



HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded in 2009, Greyfriars Classical Academy (GCA) is a classical, Christian, college-preparatory high school located in Matthews, North Carolina. The mission of GCA is to assist families in providing a classical education marked by a biblical worldview, academic excellence and affordability. Using an honors curriculum based on the Trivium, students are equipped to think clearly and biblically about the world in which they live. GCA is a day school, but the class structure resembles that of a university, meeting together on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Students work at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Curriculum

The liberal arts curriculum at Greyfriars is modeled after the classical trivium of grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Courses offered include logic, composition, rhetoric, and senior thesis with four years of literature and history, mathematics, science, aesthetics and theology. Since the classic works of western literature are central to our curriculum, students read Homer, Virgil, Chaucer, Milton, Shakespeare, Austen, Dickens, C.S. Lewis, Fitzgerald, Hawthorne, Twain (and more).

Honors Courses

All courses are offered at the Honors Level and Standard Level. