

NAZARETH ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL

Course Catalog



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A Letter from the Principal

Dear Students,

As we begin to prepare our schedule for the 2026-2027 academic year, I invite you to carefully examine Nazareth Academy's High School Course Catalog. At Nazareth, we are committed to foster the intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth of every young woman in our care. This catalog lists all classes and electives offered at NA. Within these pages, you will find a comprehensive selection of courses that reflect our dedication to academic excellence rooted in Catholic values and tradition. The courses that you choose should be most suitable for your interests and college choices. However, depending upon enrollment, interest, and budgeting conditions, not all courses may be offered during a specific year. Careful consideration should be given to the course descriptions, prerequisites, and graduation requirements.

Your academic workload is paramount to your success, and I believe that you should challenge yourself while keeping in mind your extracurricular activities and life's demands. Students who are connected to school by participating in activities stay engaged in their classes and are generally more successful in school. I encourage you to thoroughly explore these offerings and to select courses that will challenge and empower you. Please take time to talk with your parents, your teachers, counselors, and assistant principals about your planned courses. We are here to support you every step of the way. I am also available to speak with you.

Course selection is both an exciting and important time for students at Nazareth. It is my hope that you make the best decision for your academic year. The following are words from Mother Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd: *May the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph be with you! May they help you, teach you and bless you at every step and every moment.*

Blessings,

Mrs. Patricia Quinn



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Note from the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Course selection season for the 2026-2027 academic year begins on Course Information Day, which will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. At this time, each Department Chairperson will explain specific course offerings and opportunities within their department. Online Course Registration will be available beginning January 14th through January 21st. Department Chairpersons will verify course eligibility and notify any student who does not meet course prerequisites so that they may modify their course selection.

Once the information is processed by the department chairpersons, the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs and the Principal, a letter listing the courses selected will be sent home for verification. A parent or guardian and student signature will be required at that time to approve the requests. Please note that this verification form does not guarantee student placement.

We will make every effort to place students into their requested courses. If we are unable to place any student into her selected courses, we will contact her to discuss course options so that the best possible schedule can be achieved.

Many questions can be answered in the 2026-2027 Course Catalog which can be found on by clicking [here](#). We look forward to working with you throughout the course selection process.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Theresa Moore

Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs



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Course Catalog

This catalog provides a description of the courses that Nazareth Academy High School will offer for the 2026-2027 school year. Parents, teachers and counselors use their experience and their expertise to help the students make wise decisions during the course selection process. The students' aptitudes, achievements, needs and inter-ests are evaluated prior to the selection of courses. Nazareth Academy permits limited changes in a student's ros-ter at the beginning of each semester, only in extraordinary circumstances. It is extremely difficult to drop or add a course. Changes are not permitted after the first week of each semester.

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Graduation Requirements

Nazareth Academy High School requires a minimum of 25.6 credits for graduation and 80 hours of Christian service. It is recommended that a student take a minimum of 7 credits per year. A student may not take less than 6 credits per year. Juniors and Seniors wishing to take 8 credits must have approval from the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.

Courses	Number of Credits
English	4.00
Financial Management	0.50
Fine Arts	0.60
Health/Physical Education	1.00
Mathematics	3.00
Science	3.00
Social Studies	3.00
Theology	4.00
World Languages	2.00
Electives	4.50
Total	25.60

Course Selection

Students will select courses at the beginning of the spring semester for the following school year. The prerequisite requirements found in this course catalog are strictly followed for appropriate course placement. If a course does not have sufficient student demand, it will not run and students will be notified. Requests for certain teachers or lunch periods will not be honored. Changes to course requests may be submitted until **April 30**. **A student who requests a change in a course after this time is subject to a \$25.00 fee. If a request to change a course occurs after May 31, there will be a \$50.00 fee.**

There is a 7 day window for students to withdrawal from a course from the start of each semester. If a student **withdraws** from a course after the seventh day of the semester, she will receive a **W** for that course on her report card and transcript. No course withdrawals will be permitted after one month from the beginning of the semester.



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Grading Policy

Grades are reported in alphabetical form. Each grade is assigned quality points according to the credit that the subject has been assigned. The following list represents the display and relationship of the alphabetic grade, the numerical equivalency range and the quality points:

Grade	Numerical	College Prep QP	Honors QP	AP QP
A	100 - 96	4.000	4.500	5.000
A-	95 - 93	3.666	4.166	4.666
B+	92 - 90	3.333	3.833	4.333
B	89 - 87	3.000	3.500	4.000
B-	86 - 84	2.666	3.166	3.666
C+	83 - 81	2.333	2.833	3.333
C	80 - 78	2.000	2.500	3.000
C-	77 - 75	1.666	2.166	2.666
D+	74 - 72	1.333	1.833	2.333
D	71 - 70	1.000	1.500	2.000
F	69 and below	0.0	0.0	0.0
INC	Incomplete			
W	Withdrawal			

All grades are final two weeks after the reporting period.

College Preparatory Courses

College Prep courses present a challenging and rigorous curriculum focused on preparing our students for the next phase of their education. Students in these courses develop skills such as analyzation, classification and interpretation of data, as well as verbal reasoning, critical thinking and writing. Students will be responsible for participating in class and completing all assigned work by required deadlines.

Honors Courses

Honors level courses present a more in-depth study of topics covered in College Prep courses. Students must meet departmental requirements to proceed into these courses, which maintain an intensive curriculum taught at an accelerated pace. Students in these courses are expected to be proficient at data analysis, writing, critical thinking and mathematical applications. Students are also expected to complete more rigorous coursework and use higher order thinking skills. In addition, students will be responsible for completing more difficult and challenging assignments independently.



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Nazareth Academy High School does not rank its students.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP Courses follow the guidelines set by The College Board's Advanced Placement Program. These courses are designed as college level courses and comprise a demanding curriculum. To be enrolled in an AP course, students must be self-motivated and have demonstrated consistent academic success in previous Honors level courses. Students in AP courses must be prepared to devote a significant amount of time to homework and independent study. All students taking an AP course are required to register and pay the fee for the AP test in September and take the AP exam in May.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the graduating senior class will be determined by the highest cumulative grade point averages after the mid-spring marking period of senior year.

Honors Policy

Honors will be determined in the following way:

Distinguished Honors - GPA 3.750 or above with no grade below a C in any subject

Commended Honors - GPA 3.500 to 3.749 with no grade below a C in any subject

Honors are computed on the 1st and 2nd Semester grades for major courses.

Distinguished Honors* - will be awarded at graduation to Seniors with Distinguished Honors every semester for all four years.

Commended Honors* - will be awarded at graduation to Seniors with honors every semester for all four years. **To determine eligibility for transfer students, Nazareth Academy High School GPA standards will be applied to the previous school's grades.*



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Advanced Placement and Honors Course Requirements

To qualify for any **Advanced Placement or Honors Course**, a student must meet the pre-requisites for that course. It is required that a student have an A– in the pre-requisite courses and an overall 3.500 GPA for Honors Courses and 3.750 GPA for Advanced Placement Courses.

Honors Courses

Honors Studio CAD
Honors Algebra 2
Honors Advanced Studio Art
Honors Portfolio Art
Honors Biology
Honors Calculus
Honors Chemistry
Honors Computer Science Principles
Honors English 1
Honors English 2
Honors English 3
Honors English 4
Honors French 3
Honors French 4
Honors Geometry
Honors Italian 3
Honors Italian 4
Honors Latin 3
Honors Latin 4
Honors Music Major 3
Honors Music Seminar 5
Honors Physics
Honors Spanish 3
Honors Spanish 4
Honors Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus
Honors United States History
Honors World Civilizations

Advanced Placement Courses

AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science Principles
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
AP French
AP Italian
AP Latin
AP Music
AP Physics
AP Psychology
AP Spanish
AP Statistics
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History



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Academic Probation

Nazareth Academy High School will issue a diploma to those seniors who satisfy graduation requirements. Juniors, sophomores and freshmen who fail a course must successfully make up this failure during the summer. To return to Nazareth Academy High School, a student must show evidence of a passing grade (75 or better) prior to the beginning of the school year. Credit remediation earned will not be given any grade higher than a C and will be listed on the transcript as such. This student will be placed on academic probation for the new school year and her status will be evaluated quarterly.

Students with excessive absences (9 days or more in one semester) do not successfully complete the school year until they make up the time they have missed. The administration decides the manner in which this will be accomplished.

Transfer Students

Any course earning a grade less than 75 will not be accepted for credit transfer into the Nazareth Academy High School's requirements necessary for graduation. To determine eligibility for honors, Nazareth Academy High School GPA standards will be applied to the previous school's grades.



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Diocesan Scholars

The Diocesan Scholarship Program is under the auspices of the twelve Catholic colleges in our Philadelphia area. The participating colleges/universities offer students from diocesan and private high schools the scholarship opportunity to take up to twelve college credits during senior year. The number of students eligible for this program differs every year.

At the beginning of the second semester, qualified juniors are invited to participate in the Diocesan Scholarship Program. Qualified students are those who meet the criteria (cumulative GPA and academic record) set forth by the Diocesan Scholarship Program. Invited students then submit an application and essay, which are reviewed in anonymity by a faculty committee. The semi-finalists each have a short interview with the faculty committee. Applications of the finalists are then sent to the Diocesan Scholarship Program Committee for final approval and university placement. During senior year, Diocesan Scholars are advised by the Director of College Counseling and an academic advisor from their university concerning their college course selections each semester.

At the end of each college semester, the university will post the final grades for each Diocesan Scholar online. The student should send documentation of the final grades to Nazareth's Counseling Department. Grades earned in Diocesan Scholar courses will not be factored into the GPA. A minimum grade of C- must be achieved to receive credit.

To support the college application process, the student can ask the Counseling Department to send their semester report card including their Diocesan Scholar courses to the colleges of their choice. After completing their spring semester courses, Diocesan Scholars should request a transcript from the Registrar at their university be sent to the college they will be attending. The student should also request that their Nazareth Academy transcript be sent to the college they will be attending in the fall.

Seniors Up to 2 courses each semester

By invitation only



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Dual Enrollment Partnership

To participate in Dual Enrollment, a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.500 and the approval of the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. Grades earned in Dual Enrollment courses will not be factored into the GPA. In order to receive credit at NAHS, students must have a signed contract and a minimum grade of C- must be achieved. Additionally, any course that will serve as a prerequisite for a Nazareth Academy Honors or AP course must be completed at Nazareth Academy.

Holy Family University

Nazareth Academy 11th & 12th grade students can dually enroll in 100 level courses at Holy Family University, receiving credit on both Nazareth's and Holy Family's transcripts. In order to receive credit for the course, students must have a signed contract on file. The discounted cost of these courses will be determined by Holy Family University on an annual basis.

Please contact Sister Teresa Mary Lukaszewski at 215-268-1064 for details.

The Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute

Nazareth Academy High School has a partnership with the *Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute (AVLI)*. AVLI is comprised of seasoned Ignatian educators who work remotely with students from Catholic schools throughout the country. A student may take a class through AVLI to expand her academic interests. A student may not take a course through AVLI if the identical course is offered at Nazareth Academy nor may she take a course through AVLI if she has not met the course prerequisites. For all AP Courses, a student must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.750.

The AVLI has a drop/add period and beyond that time, a student may not drop a course. Grades from AVLI do not factor into the student GPA but once beyond the drop/add period the course will remain on the student's Nazareth Academy transcript. A student must receive approval for an AVLI class from the Assistant Principal for Academics. A listing of AVLI courses can be found on the next page.



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The Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute

These courses are open to 11th & 12th grade students and may be used to satisfy the elective credits required for graduation. Please contact Sr. Teresa Mary at 215-268-1064 for details.

Yearlong courses

AP African American Studies
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Environmental Science
AP European History
AP Spanish Literature and Culture
AP World History
American Sign Language
Linear Algebra
Multivariable Calculus

Fall Courses

Accounting
AP Microeconomics
Bioethics
Engineering Principles
Financial Education
Introduction to Biochemistry
JavaScript Programming
Law & Society
Multimedia Authorship
Understanding Artificial Intelligence

Spring Courses

AP Macroeconomics
Bioethics
C++ Programing
Catholic Authors
Comic Book Fiction
Computer Game Development
Genocide & the Holocaust
Intro to Veterinary Careers
Medical Terminology
Model United Nations

Pre-Health Major Program

The Pre-Health Major Program is intended for students who are focused on pursuing health careers, and are highly self-motivated, effective independent and team workers, academically talented, and willing to exceed the minimum graduation requirements of Nazareth Academy High School. The Pre-Health Major is a program of coursework, volunteering, and enrichment experiences to help students explore health-related careers.

Prerequisites: The Pre-Health Major is open to juniors and seniors who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 4 Science courses by the end of Senior year.
2. Complete a minimum of at least 2 health-related courses from another department. Current options include Psychology, Epidemiology Throughout History, Statistics, Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Criminalistic Forensics. Certain pre-approved AVLI courses may also fulfill this requirement.
3. Complete a minimum of 5 hours per year of service or enrichment related to health careers. This could include making a health career presentation during Activity Period, attending a presentation by a guest speaker, getting certified in CPR or Basic Life Support, attending a Holy Family University workshop, or preparing a poster on a health topic. Students could also volunteer with a service organization such as the Breathing Room, Athletes Helping Athletes, Aid for Friends, St. Francis Inn, etc. Participating in a health-related externship program would also be a chance to fulfill the required enrichment hours.
4. Maintain active membership in the Health Careers Club.

This program is designed to provide a unique high school path towards a career in health related field. Students will experience a focused, higher level college prep experience. Students will have an opportunity to connect with alumni relations and other networking opportunities. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be recognized with an award in their Senior year.



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CMAP 0205

Desktop Publishing/Web Design

This is an elective course that teaches students to use Microsoft Publisher, HTML and Macromedia Dreamweaver Creative Cloud. Publisher is a program designed to create professional publications for print. Some of these publications include brochures, newsletters, cards, calendars, certificates, and business forms. In Web Design students will learn the exciting programming language of Hyper Text Mark-up Language (HTML), which is the language of the World Wide Web. Students learn the intricacies of developing a web page; prepare PowerPoint Presentations for the Internet. In this class, students will develop Web Pages, program in HTML, use Macromedia Dreamweaver Creative Cloud, develop interactive forms, and develop Web Site Specifications.

Prerequisite: CMAP 0204 or successful completion of placement exam

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

CMAP 0208

Digital Photography and Video Editing

Budding photographers and videographers can explore the digital world as they unleash creativity using Adobe Photoshop Creative Cloud and Adobe Premiere Creative Cloud. Students will learn how to digitally enhance a photograph, balance and correct color, remove unwanted objects, define muscles, enhance eyes, lips and fix hairstyles. This course is also designed as an introduction for people interested in exploring the process of video editing and technical considerations associated with it. This course offers basic knowledge and practice in the process of capturing, storing, editing and delivery of digital video in different mediums (CD-Rom, web, DVD etc.).

