



Veritas Preparatory Academy

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ACADEMY INFORMATION

School Code: 030583
Established Date: 2002
Enrollment: 332 students
Accreditation: Cognia

CLASS OF 2024 FACTS

# of Graduates	81
Unweighted GPA Range	2.05-4.00
Average Unweighted GPA	3.30
% 4-yr college	79%
% attending 2-yr college	11%
% attending out of state	32%
% accepted Honors program	33%
% taking gap year	1%
% enlisting in Military	0%
# attending Service Academy	1
% entering a STEM field	52%
% identify as students of color	29%
# first generation	7
# National Merit Finalist	1
# National Merit Commended	3
# National Hispanic Recognition	3
# Nat'l African Am. Recognition	1
# Nat'l Indigenous	1

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

H. Eng. 1-4 (Humane Letters/Poetry/Rhetoric)	4.5 or 5.5 credits
H. History (Humane Letters)	4 credits
H. Science w/ lab	3 or 4 credits
H. Mathematics	4 or 5 credits
H. Economics	.5 credits
H. Foreign Language	3 or 4 credits
Fine Arts	4 credits
Senior Thesis	.25 credits
Total Credits Required	24.25

Veritas Preparatory Academy is a founding member of Great Hearts Academies, which is a non-profit network of charter schools and the largest “brick and mortar” provider of classical liberal arts education in the nation. As a public charter, Great Hearts provides a tuition-free education for approximately 3,050 students enrolled in grades 9-12 across Arizona. Great Hearts adheres to all open enrollment laws. Our academies receive more applications for enrollment than seats available. If this is the case for any grade level at an academy, a lottery will be held. Students who are not admitted through the lottery process will be placed on a waitlist and may be offered admission during that year if a seat becomes available.

High School Curriculum

All students 9th-11th grade take a common, one-track, Honors curriculum, that introduces students to the tools of critical inquiry essential to each discipline and every field through a robust liberal arts education. The Great Books curriculum emphasizes the fundamentals of the arts, sciences, and humanities as students are in conversation with many of the most challenging, influential texts in the Western canon. This academic approach not only prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education, but it also instills in our students the belief that, as maintained by Plato, the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, no AP or electives are offered.

9th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters I: The American Tradition
Honors Geometry
Honors Biology (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion (French I, Spanish I, Latin IV)
Music Theory III/Choir
Poetry

10th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters II: The Rise of Modern Europe
Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
Honors Chemistry (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion (French II, Spanish II, Latin V)
Honors Economics
Music Theory IV/Choir

11th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
Honors Calculus I
Honors Physics I (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion (French III, Spanish III, Greek I)
Drama I
Studio Art

12th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
Honors Calculus II*
Honors Physics II* (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion* (French IV, Spanish IV, Greek II)
Honors Rhetoric*
Honors Logic and Computation*
Drama II
Studio Art
Senior Thesis and Defense

*Student must choose three out of five Honors options

Humane Letters

Humane Letters is a combined History and English course and is the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Veritas Prep for all 9th-12th grade students. Humane Letters is a two-hour daily seminar directed through the Socratic Method and revolves around readings from Western Civilization’s best works in philosophy, drama, history, poetry, novels, and essays. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation and civil discourse, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers.

