



Academic Conservatory Program

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Charlotte Christian School recognizes that students are gifted in a variety of areas, including academics, athletics, fine arts or spiritual life. Just as interscholastic athletics offer special opportunities for athletically gifted students to be challenged, the Academic Conservatory Program provides a special opportunity for students in academics, fine arts or ministry.

Students may graduate with distinction in:

- I. Bible, Philosophy and Religion
- II. English
- III. Fine Arts
- IV. Math/Science
- V. Social Studies
- VI. World Languages

This distinction will be recognized on students' diplomas and transcripts and they will be recognized at graduation. More importantly, students will be encouraged and stretched to take the area that they are passionate about beyond the four walls of the classroom. Application, admission and additional graduation requirements for this program are determined by individual departments.

If you are interested in this distinction, please read the information below and contact Mrs. Amanda Poole, upper school assistant principal. Seniors must submit a checklist from their area of conservatory interest by Oct. 1 and submit all supporting documentation before Jan. 31 of their senior year to be recognized at commencement. If students desire to have conservatory distinction listed on their transcripts during the college application process, they must submit all required documents before Oct. 1.



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Bible, Religion and Philosophy Distinction

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in Bible, the student is required to:

1. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 3.0 (weighted)
2. Have an overall Bible GPA of 3.89 (unweighted)
3. Demonstrate active participation in a local church congregation.
4. Watch an Apologetics debate selected by the student and the Bible department. Complete a summary form.
5. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
 - Complete service hours related to a Christian ministry (45 hours). Service hours where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society, or school required service hours do not qualify.
 - Participate in two mission trips and submit summaries for each. Mission trips where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.
 - Attend a minimum of a multi-day spiritual conference (not a retreat).
 - Read two books selected by the student and the Bible department. Submit a summary for each and schedule a meeting with the Bible department to discuss summaries.
 - Lead a small group in Bible study (at church, at school, C.E.L.L. group) for longer than 10 weeks.

Seniors must submit a Bible, Religion and Philosophy Distinction Checklist by Oct. 1 and submit all supporting documentation before Jan. 31 of their senior year to be recognized at commencement. Students must have departmental approval of competitions and internships prior to involvement to ensure their satisfaction of conservatory requirements. If students desire to have conservatory distinction listed on their transcripts during the college application process, they must submit all required documents before Oct. 1.



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English Distinction

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in English the student is required to:

1. Take a minimum of one English 500 Level class.
2. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
3. Have an overall English GPA of 4.5 (weighted).
4. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
 - Peer tutor for English (minimum of 45 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society, or school required service hours do not qualify.
 - Attend a weeklong English camp from an accredited school, college or university.
 - Submit a minimum of two writings in approved competition(s).
 - Complete an approved internship with a professional who utilizes English expertise (40 hours minimum). Internships where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.
 - A minimum of two year participation with school publications.
 - Read three books selected by the student and the English department. Prepare written summaries in order to present to the English department how the three books are relevant today, how they are connected, and how they are beneficial. Submit a summary for each and schedule a meeting with the English department head to discuss your summaries.

Seniors must submit an English Distinction Checklist by Oct. 1 and submit all supporting documentation before Jan. 31 of their senior year to be recognized at commencement. Students must have departmental approval of competitions and internships prior to involvement to ensure their satisfaction of conservatory requirements. If students desire to have conservatory distinction listed on their transcripts during the college application process, they must submit all required documents before Oct. 1.



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Fine Arts Distinction with an emphasis on Theatre, Music or Visual Arts

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in Fine Arts, the student is required to:

1. Have an overall 3.0 GPA (weighted).
2. Have all grades in all fine arts classes no lower than an A- (90).
3. Taken at least eight different fine arts courses, at least one per semester.
4. Meet the following course requirements, depending on emphasis:

Theatre: You must have participated in ACT 1 (at least three years), participated in a Charlotte Christian School theatre production every year (outside of ACT 1), and taken a theatre class every year.

Music: You must have taken a performance-based music class (Choir, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Orchestra, or Vocal Tech) all four years, and taken Digital Music I, Introduction to Music Theory or AP Music Theory.

Visual Arts: You must have taken visual arts classes all four years, and completed AP Studio Art.