Prerequisite: CMAP 0204 or successful completion of placement exam

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

CSP 0209

Introduction to Cybersecurity

This course is designed for students who are interested in exploring careers in Cybersecurity. This course will focus on the implementation and monitoring of security on network and computer systems. Students will investigate strategies to identify and protect against security threats such as hackers, eavesdropping, and network attacks. The basics of cryptography and logical reasoning will be explored. Hands-on labs in the CYBER.ORG range provide practice in configuring and mitigating system vulnerabilities. Each unit integrates current events and related cyber ethics and law.

Juniors And Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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CSP 0211

Honors Computer Science Principles

This course is a rigorous, entry-level course that introduces students to the foundations of modern computing. The course covers a broad range of foundational topics such as programming, algorithms, the Internet, big data, digital privacy and security, and the societal impacts of computing.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra 1, GPA 3.50

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

APCSP 309

Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science Principles introduces students to the breadth of the field of computer science. In this course, students will learn to design and evaluate solutions and to apply computer science to solve problems through the development of algorithms and programs. They will incorporate abstraction into programs and data to discover new knowledge. Students will also explain how computing innovation and computing systems, including the internet, work, explore their potential impacts, and contribute to a computing culture that is collaborative and ethical.

Prerequisite: Teacher approval required, GPA 3.75, Successful completion of Algebra 1

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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English Department

A Nazareth Academy High School graduate must meet the minimum requirement of **four credits in English**.

Acceptable Courses for Fulfilling English Requirement			
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English I Honors English I	English II Honors English II	English III Honors English III AP English Language & Composition	English IV Honors English IV AP English Literature & Composition
		Elective: Young Adult Literature and Film	

ENG 0110

English I

Focus in this course is an in-depth study in the genres of drama, novel, poetry, and short story, including review of literary devices. Students will also explore strategies for understanding academic nonfiction. Students will learn different strategies in writing as well as serious preparation for the PSAT/SAT. Incorporated into this program is weekly study of advanced vocabulary as well as supplemental readings. The beginnings of the research paper are also examined. Emphasis in English 1 is given to discussing, analyzing, and writing about all Literary genres.

Freshmen

College Prep

1.00 Credit

English 0111

Honors English I

Focus in this course is an in-depth study in the genres of drama, novel, poetry, and short story, including review of literary devices. Students will also explore strategies for understanding academic nonfiction. Students will learn different strategies in writing as well as serious preparation for the PSAT/SAT. Incorporated into this program is weekly study of advanced vocabulary as well as supplemental readings. The beginnings of the research paper are also examined. Emphasis in Honors English 1 is given to discussing, analyzing, and writing about all Literary genres. Students in Honors English 1 work at a more rigorous pace with a more in-depth study of novels, which in turn requires more writing.

Prerequisite: Students must score in the top 10th percentile on the High School Placement Test

Freshmen

Honors

1.00 Credit



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ENG 0120

English II

This program offers an in-depth study of American Literature primarily from the Colonial and Early National period, the Modernist period, and the Contemporary period with an emphasis on discussion and analysis writing. Students are expected to compose critical essays and to give oral presentations in class based on required and supplemental readings. The study of advanced vocabulary and grammar is incorporated into this course to enhance effective speaking and writing.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit

English 0121

Honors English II

This program offers an in-depth study of American Literature primarily from the Colonial and Early National period, the Modernist period, and the Contemporary period with an emphasis on discussion and analysis writing. Students are expected to compose critical essays and to give oral presentations in class based on required and supplemental readings. The study of advanced vocabulary and grammar is incorporated into this course to enhance effective speaking and writing. Students in Honors English work at a more rigorous pace with a more in-depth study of novels.

Prerequisite: A in English 1 or an A- in Honors English 1, GPA 3.500 and department approval.

Sophomores

Honors

1.00 Credit

English 0310

English III

This course is a compilation of various types of literature including: Social Realism, American Literature, British Literature, Contemporary Literature, Memoir, Tragedy and Harlem Renaissance Literature with an emphasis on discussion and analysis writing. Students are expected to compose critical essays and research papers based on required and supplemental readings. The study of advanced vocabulary and grammar is incorporated into this course to enhance effective speaking and writing.

Juniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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ENG 0311

Honors English III

This rigorous and immersive course is designed for advanced high school students seeking to deepen their understanding of various types of literature and enhance their analytical writing skills. Students will explore a diverse range of texts, including classic and contemporary works, focusing on themes such as identity, social justice, and the human experience. Through intensive readings, discussions, and collaborative projects, students will engage critically with literature, honing their ability to interpret complex ideas and articulate their insights. Emphasis will be placed on developing sophisticated writing techniques, including argumentative essays, literary analyses, and creative responses.

In addition to traditional assessments, students will participate in Socratic seminars, presentations and peer reviews, fostering a dynamic learning environment. This course not only aims to prepare students for advanced studies in literature and writing but also encourages them to become thoughtful, articulate individuals capable of engaging in the world around them.

Prerequisite: A– in Honors English II, A in English II, GPA 3.50

Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

English 0132

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

Students in this introductory college-level course read and carefully analyze a broad and challenging range of nonfiction prose selections, deepening their awareness of rhetoric and how language works. Through close reading and frequent writing, students develop their ability to work with language and text with a greater awareness of purpose and strategy, while strengthening their own composing abilities. Course readings feature expository, analytical, personal, and argumentative texts from a variety of authors and historical contexts. Students examine and work with essays, letters, speeches, images, and imaginative literature. Students prepare for the AP® English Language and Composition Exam and may be granted advanced placement, college credit, or both as a result of satisfactory performance. Course reading and writing activities should help students gain textual power, making them more alert to an author's purpose, the needs of an audience, the demands of the subject, and the resources of language: syntax, word choice, and tone. As this is a college-level course, performance expectations are appropriately high, and the workload is challenging.

The Advanced Placement English Language and Composition exam, given in May, is a requisite for all students.

Prerequisite: A in English II or Honors English II, GPA 3.750 and department approval.

Juniors

Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit



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ENG 0410

English IV

This Senior English course is designed to prepare students for the critical thinking, writing, and analytical skills required in college and beyond. Throughout the course, students will engage with a diverse range of texts, including classic literature, contemporary works, and non-fiction. Students will explore complex literary concepts, refine their writing skills through various forms of composition, and participate in discussions and creative workshops to deepen their understanding of the material. This class culminates in a 10-page research paper coupled with an annotated bibliography on the topic of the student's choice. By the end of the course, students will have gained greater confidence in their ability to read and interpret complex texts, express their ideas clearly and persuasively, and engage thoughtfully in academic discourse. This course aims to not only meet the academic requirements of graduation but also equip students with the communication and analytical skills needed for success in higher education and the professional world.

Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

English 0411

Honors English IV

This course is designed for the student who wishes to engage critically with literature. Students will explore a wide range of both classic and contemporary literature and continue to develop their prowess in literary analysis. Through readings, discussions and collaborative projects, students will engage critically with literature, honing their ability to interpret complex ideas and articulate their insights. Emphasis will be placed on developing sophisticated writing techniques, including argumentative essays, literary analysis and creative responses. This course is intended for the student who enjoys reading, thinking about literature, and has the desire to interact with the texts on a deeper level without AP test prep. This course aims to prepare students for advanced studies in literature and writing, to encourage students in independent thought, and foster a lifelong appreciation for literature and language.

Prerequisite: Honors English III - must complete this course with an A- and 3.5 GPA

AP Lang - must complete this course with an A- and 3.5 GPA

Seniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

English 0142

Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

This in-depth study of World Literature incorporates individual research, seminars, small group discussions, and supplementary readings. Expository and analytical essays, as well as research methods in writing are required. Senior English Electives are an option for Advanced Placement students, but are not required. The Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition exam, given in May, is a requisite for all students.