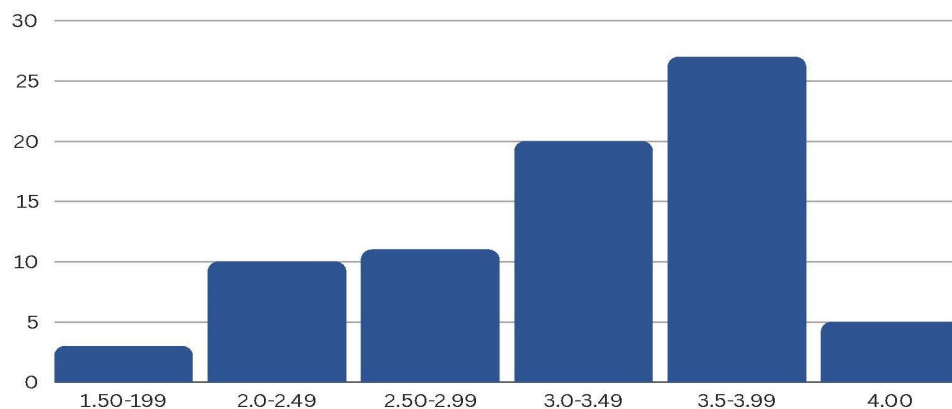
Senior Thesis and Defense

Each senior completes a year-long capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. The Senior Thesis is the culmination of the student’s years at the academy. Under the supervision of a faculty advisor, the student explores a scholarly question of his/her choice through the close reading of three works from the Western Tradition. The final project illustrates a deep understanding of the topic through a 15-20 page paper and an oral defense of their work before faculty, family, and peers. Each student receives .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

Core Course Studies may be reflected on a student’s transcript. Core Course Studies provide students with instruction and support to enable them to progress academically in core content areas. This instruction supplements but does not supplant any core-area course in which students are also enrolled.

Class of 2025 Grade Distribution

76 Students



TEST	Middle 50%	Mean	# Tested
ACT	20-27	24	73
SAT CR&M	1160-1360	1270	18

GRADING SCALE

HONORS	NON-HONORS
A (5.00) = 100-93	A (4.00) = 100-93
A- (4.67) = 92-90	A- (3.67) = 92-90
B+(4.33) = 89-88	B+(3.33) = 89-88
B (4.00) = 87-83	B (3.00) = 87-83
B- (3.67) = 82-80	B- (2.67) = 82-80
C+(3.33) = 79-78	C+(2.33) = 79-78
C (3.00) = 77-73	C (2.00) = 77-73
C- (2.67) = 72-70	C- (1.67) = 72-70
D+(2.33) = 69-68	D+(1.33) = 69-68
D (2.00) = 67-63	D (1.00) = 67-63
D- (1.67) = 62-60	D- (0.67) = 62-60
F (0.00) = 50-0	F (0.00) = 50-0

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Transcripts of students who attend a Great Hearts Academy in 8th grade will include level 8 Algebra with a P/F grade indicating a student's complete level of mathematical progression.
- The Arizona state requirement, one full credit, for U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters. The Arizona state requirement, one-half credit, for U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters.
- For the weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation.
- Students are not ranked.
- Transfer credits from outside Great Hearts are not included in GPA.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As opposed to an elected student council, our students are assembled into six houses in order to encourage a spirited and close-knit community. Within this house system, we provide the following leadership opportunities:

- House Consul and Proconsul: seniors-only leadership
- Veritas Mentor Program: student-led tutoring/mentorship
- Yearbook & 56th Street Journal: editorial positions
- Great Hearts Great Hands: grade-level leadership positions for community service
- Athletics: Student Athlete Leadership Team and Team Captains

EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Athletics: Member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association with 18 varsity sport teams
- Honor Chorale: audition only
- Women's and Men's Choirs
- Pep Band
- Annual Drama Performance
- Archery
- 56th Street Journal: school newspaper
- Great Hearts Great Hands: community service organization
- Yearbook Production
- Strategic Games
- Studio Art

SAMPLE OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University
 Bates College
 Baylor University
 Belmont University
 Benedictine College
 Boston Conservatory at Berklee
 Boston University
 Brigham Young University-Provo
 Bryn Mawr College
 Butler University
 California Institute of Technology
 California State Polytechnic University
 California Lutheran University
 Carleton College
 Case Western Reserve University
 Chapman University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Columbia University
 Creighton University
 Dartmouth College
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Franciscan University of Steubenville
 Fordham University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gonzaga University
 Grinnell College
 Harvard University
 Harvey Mudd College
 High Point University
 Hillsdale College
 Kenyon College
 Lehigh University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Marquette University
 Miami University of Ohio
 Middlebury College
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Pepperdine University
 Pitzer College
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Pomona College
 Purdue University
 Reed College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhodes College
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Santa Clara University
 Smith College
 Sorbonne Universite
 Texas A & M University-College Station
 Texas Christian University
 Trinity College Dublin
 Tufts University
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Naval Academy
 University of California-Berkeley
 University of California-Los Angeles
 University of Chicago
 University of Dallas
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Southern California
 University of Westminster
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 Wesleyan University
 Wheaton College