

MISSION

GFA engages students as partners in an innovative, inclusive, and global-minded community to prepare them for lives of purpose.

CORE VALUES

Passion, Integrity, Empathy, Curiosity, Excellence

ACADEMICS

GFA requires a minimum of 20 credits of academic work for graduation, including: English (4); Mathematics (3); World Languages (3); History and Global Studies (2); Science (2); Arts (1); May Term (One .25 credit course each year). All students take a minimum of 5 credits. Ninth and tenth graders may take a maximum of 7 credits. Students in eleventh and twelfth grade are limited to a maximum of 6.5 credits, though 7 credits are permitted for participation in music ensembles. Juniors and seniors may not exceed 5 credits per year in English, Science, Mathematics, History and Global Studies, and World Languages, but may add Inquiries, Advanced Inquiries, and Global Online Academy (GOA) courses to those 5 core courses.

In 2020, GFA replaced AP Courses with Advanced Courses and a new student-centered inquiry-focused curriculum featuring Inquiries and Advanced Inquiries.

Inquiries deepen a student's understanding of a subject or facilitate the development of skills beyond what is possible in the rest of the curriculum. Students partner with a faculty mentor alongside a small cohort of peers to write substantial research papers, explore a topic in greater depth than in traditional courses, learn a new skill, or gain knowledge about a topic that is not covered in the curriculum. These 0.5 credit courses are typically available beginning in the 11th grade. Students may only enroll in one Inquiry per subject per year.

Advanced Inquiries, available only to 12th graders, represent the highest level of academic rigor at GFA. They generate the highest level of understanding, demand the greatest skill, and offer the most latitude for students to exercise their agency and follow their curiosity. In these courses, students will chart their own paths of inquiry, present their findings to the GFA community, and produce an original piece of work. Students may enroll in only one Advanced Inquiry in their senior year.

DISCIPLINE REPORTING

If asked, GFA will report disciplinary violations that result in suspensions, whether related to academic or behavioral misconduct. A single infraction that occurs in the freshman or sophomore year is not reported.

HONORS, HIGH HONORS, AND HEAD OF SCHOOL

Honors is achieved with a minimum B+ average. High Honors requires a minimum A- average. Head of School Distinction is a faculty-nominated honor awarded each semester to students who demonstrate commitment to academic excellence through their leadership in class and their role as catalysts in class discussion.

UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSCRIPT

In moving beyond the AP, GFA adopted a numbering system to represent courses on student transcripts. Courses move in sequence from the 100-800 level, which represent a student's progression through each department's curriculum.

- 100 or 200 - Introductory courses typically taken prior to or in 9th grade
- 300-500 - Intermediate courses
- 600 - Advanced courses - equivalent to first year college offerings
- 700 - Advanced courses - equivalent to coursework taken after the first year of college
- 800 - Reserved for Advanced Inquiries

GFA's rigorous courses are mostly taught at the Honors-level, indicated by a -50 in the course number. Advanced courses are labeled as 650-level, and Advanced Inquiries are represented by an 850 course number.

GFA is also a member of Global Online Academy. GOA courses are interactive, instructional, and experiential. All GOA courses have synchronous and asynchronous components.

MARKING SYSTEM

GFA uses an unweighted grading scale. Upper School courses completed prior to ninth grade are included in a student's total credits, but are not calculated into the cumulative GPA.

A+ 4.33	B+ 3.33	C+ 2.33	D+ 1.33
A 4.00	B 3.00	C 2.00	D 1.00
A- 3.67	B- 2.67	C- 1.67	D- 0.67
			F 0.00

GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR CLASS OF 2027 (95 STUDENTS)

As a matter of policy, students are not ranked. The GPA distribution is based on the **cumulative Greens Farms Academy GPA** after junior year. The highest unweighted cumulative GPA for the Class of 2027 is 4.30.