Prerequisite: Honors English III - must complete this course with an A and 3.75 GPA

AP Lang - must complete this course with an A- and 3.75 GPA

Seniors

Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit



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ENG 0341

Young Adult Literature and Film

This elective explores the evolving world of Young Adult (YA) literature and its film adaptations, engaging students in thoughtful analysis of themes such as identity, coming of age, social justice, trauma, friendship, and resilience. Students will read a diverse selection of contemporary and classic YA novels and short stories, watch their corresponding films (or films with similar thematic elements), and critically examine how storytelling changes across mediums.

Through literary analysis, creative projects, film critique, and discussion, students will develop their critical thinking, media literacy, and writing skills, while reflecting on their own place in the world as young adults.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

0.50 Credit



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Fine Arts Department

A Nazareth Academy High School graduate must meet the minimum requirement of **0.6 credits in Fine Arts**. Credits attained beyond these required credits will be considered electives.

MUSIC EDUCATION COURSES			
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Music Major 1	Music Major 2	Honors Music Major 3	AP Music Theory
Music Minor 1	Music Minor 2	Music Minor 3	Music Minor 4
Music Appreciation			Honors Music Seminar 5
Theater Arts			

ART EDUCATION COURSES			
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Art Appreciation	Drawing I Painting I	Drawing I Painting I Advanced Studio Art Ceramics AP Art History	Painting I Advanced Studio Art Honors Portfolio Art Ceramics AP Art History



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MUSIC

MUSM 0616

Honors Music Major 4

This course will develop a student's ability to recognize, understand, and describe the basic materials and processes of music that are heard or written. This is promoted by integrated approaches to the student's development of: aural skills, sight-singing, written skills, compositional skills, and music analysis. Students should be experienced solo performers and good section leaders in their ensembles. Solo recital performance and membership in at least two ensembles is required

Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

MUSM 0600

Advanced Placement Music Theory

This course will develop a student's ability to recognize, understand, and describe the basic materials and processes of music that are heard or presented in a score. This is promoted by integrated approaches to the student's development of: aural skills, sight-singing, written skills, compositional skills, and music analysis. Students should be experienced solo performers and good section leaders in their ensembles. Solo recital performance and membership in at least two ensembles is required for all AP music students.

The Advanced Placement Music Theory Examination given in May is a requirement for all students.

Seniors

Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit

MUSM 0617

Honors Music Seminar 5

Students taking this course should be music majors. The seminar is comprised of advanced work with three different teachers. Students will explore reading and understanding musical scores from different periods and conducting techniques. Composition skills will be introduced and original compositions expected. A written project with musical demonstrations is required. Students taking this course are expected to participate in an advanced level in our department activities as soloists and accompanists. Recital performance is required.

Seniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

MMIN 0617

Music Minor

This course consists of a weekly lesson and participation in a performing ensemble.

All Levels

College Prep

0.50 Credit

Note: Students who register for a Music Major and Music Minor will receive 1.5 credits.

Students who register for more than one Music Minor will still receive only .50 credit per two (2) semesters.

A student may major in one of the following instruments: any orchestral string, brass, percussion, or woodwind instrument, as well as piano, organ, harp, voice or guitar.



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ART

Studying the visual arts at Nazareth Academy High School, students gain an understanding of, and appreciation for the various aesthetic and disciplinary elements involved in the production of art. Our goal is to provide a basis from which the student will maintain a life-long appreciation of the visual arts. The Visual Arts at Nazareth Academy let you explore creative processes and develop new perspectives of the world.

ART 0600

Art Appreciation

Art Appreciation is a foundations course that introduces art through a multi-media experience. Students will learn and apply the basic foundational elements and principles to produce creative art projects that reflect their understanding of these concepts. This course is included in the Freshmen Arts Block Rotation.

Freshmen

College Prep

0.2 Credit

ART 0620

Drawing I

Drawing I is a studio elective art class that begins with the basics of understanding what we see and transforming that onto paper. This course is designed to enrich students with the drawing tools and techniques that will help them through any art form. Students will develop observational skills and learn fundamental drawing methods while exploring the basic foundations of drawing and artistic styles in a multitude of art media. The two-dimensional media includes graphite, charcoal, pastels, color pencil, printmaking and ink techniques. The student will develop an ability to make effective choices concerning media, techniques, subject matter, methods of interpretation, and compositional design.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit

ART 0630

Painting I

Painting I is a studio elective art class that begins with the fundamentals of painting, design, and visual expression. Students will learn to use a variety of painting media and explore the basic techniques of brushwork, color mixing and composition. The course emphasizes not only skill and technique, but also creativity, personal expression, and visual problem-solving. They will study basic color theory, experiment with different painting styles (realistic, representational, abstract), and explore traditional painting subjects such as still life, landscape, and expressive compositions.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required, or 1.2 credits of Art

Juniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

ART 0141

Advanced Placement Art History

Advanced Placement Art History is an engaging exploration of the global art world, focusing on the functions and effects of art across various cultures and time periods. Students learn to examine and critically analyze how factors such as belief, class, gender, ethnicity, patronage, and politics influence art and its creation.

Prerequisites: B+ in Honors or AP Social Studies , or Honors or AP English, GPA of 3.75

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Health and Physical Education Department

The Health and Physical Education department's goal is to educate students about the importance of their daily choices and their effects on their personal health. We strive to demonstrate healthy behaviors concerning overall mental, social and physical health. Our goal is to teach students how to live a healthy life and reach optimum health.

WELL 0911

Wellness For Life

This course is designed to teach students healthy behaviors that promote wellness through a variety of topics including mental health, stress management, nutrition, social skills, and substance use prevention. In addition to the health aspect of the course, the physical education portion will offer a variety of fitness and sport activities that promote the improvement of overall fitness levels. This course will aim to give students the ability and desire to pursue lifelong healthy habits.

Wellness is not factored into GPA Calculation

Sophomores or Juniors - Required College Prep

1.00 Credit

(Music Majors will complete this course during their Freshman & Sophomore years)



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Mathematics Department

A Nazareth Academy High School graduate must meet the minimum requirement of **three credits in Mathematics**. Mathematic credits attained beyond the three required credits will be considered electives.

MATHEMATICS COURSES Acceptable Courses for Fulfilling Mathematics Requirement		
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
Algebra 1 Honors Algebra 2	Algebra 2 Honors Algebra 2 Geometry Honors Geometry Honors Trig/Pre-Calculus	Geometry Honors Trig/Pre-Calculus Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AB

MATHEMATICS ELECTIVES		
Grade 11	Grade 12	
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus Honors Trig/Pre-Calculus Calculus Honors Calculus AP Calculus AB Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus Honors Trig/Pre-Calculus	AP Statistics Honors Calculus Statistics Calculus

DOUBLING IN MATH

Algebra 2 and Geometry in Sophomore Year

In sophomore year, students with a final grade of B+ in Algebra 1, may elect to take both Algebra 2 and Geometry. Sophomores who double in math will take Wellness in junior year. The intent of this student should be to work toward taking Calculus in her senior year. Every effort will be made to schedule Algebra 2 and Geometry in separate semesters. Students requesting both courses during sophomore year must obtain the approval of the Math Department Chairperson.

Doubling Junior and Senior Year

Preparatory Scheduling offers many opportunities to enroll in two or even three math courses during Junior and Senior year. A student wishing to take more than one math course must meet the prerequisites for each course. These students must obtain the approval of the Math Department Chairperson.



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Mathematics Department

ALG 0410

Algebra 1

The primary scope of this course is the representation of numbers by symbols and the study of the rules of their operations within a given set. Topics include: the real number system, operations on polynomials, linear equations and inequalities, absolute value equations and inequalities, rational expressions, factoring and applications of factoring, and radicals. This class includes an online component for assessment which additionally allows for enrichment and SAT Preparation.