5. Obtain private lessons (60 hours). These hours must be outside of the preparation of any classwork.
6. Participate in advanced education programs (30 hours). Internships where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.
7. Create and submit work for competitions and honors programs (30 hours). These hours must be outside the preparation of classwork, and competitions must be outside of course expectations (with the exception that theatre emphasis students may use NCTC, CITA or ITS).
8. Complete service hours related to fine arts (60 hours). Service hours where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society, or school required service hours do not qualify.

Seniors must submit a Fine Arts Distinction Checklist by Oct. 1 and submit all supporting documentation before Jan. 31 of their senior year to be recognized at commencement. Students must have departmental approval of competitions and internships prior to involvement to ensure their satisfaction of conservatory requirements. If students desire to have conservatory distinction listed on their transcripts during the college application process, they must submit all required documents before Oct. 1.



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Math/Science Distinction

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in Mathematics and Science, the student is required to:

1. Take two Science 500 Level classes.
2. Take Calculus A/B or B/C Advanced Placement and one math class above this level is in progress.
3. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
4. Have an overall math and science GPA of 4.5 (weighted).
5. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
 - Peer tutor for math or science (45 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society, or school required service hours do not qualify.
 - Attend a minimum of a weeklong math or science camp from an accredited school, college or university.
 - Compete in an approved national competition in math or science (research project, essay, etc – a competition that just requires one day involvement will not meet this requirement).
 - Complete an approved internship (40 hours minimum) with a local scientist, researcher, mathematician, etc. Internships where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.

Seniors must submit a Math/Science Distinction Checklist by Oct. 1 and submit all supporting documentation before Jan. 31 of their senior year to be recognized at commencement. Students must have departmental approval of competitions and internships prior to involvement to ensure their satisfaction of conservatory requirements. If students desire to have conservatory distinction listed on their transcripts during the college application process, they must submit all required documents before Oct. 1.



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Social Studies Distinction

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in Social Studies, the student is required to:

1. Take a minimum of two Social Studies 500 Level classes.
2. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
3. Have an overall social studies GPA of 4.5 (weighted).
4. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
 - Peer tutor for social studies (45 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society, or school required service hours do not qualify.
 - Attend a minimum of a weeklong social studies camp from an accredited school, college or university.
 - Attend Harvard Model Congress.
 - Attend American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.
 - Attend Model United Nations.
 - Attend WorldQuest Competition.
 - Complete an approved internship (40 hours minimum) with a professional who utilizes social studies expertise. Internships where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.
 - Read two books selected by the student and the Social Studies department. Submit a summary for each and schedule a meeting with the Social Studies department to discuss your summaries.

Seniors must submit a Social Studies Distinction Checklist by Oct. 1 and submit all supporting documentation before Jan. 31 of their senior year to be recognized at commencement. Students must have departmental approval of competitions and internships prior to involvement to ensure their satisfaction of conservatory requirements. If students desire to have conservatory distinction listed on their transcripts during the college application process, they must submit all required documents before Oct. 1.



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World Languages Distinction

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in World Languages, the student is required to:

1. Complete Level IV of the same World Language, and take a World Language every year.
2. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
3. Have an overall World Languages GPA of 4.25 (weighted).
4. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
 - Peer tutor for the World Language being studied (45 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society, or school required service hours do not qualify.
 - Serve a short term mission trip in an area whose principle language is the one being studied. Mission trips where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.
 - Complete an approved internship (40 hours minimum) with a local organization whose primary language is the language being studied. Internships where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.
 - Produce a publication for a local organization whose principle language is the one being studied.
 - Participate in an extended immersion experience (short term study abroad with home-stay, immersion experience). Trips where students received J-Term credit do not qualify for this requirement.
 - Attend Junior Classical League Convention all four years and/or hold office at least one year in the JCL chapter (available for Latin students only).
 - Read two books selected by the student and the World Language department. Submit a summary for each and schedule a meeting with the World Language department to discuss your summaries.

Seniors must submit a World Languages Distinction Checklist by Oct. 1 and submit all supporting documentation before Jan. 31 of their senior year to be recognized at commencement. Students must have departmental approval of competitions and internships prior to involvement to ensure their satisfaction of conservatory requirements. If students desire to have conservatory distinction listed on their transcripts during the college application process, they must submit all required documents before Oct. 1.