



# 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, Religion and Philosophy
- II. English
- III. Fine Arts
- IV. Math
- V. Science
- VI. Social Studies
- VII. Classical World Languages
- VIII. Modern 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 their areas of passion and interest beyond the four walls of the classroom. Application, admission and additional graduation requirements for this program are determined by individual departments.

Seniors pursuing a conservatory must schedule a meeting with [Mrs. Amanda Poole](#), upper school assistant principal, by the end of September to declare the area of distinction they are seeking. All documentation is due to Mrs. Amanda Poole the week after spring break. Specific dates for senior submissions will be communicated at the September conservatory meeting.

Students interested in learning more about this program, please read the information below and contact [Mrs. Amanda Poole](#), upper school assistant principal.



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Distinction in Bible, Religion and Philosophy

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in Bible, Religion and Philosophy, 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.
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 Winterim 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, DIG group) for longer than 10 weeks.
6. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the Bible Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the Bible, Religion and Philosophy Conservatory.



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Distinction in English

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

1. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
2. Have an overall English GPA of 4.5 (weighted).
3. Take a minimum of one English AP level class.
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.
  - Peer tutor in the Writing Center (20 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society or school required service hours do not qualify.
  - Take a college-level course at an accredited college or university in an area related to English. The course should award at least three units of college credit.
  - 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 Winterim 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. Schedule a meeting with the English department head to discuss the three books.
5. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the English Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the English Conservatory.



# Academic Conservatory Program

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In order for a Charlotte Christian student to graduate with a Distinction in Fine Arts with an emphasis on Theatre, Music, Visual Arts or Digital 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. Take at least eight semesters of Fine Arts courses.
4. Complete a minimum of THREE of the following:
  - Take private lessons in a declared area of emphasis (40 hours).
  - Teach lessons in a declared area of emphasis (40 hours).
  - Complete service hours related to Fine Arts. (40 hours) These acts of service do not need to be tied to your declared area of emphasis. Service hours where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society, TRI-M, ITS, NAHS, or school required service hours do not qualify.
  - Attend a minimum weeklong music/theatre/visual art/digital art camp from an accredited school, college, or university.
  - Attend an honor band/choir/orchestra clinic.
  - Complete an approved job shadowing experience (20 hours minimum) with a professional in a declared emphasis. Internships or job shadowing experiences where students received Winterim credit do not qualify for this requirement.
  - Plan and implement a performance/art installation at school, church or in the community. May complete this project alone or with a team of peers.
  - Create and submit work/audition for an approved competition in a declared area of emphasis. See Mrs. Niessner, Mr. Fair, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Gillette, Ms. Setzer, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Taylor or Mrs. Brooks for a list of approved competitions.
  - Participate in a community theatrical production or honors music ensemble (Youth Symphony, CYWE, Charlotte Children's Choir, etc) in the greater Charlotte area.
  - Participate in a Charlotte Christian School theatre production, outside of ACT 1.
5. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the Fine Arts Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the Fine Arts Conservatory.



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

1. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
2. Have an overall math GPA of 4.5 (weighted).
3. Have taken Calculus A/B or B/C Advanced Placement and one math class above this level is in progress.
4. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
  - Peer tutor for math (45 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society or school required service hours do not qualify.
  - Take a college-level course at an accredited college or university in an area related to mathematics. The course should award at least three units of college credit.
  - Attend a minimum of a weeklong math camp from an accredited school, college or university.
  - Compete in an approved national mathematics competition that involves either multiple days or at least two different one-day competitions.
  - Complete an approved internship (40 hours minimum) with a professional who utilizes mathematics in their career. Internships where students received Winterim credit do not qualify for this requirement.
5. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the Math Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the Mathematics Conservatory.



# Academic Conservatory Program

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

1. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
2. Have an overall science GPA of 4.5 (weighted).
3. Have taken two science AP level classes.
4. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
  - Peer tutor for science (45 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society or school required service hours do not qualify.
  - Take a college-level course at an accredited college or university in an area related to science. The course should award at least three units of college credit.
  - Attend a minimum of a weeklong science camp from an accredited school, college or university.
  - Compete in an approved national competition in 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, etc. Internships where students received Winterim credit do not qualify for this requirement.
5. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the Science Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the Science Conservatory.



# Academic Conservatory Program

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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. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
2. Have an overall social studies GPA of 4.5 (weighted).
3. Have taken a minimum of two social studies AP level classes.
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.
  - Take a college-level course at an accredited college or university in an area related to social studies. The course should award at least three units of college credit.
  - 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 Winterim credit do not qualify for this requirement.
  - Read two books selected by the student and the Social Studies Department. Schedule a meeting with the Social Studies Department to discuss the books.
5. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the Social Studies Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the Social Studies Conservatory.



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## Distinction in Classical World Languages

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

1. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
2. Have an overall classical world languages GPA of 4.25 (weighted).
3. Have completed or are in the process of completing AP Latin.
4. Participate in a minimum of TWO of the following:
  - Peer tutor for Latin (45 hours). Tutoring where students were awarded credit for National Honor Society or school required service hours do not qualify.
  - Read two books selected by the student and the World Languages Department. Schedule a meeting with the World Languages Department to discuss the books.
  - Participate in at least two translations and/or essay contests sponsored by national classics organizations.
  - Attend Junior Classical League Convention every available year and hold office at least one year in the JCL chapter.
  - Participate in 10 webinars through Excellence Through Classics (ETC).
5. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the World Languages Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the Classical World Languages Conservatory.



# Academic Conservatory Program

Distinction in Modern World Languages

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

1. Have an overall GPA of a minimum of a 4.0 (weighted).
2. Have an overall world languages GPA of 4.25 (weighted).
3. Have completed or are in the process of completing the AP level of French or Spanish.
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 principal language is the one being studied. Mission trips where students received Winterim 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 Winterim credit do not qualify for this requirement.
  - Produce a publication for a local organization whose principal language is the one being studied.
  - Participate in an extended immersion experience (short term study abroad). Trips where students received Winterim credit do not qualify for this requirement.
  - Read two books selected by the student and the World Language department. Schedule a meeting with the World Languages Department to discuss the books.
5. After submitting their documentation, candidates will meet with members of the World Languages Department for an interview and review of their candidacy for the Modern World Languages Conservatory.