Freshmen

College Prep

1.00 Credit

ALG 0430

Algebra 2

This course places emphasis upon the structure of algebra and the development of computational problem-solving skills. Topics include: Solving systems of linear equations and inequalities, linear equations and functions, polynomial factors and products, rational expressions, quadratic equations and functions, variation, polynomial equations and radicals. This class includes an online assessment component, which additionally, allows for enrichment and SAT Preparation.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit

ALG 0431

Honors Algebra 2

This course provides the opportunity for students to continue on a rigorous and accelerated path toward advanced courses, such as AP Calculus. This course emphasizes the structure of algebra and development of computational problem-solving skills. Topics include: solving linear equations and inequalities, absolute value equations and inequalities, linear equations and functions, polynomial factors and products, rational expressions, quadratic equations and functions, variations and polynomial equations, radicals and logarithms. This class includes an online component for assessment which additionally allows for enrichment and SAT Preparation.

Prerequisites

Freshman: High scores on the Quantitative and Math sections of the entrance test and the Math Placement Test

Sophomores: A in Algebra 1; 3.500 GPA

Freshman and Sophomores

Honors

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

GEOM 0420

Geometry

This course gives students the opportunity to study the properties, measurements, and relationships of points, lines, angles, surfaces, and solids. Emphasis is placed on deductive reasoning, formal proof, theory, real-life applications, symbolic and visual thinking. This class includes an online component for assessment which additionally allows for enrichment and SAT Preparation.

Sophomores and Juniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

GEOM 0421

Honors Geometry

This course provides a more rigorous in-depth study of the topics covered in Geometry 0420 and conic sections. Additional emphasis will be placed on the student's ability to compose formal proofs. More difficult and challenging problems will be assigned. This class includes an online component for assessment which additionally allows for enrichment and SAT Preparation.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
A in Algebra 2 or A- in Honors Algebra 2, GPA 3.500

Sophomores and Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

TRPC 0440

Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus

This course bridges the gap between Algebra 2 and Calculus. It includes an intensive study of the trigonometric functions, their graphs, their inverses and applications, the trigonometric identities and equations, functions, and their graphs, polynomial functions, exponential and logarithmic functions. This class includes an online component for assessment which additionally allows for enrichment and SAT Preparation.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
B- in Algebra 2 or C+ in H. Algebra 2

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

TRPC 0441

Honors Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus

This course provides a more rigorous, in-depth study of the topics of Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus. Additional emphasis is placed on understanding and communicating the language and behavior of functions. It includes an introduction to notation, concepts, and applications of rates of change and finite and infinite sums. This class includes an online component for assessment which additionally allows for enrichment and SAT Preparation.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
A- in Algebra 2 or B+ Honors Algebra 2
A in Geometry or A- Honors Geometry
GPA 3.500

Sophomores and Juniors College Prep 1.00 Credit

CALC 0439

Calculus

This introductory course gives the student the opportunity to learn the techniques of differential and integral calculus. Other topics include limits, continuity, derivatives and applications, logarithmic and exponential functions.

Prerequisites: C+ in Honors Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus or B- in Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus

Juniors and Seniors College Prep 1.00 Credit

CALC 0440

Honors Calculus

This course maintains an intensive curriculum taught at an accelerated pace. Students in this course are expected to complete challenging assignments independently. This course provides an in-depth study of differential and integral calculus, including limits, continuity, derivatives and applications, logarithmic and exponential functions.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required,
B+ in Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus or B in Honors Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus
GPA 3.500

Juniors and Seniors Honors 1.00 Credit

CALC 0441

Advanced Placement Calculus AB

This course follows the guidelines set by The College Board's Advanced Placement Program and provides the student with a more rigorous and in-depth study of the differential and integral calculus. Topics will include limits, continuity, derivatives and applications, logarithmic and exponential functions. Students in this course must be prepared to devote a significant amount of time to independent study. The Advanced Placement Calculus AB Examination given in May is a requisite for all students.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required,
B+ in Honors Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus or A- in Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus
GPA 3.750

Juniors and Seniors Advanced Placement 1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

CHEM 0319

Conceptual Chemistry

Conceptual Chemistry is a laboratory science course designed for the student who will benefit more from a descriptive approach to the subject matter than is presented in Chemistry 0320. This course will investigate the basic theories and principles of General Chemistry through experimentation and demonstration to present the course on a more concrete level. These concepts will be developed with a strong emphasis on observations, interpretation and vocabulary along with some mathematical concepts.

Prerequisite: Offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors who successfully completed Biology with a grade of D to C+ and Algebra 1 with final grades between D to B-.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors College Prep 1.00 Credit

CHEM 0320

Chemistry

Chemistry is a laboratory science course allowing a student to investigate the basic theories and principles of General Chemistry. These concepts will be developed with a strong emphasis on mathematically based applications. The laboratory work will develop critical thinking skills and the ability to apply chemical principles; as well as familiarize students with chemical laboratory techniques.

Prerequisite: Offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors with a C+ or higher grade in Biology and B or higher in Algebra I.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors College Prep 1.00 Credit

ENV 0321

Environmental Science

Environmental Science is a laboratory science course focusing on the chemical and biological processes that make life on planet Earth unique. The environmental concerns and problems created by a worldwide agricultural/industrial based economy are stressed. Emphasis is placed on individual decision making, educated discussions and problem solving. The laboratory work will familiarize students with outdoor field studies while developing the student's critical thinking skills.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Biology

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors College Prep 1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

CHEM 0319

Honors Chemistry

Honors Chemistry is a laboratory science course based on the fundamental facts and principles of chemistry. This includes atomic theory, the mole concept, kinetic theory, the states of matter, chemical and physical properties and the periodic law, atomic and molecular structure, chemical bonding, chemical reactions, chemical equations, and stoichiometry. These concepts will be developed with a strong emphasis on mathematical applications. The laboratory work will familiarize students with chemical laboratory techniques while developing the student's critical thinking skills and ability to apply chemical principles to the experiment and class discussions. Students are required to take an active role in both classroom and laboratory discussions and will be expected to use higher level thinking skills at a faster pace. This course is intended for highly motivated science students as they prepare for future science course work including AP Chemistry and AP Biology.

Prerequisites: Offered to Sophomores and Juniors who have achieved an A in Biology or A- in Honors Biology; a A- in Algebra I or Algebra II; and an overall GPA of 3.500.

Sophomores, Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

ANAT 0331

Anatomy and Physiology

Anatomy and Physiology is a laboratory science course designed to present an integrated study of human anatomy and physiology using formal methods of lecture enhanced with the use of computer software. This is a comprehensive course in which students will study the major systems of the human organism.

Prerequisite: This course is offered as an elective to juniors and seniors with a C – average in Biology who have successfully completed any Chemistry course.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

PHYS 0331

Honors Physics

Honors Physics is a laboratory science course covering the major laws that govern the physical universe. Topics covered include Newton's Laws of Motion, linear motion, momentum, energy, rotational motion, gravity, projectile motion, vibrations and waves, sound, light, and electricity and magnetism. The material is taught from a mathematics viewpoint with strong emphasis on problem solving and logical reasoning. This course is intended for motivated science students as they prepare for future science course work in college.

Prerequisites: This course is offered to juniors and seniors who meet the requirements of teacher approval, a B average in Algebra 2, successful completion of any Chemistry course and a minimum overall GPA of 3.500.

Juniors, Seniors

Honors

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

ASTR 0323

Contemporary Astronomy

Contemporary Astronomy is a laboratory science course, which will give students an opportunity to explore and appreciate the multidisciplinary field of modern astronomy. By engaging curiosity, creativity, imagination and a methodology steeped in the scientific method, students will develop a deep appreciation for collective scientific research and will become originators of their own scientific concepts. Furthermore, they will hone their powers of observation as they make deductions and inferences about the wealth of astronomical data they will examine in this course.