4.22 & above - 6	3.78-3.88 - 16	3.34-3.44 - 4
4.11-4.21 - 7	3.67-3.77 - 11	3.23-3.33 - 3
4.00-4.10 - 14	3.56-3.66 - 7	3.22 & below - 5
3.89-3.99 - 13	3.45-3.55 - 9	

CLASS OF 2026 FINAL TESTING

SAT (72 test takers)		ACT (19 test takers)
EBRW	Math	
Mean: 684	Mean: 680	Mean: 30
Median: 710	Median: 700	Median: 31

AVAILABLE COURSES - CLASS OF 2027

SUBJECT	GRADE 9 (2023-24)	GRADE 10 (2024-25)	GRADE 11 (2025-26)	GRADE 12 (2026-27)
English <i>Graduation requirement: 4 credits</i>	ENG250: English 9	ENG450: English 10 <i>*ENG550: Inquiry: Creative Writing</i>	ENG650: Reading Electives (S1) ENG650: Craft Electives (S2) <i>*ENG550: Inquiry: Creative Writing</i> <i>*ENG650: Inquiry: Creative Writing</i>	ENG650: Reading Electives (S1) ENG650: Craft Electives (S2) <i>*ENG550: Inquiry: Literary Studies</i> <i>*ENG750: Inquiry: Creative Writing</i> <i>*ENG850: Advanced Inquiry: English</i>
Mathematics <i>Graduation requirement: 3 credits</i>	MATH150: Algebra 1 MATH200: Geometry MATH250: Geometry MATH300: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH350: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	MATH200: Geometry MATH300: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH350: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH400: Pre-Calculus MATH450: Pre-Calculus MATH650: Advanced Statistics <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Prob. & Combinatorics</i>	MATH300: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH350: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH400: Pre-Calculus MATH450: Pre-Calculus MATH550: Calculus MATH650: Advanced Calculus AB MATH650: Advanced Calculus BC <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Intro to Investing</i> <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Linear Algebra</i> <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Problem Solving Through Math Explorations</i> <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Statistics</i>	MATH400: Pre-Calculus MATH550: Calculus MATH650: Advanced Statistics MATH650: Advanced Calculus AB MATH650: Advanced Calculus BC MATH750: Multivariable Calculus <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Linear Algebra</i> <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Intro to Investing</i> <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Problem Solving Through Math Explorations</i> <i>*MATH550: Inquiry: Statistics</i> <i>*MATH850: Advanced Inquiry: Mathematics</i>
History & Global Studies <i>Graduation requirement: 2 credits</i> - World History - US History	HGS250: World History	HGS250: World History HGS450: United States History HGS650: Electives (for semester abroad or repeat sophomores only) <i>*HGS750: Inquiry: Historical Research</i>	HGS450 United States History HGS650: Electives <i>*HGS550: Inquiry: Historical Research</i> <i>*HGS650: Inquiry: Constitutional Law</i>	HGS650: Electives <i>*HGS650: Inquiry: Constitutional Law</i> <i>*HGS650: Inquiry: Applied Hist. Research I</i> <i>*HGS850: Advanced Inquiry: Global Thesis</i> <i>*HGS850: Advanced Inquiry: History Research</i>
Science <i>Graduation requirement: 2 credits</i> - Biology - Chemistry	SCI250: Biology	SCI250: Biology SCI450: Chemistry SCI550: Marine Science: Global (S1) SCI550: Marine Science: Local (S2) <i>*SCI550: Inquiry: Research & Exp Design</i>	SCI450: Chemistry SCI500: Physics SCI550: Physics SCI550: Introductory Neuroscience (S1) SCI550: Abnormal Psychology (S2) SCI550: The Anthropocene (S1) SCI550: Marine Science: Local (S2) SCI550: Physics SCI650: Advanced Env. Science SCI650: Advanced Biology SCI650: Advanced Chemistry SCI650: Advanced Physics: Mechanics SCI650: Advanced Physics: Mechanics <i>*SCI550: Inquiry: Research & Exp Design</i> <i>*SCI650: Inquiry: Human Ecol. & Sustain.</i> <i>*SCI650: Inquiry: Science Research I</i>	SCI500: Physics SCI550: Marine Science: Global (S1) SCI550: Marine Science: Local (S2) SCI550: Introductory Neuroscience (S1) SCI550: Abnormal Psychology (S2) SCI550: Physics SCI650: Advanced Env. Science SCI650: Advanced Biology SCI650: Advanced Chemistry SCI650: Advanced Physics: Mechanics SCI650: Advanced Physics: Elect. & Mag. <i>*SCI550: Inquiry: Research & Exp Design</i> <i>*SCI650: Inquiry: Science Research I</i> <i>*SCI650: Inquiry: Human Ecol. & Sustain.</i> <i>*SCI850: Advanced Inquiry: Ecol. & Sustain.</i> <i>*SCI850: Advanced Inquiry: Research and Exp. Design</i>
World Languages <i>Graduation requirement: 3 credits</i>	FRE150: French 1 FRE250: French 2 FRE350: French 3 MAN150: Mandarin 1 MAN250: Mandarin 2 MAN350: Mandarin 3 MAN450: Mandarin 4 SPA150: Spanish 1 SPA250: Spanish 2 SPA450: Spanish 4	FRE250: French 2 FRE350: French 3 FRE450: French 4 FRE650: Advanced French MAN250: Mandarin 2 MAN350: Mandarin 3 MAN450: Mandarin 4 MAN650: Advanced Mandarin SPA050: Novice Spanish SPA150: Spanish 1 SPA250: Spanish 2 SPA350: Spanish 3 SPA450: Spanish 4 SPA550: Spanish 5	FRE350: French 3 FRE450: French 4 FRE550: French 5 MAN450: Mandarin 3 MAN450: Mandarin 4 MAN650: Advanced Mandarin MAN750: Advanced Topics in Mandarin SPA050: Novice Spanish SPA150: Spanish 1 SPA250: Spanish 2 SPA350: Spanish 3 SPA450: Spanish 4 SPA550: Spanish 5 SPA650: Advanced Spanish	FRE150: French 1 FRE450: French 4 FRE550: French 5 FRE650: Advanced French FRE750: Advanced Topics in French MAN450: Mandarin 4 MAN550: Mandarin 5 MAN750: Advanced Topics in Mandarin SPA150: Spanish 1 SPA250: Spanish 2 SPA350: Spanish 3 SPA450: Spanish 4 SPA550: Spanish 5 SPA650: Advanced Spanish SPA750: Advanced Topics in Spanish <i>*SPA750: Inquiry: Spanish</i> <i>*SPA850: Advanced Inquiry: Spanish</i>

