



AUGUSTINE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE

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MEMBERSHIP

ACA is a member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) and the Society for Classical Learning (SCL).

FACULTY

There are 11 Logic & Rhetoric School faculty members, 36% of whom hold advanced degrees.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Admission is selective and includes an application, academic records, a school tour, family interview, and placement testing (as necessary). Need-based financial aid is awarded to approximately 25% of the student body, with other discounts available where applicable.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

ACA has graduated two classes with 100% of graduating students accepted to a four-year college or university.

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Our goal is that each ACA graduate, guided by a unified moral outlook, learns by choice rather than compulsion, makes peace with failure, takes action in life, serves others, seeks leadership in high places, impacts culture, and exhibits diligence, courage, and gratitude.

ABOUT ACA

Founded in 2011 and located in a suburb of Denver, Colorado, Augustine Classical Academy (ACA) is a Pre-K-12 Christian liberal arts school with a student population of approximately 200. The twin heritage of our education is Judeo-Christian and Greco-Roman. Classical schooling consists of the Trivium. In the Grammar stage (K-5), students learn the fundamental rules and elements of each subject. In the Logic stage (6-8), students examine knowledge to understand the relationship among particulars of each subject and learn how to ask the right questions about all subjects. In the Rhetoric stage (9-12), students develop thoughtful, mature ideas based on their knowledge and learn how to express them in persuasive and eloquent ways.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Inspired by the house systems of medieval British boarding schools, ACA carries this legacy forward by sorting all students in grades 6-12 into four houses for the sake of Christlikeness, camaraderie, competition, and culture. A house system benefits maturing students with opportunities to fulfill the call of leadership, exercise responsibility, and practice virtues. Equipped by a house director, staff advisors, and parents, prefects lead their members in weekly meetings, monthly competitions, and community service. Each house also has a cabinet with a chaplain, scribe, treasurer, herald, and ensign.



SENIOR THESIS

After two years of rhetorical training, each senior – under the guidance of a rhetoric instructor and thesis advisor – writes a 15-page persuasive essay, delivers a 10-minute public oration based on the essay, and offers a 20-minute defense of the thesis before an academic panel of judges. To avoid “chronological snobbery,” students’ research leans heavily on “the great conversation” – or what Victorian cultural critic Matthew Arnold called “the best which has been thought and said in the world.” Students learn that timeless ideas clarify and correct timely issues.

CLASS RANKING

ACA does not rank students. Because of our selective admissions and rigorous curriculum, class rank is an insignificant measure of college success. However, we do give Valedictorian and Salutatorian awards to the top two performing seniors.

We exist to partner with families to provide an education that is both classical and Christian; to equip students to know, love, and practice what is true, virtuous, and beautiful; and to challenge them to strive for excellence as they live for the glory of God and the good of all people.

SELECT READING LIST

The Bible	St. Augustine, <i>Confessions, The City of God</i>	Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>
Homer, <i>The Iliad, The Odyssey</i>	Boethius, <i>The Consolation of Philosophy</i>	<i>The Federalist & Anti-Federalist Papers</i>
Herodotus, <i>The Histories</i>	St. Benedict, <i>The Rule</i>	Lincoln, speeches
Thucydides, <i>The Peloponnesian War</i>	<i>Beowulf</i>	Dostoevsky, <i>Notes from Underground</i>
Plutarch, <i>Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans</i>	<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i>	Nietzsche, <i>Beyond Good and Evil</i>
Aeschylus, <i>Agamemnon</i>	St. Thomas Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologica</i>	Marx & Engels, <i>Communist Manifesto</i>
Sophocles, <i>Oedipus the King</i>	Dante, <i>Inferno, Purgatorio</i>	Twain, <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
Euripides, <i>Bacchae</i>	Chaucer, <i>The Canterbury Tales</i>	Dickens, <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>
Plato, <i>Apology, Crito</i>	Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i>	Wilde, <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>
Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>	Shakespeare, <i>Julius Caesar, Macbeth, Hamlet</i>	Camus, <i>The Stranger</i>
Tacitus, <i>Annals of Imperial Rome</i>	Milton, <i>Paradise Lost</i>	Eliot, select poems
Virgil, <i>The Aeneid</i>	Bunyan, <i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i>	Douglass, <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>
Ovid, <i>Metamorphoses</i>	Austen, <i>Emma</i>	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students may achieve an honors diploma (32.5 credit hours) or a standard diploma (28.5 credit hours), or an associate's diploma with a lesser number of credits, designed for certain transfer students. For the standard diploma, the minimum number of credits for graduating seniors is 28.5 in the following areas:

English	4.0
History	4.5
Bible	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Foreign Language	2.0
Composition / Rhetoric	3.0
Physical Education	1.0
Art	1.0
Music	2.0
Electives	1.0

GRADING CALCULATION (GPA)

ACA uses a weighted five point system to calculate semester and cumulative GPAs including pluses (+) and minuses (-). The following is the grading system.

Grade	Description	Percent	GPA
A+			5.0
A	Excellent		4.9
A-			4.7
B+			4.3
B	Good		4.0
B-			3.7
C+			3.3
C	Fair		3.0
C-			2.7
F	Poor		0.0

RHETORIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM

	HUMANITIES (History, Literature, Bible)	COMPOSITION/ RHETORIC	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	ELECTIVES
Freshman Year	Modern Humanities 1	Composition 9	Algebra 1 Algebra 2	Biology	Latin 1, 2, or 3	Anatomy & Physiology
Sophomore Year	Ancient Humanities 2	Composition 10	Geometry Algebra 2	Chemistry	Latin 2, 3, or 4	Art 11-12 Calculus
Junior Year	Medieval Humanities 2	Rhetoric 1	Algebra 2 Precalculus	Physics	Latin 3 or 4 Latin Readings	Engineering Physics Latin Readings
Senior Year	Modern Humanities 2	Rhetoric 2 / Thesis	Precalculus Calculus	Anatomy & Physiology Engineering Physics	Latin 4 Latin Readings	Yearbook