Prerequisites: B average in Biology and any Chemistry.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

BIO 0332

Advanced Placement Biology

Advanced Placement Biology is designed with an inquiry-based model focusing on critical thinking skills using supportive evidence to foster conceptual understanding of the biological topics presented. The course will follow the guidelines provided by The College Board. Advanced Placement Biology is offered to Juniors and Seniors who have completed: Biology and Chemistry. All students in Advanced Placement Biology will be required to take the Advanced Placement Biology Examination in May.

Prerequisites: This course is offered to juniors and seniors meeting the requirements of teacher approval, a B+ in Biology or Honors Biology, B+ in Honors Chemistry or an A– in Chemistry or other Science Courses and an overall GPA of 3.750.

This is a two semester course.

Juniors, Seniors

Advanced Placement

2.00 Credits

CHEM 0322

Advanced Placement Chemistry

Advanced Placement Chemistry is designed as the equivalent of an introductory college chemistry course that is provided to capable students in a high school environment. The goal of AP Chemistry is to provide students with conceptual frameworks, factual knowledge and analytical skills necessary to deal critically with the rapidly changing science of chemistry. This course is taught according to the guidelines provided by The College Board. All students in Advanced Placement Chemistry will be required to take the Advanced Placement Chemistry Examination in May.

Prerequisites: This course is offered to juniors and seniors meeting the requirements of teacher approval, an A– in Honors Chemistry and an overall GPA of 3.750.

This is a two semester course.

Juniors, Seniors

Advanced Placement

2.00 Credits



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PHYS 0333

Advanced Placement Physics 1

Advanced Placement Physics 1 is the equivalent of a first-level introductory college course in algebra-based physics. AP Physics 1 focuses on critical thinking skills through application of advanced mathematical methods and analysis, with a heavy emphasis on logical reasoning. Learning objectives include providing qualitative and quantitative explanations and reasoning of physics principles and theories, especially as derived from laboratory experiences; problem solving; and developing and interpreting conceptual models with and without technology. This course is taught according to the guidelines provided by The College Board. All students in Advanced Placement Physics 1 will be required to take the Advanced Placement Physics 1 Examination in May.

Prerequisites: This course is offered to juniors and seniors who meet the requirements of teacher approval, an A- in H. Geometry or an A in Geometry and a minimum overall GPA of 3.750. This a two semester course.

Juniors, Seniors

Advanced Placement

2.00 Credits



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Social Studies Department

A Nazareth Academy High School graduate must meet the minimum requirement of **three credits in Social Studies**. Credits attained beyond the three required credits will be considered electives.

SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES Acceptable Courses for Fulfilling Social Studies Requirement		
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
World Civilizations Honors World Civilizations	US History 1 American Government Honors US History AP US History AP US Gov and Politics	US History 2 American Government Honors US History AP US History AP US Gov and Politics

SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES	
Grade 11	Grade 12
American Government Criminal Justice Criminalistic Forensics Psychology AP Psychology AP US Gov and Politics Epidemiology Throughout History Sociology Modern Societal Issues	American Government Criminal Justice Criminalistic Forensics Psychology AP Psychology AP US Gov and Politics Epidemiology Throughout History Sociology Modern Societal Issues



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Social Studies Department

WCIV 0220

World Civilizations

This course is required for all freshmen. By examining the simultaneous development and diffusion of many cultures, the student recognizes the increasing interdependence among peoples and how change has always been the central fact of human existence. Students question, analyze, evaluate and draw conclusions about the way in which people of the past shaped their lives and ours.

Freshmen

College Prep

1.00 Credit

HWC 0221

Honors World Civilizations

This course provides the opportunity for incoming Freshmen to complete a rigorous and accelerated path toward advanced Social Studies Courses. By examining the simultaneous development and diffusion of many cultures, the student recognizes the increasing interdependence among peoples and how change has always been the central fact of human existence. Students question, analyze, evaluate and draw conclusions about the way in which people of the past shaped their lives and ours. This course is designed for students with a firm grasp of reading comprehension and critical analysis. They should be highly motivated to pursue an in-depth study of Western Civilization: economic, political, cultural and religious life from ancient times through the Renaissance. Critical analysis and writing skills are required for this course. There will be a minimum of two research papers as well as other reading and writing assignments.

Prerequisites: Students must score in the top 10th percentile on the High School Placement Test

Freshmen

Honors

1.00 Credit

USH 0251

United States History 1

The United States History I course takes the people, places, events, and ideals that shaped the United States and weaves them into a living story. Combining the history of politics with American society and cultural life, students are exposed to the elements that helped shape America. Emphasis is on the beginning of the nation to 1900, the Constitution, the development of the branches of government, and the amendments to the Constitution during that time period.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

USH 0252

United States History 2

The United States History 2 course continues the study of American History from the year 1900 to current time. Emphasis continues on the social, economic, and political behavior of the nation during that time period. Continued study of constitutional rights and additional amendments to the Constitution are implemented into this study.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

GOVTEC 0250

American Government

The course is a study of American Government that includes the foundation of American Government, the Constitution, the role of political parties, the electoral process and the workings of the three branches of government. Some focus will also be given to state and local governments. Economics is an introductory course with an emphasis on the American free enterprise system, the role of the American government in the economy, and American economic relations with the world and the consumer

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

USH 0253

Honors United States History

This course is an intensive approach to the study of the main movements and ideas that have shaped the United States from the Pre-Colonial Period to Present Day. The focus of this course provides students with a framework for studying political, social, economic, and cultural issues and for analyzing the impact that these issues have had on American society. Students in this course are expected to complete more rigorous coursework and to routinely use higher order thinking skills. Students will employ primary and secondary course document analysis to address major themes, including the transforming nature of US Democracy, the diversification of American society, and the United States' transitioning diplomatic role on the global scale. The course strives to strike a balance between teaching factual knowledge and critical analysis.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required,
A- in H. World Civilizations,
A in World Civilizations,
B+ average in English
GPA of 3.500

Sophomores, Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

USH 0257

Advanced Placement United States History

This course is designed to provide students with the challenges of a college-level Freshmen course. The educational goal is to foster an understanding of the various social, economic, and political events, movements, and eras that have shaped America from the 1491 until the present. Additionally, each student is called on to expand her ability to discern and think critically by refining and enhancing her reading and writing skills. The evaluation and interpretation of primary documents (maps, political cartoons, etc.) will develop these skills. Therefore, a special emphasis is placed on each student's willingness to devote considerable time to homework and independent study. Throughout the course, students will be engaged in the systematic preparation for the Advanced Placement Examination administered in May.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required

A- in H. World Civ and A- in English

GPA of 3.750

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit

APGP 0256

Advanced Placement US Government & Politics

AP US Government and Politics is a challenging course that will give students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret US politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute US politics. Political theory and everyday practice that direct the daily operation of our government and shape our public policies will be explored. This course is taught at a college level and requires a substantial amount of reading and preparation for every class. The purpose of this course is to prepare the students for the Advanced Placement Examination administered in May.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required

A- in H. United States History or B+ in AP US History

GPA of 3.750

Juniors, Seniors

Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit

EPID 0282

Epidemiology Throughout History

This course will be taught in collaboration with a teacher from the Science Department. The students will learn about the origin and impact of diseases throughout history and their effect on society. Diseases include, but are not limited to the following: Bubonic Plague, Yellow Fever of 1793, Influenza of 1918, Polio, Tuberculosis, AIDS, and Avian Flu. Additionally, the course will cover the government actions taken to fight the various disease, and how each disease affects the body in its own way.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

