



### The Academy Distinctives

#### Mission Statement

The Academy assists parents in shaping students' affections for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, for the benefit of man and the glory of Jesus Christ. We serve families through multiple classical Christian models to reform education in Oklahoma City, the state of Oklahoma, the nation, and world.

#### Western Civilization Omnibus

History and literature are integrated into an Omnibus Program that takes students through vital works across the expanse of Western culture. Literary readings include poetry, imaginative literature, historical writings, religious literature/theology, and philosophy.

#### Writing & Rhetoric Practicum

These courses entail the finer points of writing instruction, as well as grammar, vocabulary, logic, and poetry. Additionally, students are instructed in the art of argumentation: articulate persuasion and winsome oratory.

#### Lyceum & Service Learning

Learning experiences provide engagement with the world both within the walls of the school and beyond its doors. Through our Lyceum program, students engage with the broader OKC community and continue conversations begun in the classrooms, hearing from local and national speakers and experts. Additionally, Academy students serve in one of Oklahoma City's low-income elementary schools, forming the touchpoint that enables Academy students to know and be known by those they are serving.

#### House System

The Academy experience is anchored by a House system that develops cohesive relationships among all grade levels, shapes school culture, and provides Prefect leadership opportunities to serve and support the needs of the school community.

### ACT Scores

Year	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Academy	State	Academy	State	Academy	State	Academy	State	Academy	State
2016	28.4	19.8	24.4	19.5	28.8	21.3	28.2	20.5	27.6	20.4
2017	28.3	18.5	24.8	18.8	27.8	20.1	24.3	19.6	26.3	19.4
2018	31.9	18.4	25.7	18.8	32.6	20.1	25.3	19.4	29.0	19.3

In 2018, The Academy had the second highest composite ACT score of all high schools in Oklahoma.  
(Source: Oklahoma Watch, June 20, 2019)

**Fr. Nathan Carr, MAR**  
Headmaster

**Stephen Taylor, M.Ed.**  
Assistant Headmaster

**Rhonda Jones, LPC**  
Rhetoric Principal

**Beth Vishanoff, M.A.**  
Registrar

**Julianna Osuna, M.Ed.**  
Post-Secondary Advisor

**Accreditation:**  
AdvanceED

**Member of ACCS**  
CEEB Code: 372723

#### International Travel

To broaden their learning outside the classroom, students study the art, culture, and history of Western Civilization *in situ*. Beginning in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Academy students travel to Italy for an exploration of the ancient, medieval, and Renaissance eras. This is followed by a trip in their high school years to Vienna, exploring the philosophical and cultural underpinnings of the modern era.

#### Capstone: Senior Thesis

Rhetoric studies culminate in the Senior Thesis. Every Academy Senior selects a topic related to an academic interest and embarks on a year-long research project. Each student completes a written thesis with the guidance of a faculty advisor. Seniors present and defend their theses to an audience of peers, parents, and faculty. This Capstone is a beautiful culmination of The Academy's classical curricula experience.

#### Sample 2019 Senior Theses

*"Muse Revolts: Protest Music in American Experience"*

*"Poetry as Cultural Prophecy"*

*"Their Stories are Ours: Reading Narratives and Reading our Lives"*

## Grading Scale

Grade	Weighted Value	Unweighted Value
A (90-100)	5	4
B (80-89)	4	3
C (70-79)	3	2
D (60-69)	2	1
F (0-59)	0	0

\* Denotes an Honors course. Honors courses receive a weighted value.

**Grades Offered: 9-12**

**Students-to-Faculty: 5 to 1**

**Average Class Size: 12**

**75% of Faculty have advanced degrees**

## Graduation Requirements

Credits Required for Graduation

<b>Western Civilization Omnibus</b> *Ancient History and Literature, *Medieval European History and Literature, *Modern European History and Literature, *American History and Literature <i>(Each Omnibus course meets for a double block and receives 2 credits)</i>	8
<b>Writing &amp; Rhetoric</b> *Writing Practicum IV and V, Oral Presentation, *Rhetoric Practicum, *Capstone: Senior Thesis	5
<b>Science</b> *Earth Science, *Biology, *Chemistry, *Physics	4
<b>Mathematics</b> Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus <i>(*Math courses are offered as traditional or honors tracks)</i>	4
<b>Foreign Languages</b> *Latin I and II, *Spanish I, II and III	3
<b>Liberal Arts</b> *Logic, *Systems of Thought, *Aesthetics, *Comparative Religions, Oklahoma History, *U. S. Government (1/2 credit), *Economics (1/2 credit)	6
<b>Fine Arts &amp; Electives</b> Drama, Music, Debate, Forensics, Art	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>

## The Academy High School Reading List – Grades 9 to 12

Euclid's Elements  
The Jewish War  
The Iliad  
The Landmark Thucydides  
The Three Theban Plays  
Bacchae and Other Plays,  
The Republic  
Plutarch's Lives  
The War with Hannibal  
The Aeneid  
Antony and Cleopatra  
St. Athanasius' On the Incarnation of the Word  
Confessions  
Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold  
Gilgamesh  
The Origin of Species  
On the Motion of the Heart and Blood in Animals

The Song of Roland  
Le Morte D'Arthur  
The Letters of Abelard and Heloise  
Dante's Divine Comedy  
The Prince  
Utopia  
Fierce Wars and Faithful Loves: Book I of The Faerie Queene  
Doctor Faustus  
Hamlet  
King Lear  
Paradise Lost  
The Rhetoric and Poetics of Aristotle  
A Winter's Tale  
Tartuffe  
Introduction to Logic  
The Consolation of Philosophy

Discourse on Method  
A Tale of Two Cities  
Sense and Sensibility  
The Communist Manifesto  
Crime and Punishment  
The Death of Ivan Ilyich  
Heart of Darkness  
Othello  
Civilization and its Discontents  
Brave New World  
The Great Divorce  
The Best Things in Life  
T.S. Eliot's Complete Poems and Plays  
The Sun Also Rises  
The Bible  
The Qur'an  
The Bhagavad Gita  
The Upanishads

Tao Te Ching  
The Dhammapada  
Second Treatise on Government  
The Essential Federalist and Antifederalist Papers  
Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography  
The Scarlet Letter  
Uncle Tom's Cabin  
What So Proudly We Hail  
The Souls of Black Folks  
Age of Innocence  
The Death of a Salesman  
A Good Man is Hard to Find  
Merchant of Venice  
Autobiography of Malcolm X  
The Jungle  
The Guest  
The City of God

## University and College Matriculation

### Oklahoma Schools

Oklahoma Baptist University  
Oklahoma Christian University  
Oklahoma City Community College  
Oklahoma State University  
Rose Sate College  
Southern Nazarene University  
Tulsa Community College  
University of Central Oklahoma  
University of Oklahoma

### Out-of-State Schools

Baylor University  
Bodenseehof Bible College  
Calvin College  
Dallas Community College

### Grinnell College

Harding University  
Houston Baptist University  
LeTourneau University  
McClennan Community College  
Methodist University  
Southern Methodist University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Trinity University  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of Dallas  
University of Missouri  
Vanderbilt University  
West Point United States Military Academy

## Portrait of a Graduate

### Our Graduates:

- *Humbly recognize their place in Christ's story.*
- *Expectantly pursue and cherish all that is True, Good, and Beautiful.*
- *Graciously love their neighbor, especially the most broken and marginalized.*
- *Joyfully cultivate and embody a cruciform vision of all of life.*