challenging ideas. Juniors also write and defend a shorter thesis.

GRADING & TRANSCRIPTS

STANDARD:

PERCENTAGE	GRADE	GRADE POINT AVERAGE
100-90	A	4.0
89-87	B+	3.8
86-84	B	3.5
83-80	B-	3.0
79-77	C+	2.8
76-74	C	2.5
73-70	C-	2.0
69 & below	F	0

HONORS LEVEL & WEIGHTED COURSES

PERCENTAGE	GRADE	GRADE POINT AVERAGE
100-94	A	4.5
93-90	A-	4.2
89-87	B+	4.0
86-84	B	3.8
83-80	B-	3.5
79-77	C+	3.0
76-74	C	2.8
73-70	C-	2.5
69 & below	F	0

Math/Science Honors Courses: Algebra II Honors, Calculus I, Calculus II, Statistics, Human Biology, Advanced Chemistry, Physics, Trigonometry
Humanities Honors Courses: Senior Thesis, Advanced Art, Language III, Language IV, Doctrine and Theology V and VI, Medieval Literature II and History II, Modern and US Literature II and History II

We do not offer AP courses, although some students do elect to take AP exams. Our AP exam pass rate is 96%.

CLASS RANK & ACADEMIC HONORS

Veritas Academy does not rank students. The following three levels of cumulative academic honors are recognized:

- Summa Cum Laude: 96% average or higher
- Magna Cum Laude: 93% average or higher
- Cum Laude: 90% average or higher

DUAL ENROLLMENT

The 15 courses listed below are taught at the college level, and students may elect to earn dual credits through Northwest Nazarene University:

VERITAS	NNU EQUIVALENT	CREDITS
Calculus I	MATH 2510: Calculus I	4
Calculus II	MATH 2520: Calculus II	4
Algebra II Honors Algebra III/Adv. Algebra	MATH 1300: College Algebra	3
Trigonometry	MATH 1400: Trigonometry	3
Statistics	MATH 2240: Intro to Elementary Statistics	3
Advanced Chemistry	CHEM 201 General Chemistry I CHEM 201L General Chemistry I Lab	4
Human Biology	BIOL 1060 + 1060L: Human Biology + Lab	4
Physics	PHYS 1110 + 1110L: College Physics + Lab	4
Senior Thesis	ENGL 1040: Intro to Academic Writing	3
Modern Revolutions	HIST 1040: The War and the West II	3
Spanish III	SPAN 2015: Intermediate Spanish I	4
Spanish IV	SPAN 2025: Intermediate Spanish II	4
Personal Finance	ECON 1010: Personal Finance	3
Political Science	POLS 1010: American National Politics	3

SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

GRADE	HISTORY	LITERATURE	THEOLOGY	MATH	SCIENCE	LANGUAGE	PARADIGM	MUSIC & ART
7th	Ancient History I	Ancient Literature I	Doctrine and Theology I	Algebra I or Algebra I Honors	Earth Science	7th Grade Latin	Logic I	Elements of Art, Choir, and Orchestra
8th	Medieval History I	Medieval Literature I	Doctrine and Theology II	Geometry	Physical Science	Writing Basics	Logic II	Principles of Art, Choir, and Orchestra
9th	Modern and US History I	Modern and US Literature I	Doctrine and Theology III	Algebra II or Algebra II Honors	Biology	Spanish I, Italian I or Latin I	Composition	H.S. Drawing, Art History, Mixed Media Art, Choir, and Orchestra
10th	Ancient History II	Ancient Literature II	Doctrine and Theology IV	Trigonometry or Algebra III	Chemistry	Spanish II, Italian II, or Latin II	Rhetoric	H.S. Drawing, Art History, Mixed Media Art, Choir, and Orchestra
11th	Medieval History II	Medieval Literature II	Doctrine and Theology V Apologetics	Calculus I	Advanced Chemistry, Human Biology**, or Physics*	Spanish III*, Latin III*, or Italian III	Junior Thesis	Advanced Art, Choir, and Orchestra
12th	Modern and US History II	Modern and US Literature II	Doctrine and Theology VI	Calculus II Probability & Statistics*	SAME CHOICES AS IN 11TH*	Spanish IV*, Latin IV,*	Senior Thesis	Advanced Art, Choir, and Orchestra

* Due to schedule limitations, it is not possible for students to take all of these classes. Students must choose between Advanced Language and Calculus II, and can only choose two of the three advanced sciences (Advanced Chemistry, Human Biology, and Physics)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Veritas Academy requires 30 credits for graduation. Twenty-five of these credits must be earned in the following areas:

Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Language	3 credits
History	4 credits
Theology	4.5 credits
Literature	4 credits
English	3.5 credits
Music	1 credit
Art	1 credit

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- One full cycle of Omnibus (Ancient, Medieval, Modern), earning 3 credits in History, Theology, and Literature.
- Students must pass Biology and Chemistry.
- Students must pass a course in Rhetoric.
- Students must complete and successfully defend a Senior Thesis.

SERVICE LEARNING

All secondary students are required to complete 10 hours of service per school year. These service hours can be with the school, community organizations, or the student's church. Juniors and Seniors also have the opportunity to apply for and participate in one of our school Service Honoraries.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION *Beginning with Veritas Class of 2014*

Air Force Academy	Franklin & Marshall College	New Saint Andrews College	Susquehanna University
American University	Geneva College	Niagara University	Temple University
Anderson University (SC)	George Washington University	Olivet Nazarene University	Templeton Honors College
Arcadia University	Gettysburg College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	at Eastern University
Arizona State University	Grove City College	Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Auburn University	Hillsdale College	Penn State University	The King's College (NY)
Bloomsburg University	Houghton College	Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences	Union University
Bob Jones University	Johns Hopkins University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Alabama (Honors)
Boston College	Juniata College	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of California- Davis
Boyce College	Lancaster Bible College	Point University	University of Cambridge
Carnegie-Mellon University	Lebanon Valley College	Purdue University	University of Mississippi
Clemson University	Lipscomb University	Regent University	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia International University	LaSalle University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
Concordia University (Chicago, Irvine, Nebraska)	LeTourneau University	Samford University	University of Richmond
Cornerstone University	Liberty University	Schreyer Honors College at Penn State	Villanova University
Covenant College	Lycoming College	Smith College	Washington & Lee University
Edinboro University of PA	Merchant Marine Academy		Wheaton College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Messiah University		William & Mary
Florida International University	Millersville University		
	Mississippi State University		
	New College Franklin		



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