SOC 0262

Sociology

Sociology allows students to gain basic knowledge of sociological definitions, levels of analysis, and theories of social life and be able to use various elemental social research methods. Students will also be able to acquire the basic concepts of the socialization process as they relate to culture, social participation, formal/informal structures, and deviance/diversity. Students will also acquire elements of knowledge concerning basic social institutions and societal stimuli which are conducive to their modification.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

CRIM 0262

Criminal Justice

This course will introduce the students to the American Criminal Justice System. Students will learn about and analyze the structure, functions, roles, legal restraints and ethical challenges regarding the four components of the American Criminal Justice System: The Legislature, Law Enforcement, the Court/Attorneys and the American Correctional/Prison system. The course will follow a criminal case from the moment of crime discovery through the arrest, trial, sentencing and punishment of the accused. Students will also learn the elements and requirements to prove a wide array of criminal actions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Crime Code. The course will also provide an analysis of the reasons and causes that lead individuals to commit crimes or lead a life of criminal activity.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

PSYC 0126

Principles of Psychology

This course is an introduction to the study of human behavior. The course is devoted to discovering, understanding, and explaining human nature—the behavior and mental processes that make us who we are. Key goals for the course will be to give students a working understanding of the important basics laying a foundation for further study.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit

PSYC 1127

Advanced Placement Psychology

This is an advanced placement course aimed to provide students with the equivalent of that obtained in college introductory psychology courses. Students are exposed to psychology principles and phenomenon with the major sub fields of psychology. In addition to the in-depth study of each topic, time will be devoted to class activities which will enhance the student's understanding of the material. Students who take this class will be required to take the AP Psychology Exam in May.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
A- in an Honors or AP English or History
GPA of 3.750

Juniors, Seniors

Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

USH 0258

Modern Societal Issues

This one-semester elective for Juniors and Seniors examines major contemporary issues shaping today's world. Students will explore topics such as media literacy, climate change, human rights, political systems, global conflicts, and social and cultural debates. Through discussion, research, and source analysis, students will learn to evaluate news reliability, identify bias, and develop informed, evidence-based perspectives. Because current events are constantly evolving, the course adapts to include emerging issues and global developments. Modern Societal Issues equips students with the critical thinking and civic awareness needed to navigate an increasingly complex world.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

0.50 Credit

STEM 0300

Criminalistic Forensics

This introductory overview of forensics and how it is applied to the criminal justice system by law enforcement agencies. This course demonstrates the importance of documenting physical evidence and identifying various kinds of evidence such as fingerprints, trace, tool marks, DNA, etc. Students will also explore and become familiar with commonly accepted forensics techniques, contemporary specialized techniques, and judicial expectations and requirements demanded by the judicial process relative to the admittance of evidence collected by forensic crime scene investigators.

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

STEM 0410

Honors Studio CAD with Autodesk Fusion

(Formerly Honors 2-D and 3-D Product Design II)

StudioCAD is a high-powered, professional-grade course in 3D CAD modeling, simulation, and digital fabrication —built around the full capabilities of Autodesk Fusion and designed to mirror the workflows of real-world engineering and product design studios. Through hands-on modeling challenges, motion-based assemblies, technical drawing, and simulated manufacturing, students will engage in the kind of work typically found in engineering programs and tech design firms. Set within the Innovation Center’s Studio Culture™, this course emphasizes systems thinking, iterative design, and team-based collaboration. Students will take on authentic design roles while mastering one of the most in-demand tools in the global engineering ecosystem. Projects will culminate in a professional design portfolio, showcasing each student’s capabilities in modeling, animation, documentation, and creative problem-solving.

Prerequisite: Interested students must seek teacher approval and have a 3.5 GPA

Juniors, Seniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

STEM 0420

Innovation Launchpad: Business and Entrepreneurship

Students will identify an opportunity, create solutions, and make their business pitch using professional management and product design cycles. Using the tools and technologies of the Innovation Center, students will become experts in the fundamentals of business entrepreneurship, including product design, marketing analysis, and branding. For first-hand experience, students can visit several Philadelphia area product design firms for authentic fieldwork in professional business environments. This course empowers students to think like business creators, immersing them in project work that demands critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaborative work skills. This course offers students candidacy for the National Technical Honor Society.

Prerequisite: Interested students must seek teacher approval

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

1.00 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Theology Department

A Nazareth Academy High School graduate must meet the minimum requirement of **four credits in Theology**. Credits attained beyond the four required credits will be considered electives.

THEOLOGY COURSES		
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11 and Grade 12
God's Revelation to the World through Scripture	Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ Extended in the Sacraments	Theology of the Body & Catholic Morality Catholic Social Teaching Women Who Shaped Church History The Catholic Church in a Changing World World Religions

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

In an effort to fulfill Jesus' command to "Love one another" every student is required to complete 20 hours of service (10 per semester) each school year. We ask that the student extend herself outside her own family and share some of her time and talent helping others in need. All completed hours will be officially collected on a designated date each semester.



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

THEO 0801

Theology 1

God's Revelation to the World through Scripture- This course is intended to give students general knowledge and appreciation of Sacred Scripture while coming to encounter Jesus Christ. Covering the basics of the Christian faith by tracing key stages of Salvation History, this text introduces vocabulary, doctrine, events, and people that will appear throughout the four year curriculum. While the text is a study of both the Old and New Testament, it begins by centering the study of Scripture on a person's natural instinct to search for God.

Freshman

College Prep

1.00 Credit

THEO 0802

Theology 2

Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ Extended in the Sacraments - This course is centered in Christology and the Sacraments of the Church. It answers questions about the mission and ministry of Jesus culminating in His Paschal Mystery which became the source of all grace found in the Church. It explains the definitive way Jesus remains present to the church and active in the world today. This course is organized around the major themes in Christology and the traditional definition of sacraments from the Catechism of the Catholic Church which is based on four dimensions of the sacrament: memorial, celebration, communion and transformation. It draws from the Scriptural evidences of the saving actions of Christ and offers the students an opportunity to further their relationships with Christ and the Church through living in sanctifying grace and participating in Christian mission.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit

Theology 3 and Theology 4

Juniors and Seniors must select two of the following Theology electives each year

THEO 0831

Catholic Morality & Theology of the Body

Pope John Paul II delivered a rich, biblical reflection on the meaning of human embodiment, particularly as it concerns sexuality and desire. The text explores the profound interconnections between sex and the deepest questions of human existence regarding the meaning of life, truth, and freedom, finding your vocation, and living according to God's plan. Catholic Morality focuses on the essential message of Christ's moral teaching, the importance of love of God and love of neighbor and presents it in a way that is clear and applicable to the lives of today's adolescence. The book covers the major areas of the "Life of Christ" section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It pulls together elements within the chapters which focus on moral issues and Christian living within the context of Catholic teaching

Juniors, Seniors

College Prep

0.50 Credit



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

World Languages Department

A Nazareth Academy High School graduate must meet the minimum requirement of **two credits in World Languages**. Credits attained beyond the two required credits will be considered electives.

WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES			
Acceptable Courses for Fulfilling World Languages Requirement		Electives	
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
French 1 Italian 1 Latin 1 Spanish 1 Spanish 2	French 2 Italian 2 Latin 2 Spanish 2 Honors Spanish 3	Honors French 3 Honors Italian 3 Honors Latin 3 Honors Spanish 3 Honors/AP Spanish 4	Honors/AP French 4 Honors/AP Italian 4 Honors/AP Latin 4 Honors/AP Spanish 4

FRE 0511

French 1

This course includes the basic elements of French grammar and vocabulary. Oral exercises by native speakers are designed to improve the student's pronunciation and understanding of grammatical elements by means of repetition, substitution and transformation. Ample opportunity is offered to acquire correct skills in reading, comprehension, in speaking the language, and in writing in the target language. There are many resources available to the student such as the book's platform online which includes the audio and spoken exercises.

