

Minnehaha Academy Upper School Four Year Plan

9th Grade

Semester	Semester
English 9	
Physics or Advanced Physics	
Math: Course recommended by previous math teacher or approved by math waiver	
World Language or Elective:	
Fine Arts requirement	2 sem. or 1 yr long class
World History I	Old Testament Studies
Elective or PE requirement	Elective:
XXXXXXX	Cultural Field Experience

10th Grade

Semester	Semester
English 10 or Honors English 10	
Chemistry or Advanced Chem.	
Math: Course recommended by previous math teacher or approved by math waiver	
Physical Educ. req. or Current Health Issues	New Testament Studies
World History II and III	Or AP Euro. History
World Language or Elective:	
Elective:	Elective:
XXXXXXX	Cultural Field Experience

11th Grade

Semester	Semester
English 11 or AP English Language and Composition	
Early & Recent Amer. History	or AP US History
Ethics	Curr. Health Issues or elective
Math: Course recommended by previous math teacher or approved by math waiver	
Biology or AP Biology	
World Language	Or Elective:
Elective:	Elective:
XXXXXXX	Cultural Field Experience

12th Grade

Semester	Semester
English 12 or AP English Literature and Composition	
Economics (one sem.) or AP Micro/Macro (two sem.)	U.S. Gov't and Politics or AP US Gov.t
Senior Capstone	Elective or AP Macro:
Math course	or Elective:
Science course	or Elective:
World Language	or Elective:
Elective:	Elective:

Required credits for graduation

English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
World Language	2
Sacred Studies	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Educ./Health	1.5
Electives	6
Cultural Field Experience	.75
Total Credits	26.75

Typical Selective College Credit Requirements

(selective colleges are those that accept fewer than 30% of applicants):

English	4.0
Math	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Studies	3.5 – 4.0
World Languages	3.0 – 4.0



Upper School Courses Offered

Students earn one credit per full academic year of successful course work

English – 4 credits req.

English 9
English 10
Honors English 10
English 11
AP English 11 – Lang. & Comp.
English 12
AP English 12 – Lit. & Comp.
Beginning Journalism
Int. & Adv. Journalism –
Yearbook and Newspaper
Speech Communications
Argumentation & Debate

Mathematics – 3 credits req.

Algebra 1
Geometry
Enriched Geometry
Algebra II
Enriched Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Enriched Pre-Calculus
Statistics/Discrete Mathematics
AP Statistics
Calculus
AP Calculus I
AP Calculus II
Multivariable Calc. & Adv. Topics
AP Computer Science Principles

Science – 3 credits req.

Physics
Advanced Physics
Chemistry
Advanced Chemistry
Biology
AP Biology
Physics
AP Physics C - Mechanics
Hon. Anat. & Physiology (CIS*)
Environmental Science
Applied Research in Engineering I
App. Res. in Engineering II – ISS
Independent Scientific Research

Social Studies – 3.5 credits req.

World History I
World History II & III
AP European History
Early American History
Recent American History
AP United States History

Social Studies (cont.)

Economics
AP Microeconomics
AP Macroeconomics
U.S. Government & Politics
AP U.S. Government & Politics
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Psychology
Leadership Studies
Personal Finance

World Languages – 2 credits req.

Chinese I, II & III
Honors Chinese IV & V (CIS*)
AP Chinese
French I, II & III
Honors French IV & V (CIS*)
Latin I, II & III
Honors Latin IV & V (CIS*)
Spanish I, II & III
Honors Spanish IV & V (CIS*)
AP Spanish

Sacred Studies – 2 credits req.

Old Testament Studies
New Testament Studies
Ethics
Senior Capstone
World Religions

Phys. Ed. & Health – 1.5 cred. req.

Physical Education – Team Sports
Physical Education – Conditioning
Current Health Issues
Personal Fitness

Fine Arts – 1 credit req.

Concert Band
Orchestra
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Men's Choir
Women's Chorale
Singers
Fundamentals of Art
Ceramics
Drawing
Painting
Sculpture
AP Studio Art

Fine Arts (cont.)

Exploration of Theater & Acting
Beginning Filmmaking
Intermediate Filmmaking
Advanced Filmmaking
Digital Photography
Graphic Design
Advanced Graphic Design

Cultural Field Experience (CFE) – 0.75 credit

CFE is a week-long, authentic learning experience for Upper School students. The on-site segment of the course occurs during the week prior to spring break, allowing students an opportunity to build bridges within our school, neighborhood, and global communities among people from diverse socioeconomic, generational, religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Students participate in CFE during 9th, 10th and 11th grades.

Italicized courses are electives that do not meet the core credit requirements in their subject areas.

*CIS - College in the Schools

College in the Schools courses are offered through the University of Minnesota and Bethel University. Students receive college credit and an official transcript from the university after the completion of these courses.



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