Computer Science, Engineering, and Design:

CSED250: Intro. to Engineering (S1)
 CSED250: Intro. to Computational Thinking (S1 OR S2)
 CSED250: Intro. to Computer Sci. & Eng. (S1)
 CSED450: Interm. Engineering (S2)
 CSED450: Interm. Computer Science (S2)
 CSED550: Architecture (S1)
 CSED550: Architecture I (S1)
 CSED550: Architecture II (S2)

CSED650: Advanced Engineering (S2)
 CSED650: Robotics (S2)
 CSED650: Advanced Computer Science
 CSED750: Data Structures (S1)
 CSED750: Game Design & Development (S2)
**CSED650: Inquiry: Cybersecurity*
**CSED650: Inquiry: Topics in Engineering*
**CSED750: Inquiry: Advanced Topics in AI*
**CSED850: Advanced Inquiry: Computer Science, Engineering & Design*

Fine & Performing Arts:

ART250: Intro. to Visual Arts
 ART250: Intro. to Studio Art
 ART250: Intro. to Photography & Videography
 ART450: Interm. Studio Art
 ART450: Interm. Photography
 ART450: Interm. Video Production
 ART450: Intro. to Fashion
 ART450: Ceramics
 ART550: Ceramics
 ART650: Ceramics
 ART750: Ceramics
 ART650: Advanced Art
 ART650: Advanced Studio Art
 ART650: Advanced Photography
**ART850: Advanced Inquiry: Visual Arts*

ENS: Concert Choir
 ENS: Chamber Orchestra
 ENS: Wind Ensemble
 ENS: Band
 MUS250: Music Technology
 MUS250: Music Theory
 MUS650: Advanced Music Theory
**MUS750: Inquiry: Composing & Arranging*
**MUS750: Inquiry: Music Performance*
**MUS850: Advanced Inquiry: Music*
 THE250: Intro. to Theater
 THE550: Inquiry: Public Speaking
 THE550: Theater II
**THE750: Inquiry: Playwriting & Design*
**THE850: Advanced Inquiry: Theater*