Freshman

College Prep

1.00 Credit

FRE 0512

French 2

Building on the fundamentals of French grammar, syntax and vocabulary, students continue to study systematically more advanced structures of the language. Further stress on pronunciation, conversation, reading and writing skills increases fluency in French communication. Continued use of authentic materials helps in the study of French culture and of its people. Emphasis is placed on the use of the computer (whose speakers are native) to increase accuracy in all four skills of communication.

Sophomore

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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FRE 0513

Honors French 3

With continued integration and progression of language proficiency, this course offers extensive practice in spoken and written French with special emphasis on the more difficult grammatical constructions and idioms as well as more advanced work in composition and conversation. Emphasis is placed on the use of CDs (whose speakers are native) to increase accuracy in all four skills of communication. Selected readings provide significant aspects of French culture and civilization especially highlighting modern trends.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
B average in French 2, 3.500 GPA

Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

FRE 0514/0515

Honors French 4/AP French

A detailed review of grammar emphasizes syntax and style in written and oral expression. The student is exposed to several global French issues to prepare for the AP exam. Proficiency in reading, interpreting and discussing authentic materials is an integral part of this course as is development of conversational skills. There is also emphasis on the historical, societal and religious evolutions of France and its culture. Students who wish to take the course and receive AP credit, must commit to taking the AP exam and complete all of the additional work that it entails above and beyond the normal course work. The AP exam is mandatory for students taking the course for AP credit.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
Honors Level: B average in Honors French 3, 3.500 GPA
AP Level: A– average in Honors French 3, 3.750 GPA

Seniors

Honors or Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit

ITA 0561

Italian 1

This introductory course provides practice in listening, speaking and reading Italian with good pronunciation, articulation and intonation. Opportunities are provided for oral and written expression. Various aspects of Italian life and customs are studied.

Freshman

College Prep

1.00 Credit

ITA 0562

Italian 2

Students continue to master grammar, syntax and vocabulary, stressing correctness in conversation, reading and writing in the target language. Further study of the culture of Italy and its people broadens horizons of understanding and appreciation.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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ITA 0563

Honors Italian 3

This course offers a comprehensive review of language usage adding idiomatic expressions and comparative study of conflict points with English usage. A detailed study of the regions of Italy, their customs, traditions and folklore will be studied. Selected readings from Italian literature will be read and discussed.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
B average in Italian 2, 3.500 GPA

Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

ITA 0564/0565

Honors Italian 4/AP Italian

This course stresses idiomatic oral expression and meaningful communication. Systematic study of Italian society is coupled with contemporary events in Italian-RAI-transmission. Students will study social, cultural, and historical aspects of Italian Life. A unit on Italian opera completes the course. Students who wish to take the course and receive AP credit, must commit to taking the AP exam and complete all of the additional work that it entails above and beyond the normal course work. The AP exam is mandatory for students taking the course for AP level credit.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
Honors Level: B average in Honors Italian 3, 3.500 GPA
AP Level: A– average in Honors Italian 3, 3.750 GPA

Seniors

Honors or Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit

LAT 0551

Latin 1

Latin 1 presents basic forms, grammar and vocabulary in a cumulative fashion so the student may advance in a systematic and efficient manner. The culture capsules bring ancient Rome to life. Students study Roman history and the daily aspects of Roman life. For students who take Latin for a better understanding of English, the course emphasizes derivatives and etymology as well as a comparative study of English and Latin. Students will take the National Latin Exam, the Classical Etymology Exam and the national Latin Vocabulary Exam.

Freshman

College Prep

1.00 Credit

LAT 0552

Latin 2

Students at the second level review the forms of the five declensions and the four conjugations, case usage, forms of pronouns and degrees of adjectives and adverbs. Irregular verb forms are also studied. Students study mythology and read the exploits of Perseus, the Argonauts, Hercules and Theseus. Students will take the National Latin Exam, the National Classical Etymology Exam and the National Latin Vocabulary Exam.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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LAT 0553

Honors Latin 3

This course offers students their first opportunity to read and translate unadapted literature. The first half of the course, devoted to the Roman prose writings of Cicero, Pliny the Younger and Tacitus, will pay close attention to the historical and cultural time periods of the late Republic and the early Empire. In the second, half, students will read and translate the poetry of Catullus, Horace and Ovid; they will also focus on meter and literary devices. Students will take the National Latin Exam, the National Classical Etymology Exam and the National Latin Vocabulary Exam if time permits. All Honors Latin 3 students will be prepared to take the Subject Test in Latin.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
B average in Latin 2, 3.500 GPA

Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

LAT 0554/0555

Honors Latin 4/AP Latin

In this course, students read and interact mostly with Caesar's historical commentary *De Bello Gallico* (On the Gallic War) and Vergil's epic poem *Aeneid*, though a variety of other short readings from classical Latin literature also appear in the course. Students also learn about grammatical and stylistic features of Latin literature and engage in literary analysis and discussion of major themes and essential questions addressed in the works. Students research and present on topics of political and cultural relevance to Caesar's and Vergil's works. Students who elect to take this course at an AP level can expect to complete more assignments, primarily translation, that will prepare them for the AP Latin exam. The AP exam is mandatory for students taking the course for AP level credit.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
Honors Level: B average in Honors Latin 3, 3.500 GPA
AP Level: A– average in Honors Latin 3, 3.750 GPA

Seniors

Honors or Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit

SPA 0521

Spanish 1

The first year course introduces the student to basic structures of the language and vocabulary with emphasis on correct pronunciation and intonation. The student becomes acquainted with some of the customs and culture of Spanish-speaking peoples through readings and audiovisual materials.

Freshman

College Prep

1.00 Credit

SPA 0522

Spanish 2

This course presents a review and continuation of fundamental Spanish grammar, syntax and vocabulary enrichment; mastery of verb forms and tenses is emphasized. Conversing, listening, and writing in the target language is practiced to promote proficiency. Understanding and appreciation of Spanish-speaking cultures is further developed through short readings and videos.

Sophomores

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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SPA 0523

Honors Spanish 3

The third year course is a rigorous and challenging one. While there is a concentrated emphasis on the study of the verb system, the focus of the course is oral and written communication based on the mastery of material from levels one and two. Students will discover more about Spain and the Americas through readings and audiovisual materials.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
B average in Spanish 2, 3.500 GPA

Juniors

Honors

1.00 Credit

SPA 0524/0525

Honors Spanish 4/AP Spanish

This course presents a detailed review of advanced grammar and syntax; extensive vocabulary development and acquisition of idiomatic expressions is also included via daily conversational practice. The focus is on reading about and discussing the cultures of the many Spanish-speaking countries as well as interpreting and analyzing short literary selections which are representative of the nations and people studied. Students who wish to take the course for *AP credit*, must commit to taking the AP exam and completing the additional work it entails above and beyond the work required for Honors Spanish 4. The AP exam is mandatory for students taking the course for AP level credit.

Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
Honors Level: B average in Honors Spanish 3, 3.500 GPA
AP Level: A– average in Honors Spanish 3, 3.750 GPA

Seniors

Honors or Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit



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Prerequisites: Teacher approval required
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Seniors

Honors or Advanced Placement

1.00 Credit



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Academic Enrichment

ACAD 0160

The Academic Enrichment Program provides 1-1 assistance in most subjects to students who have diagnosed learning differences. Meeting with the Academic Support Professional on a daily basis, the student aims for greater self-knowledge and more effective ways of successfully navigating her particular learning differences.

All Levels

College Prep

1.00 Credit



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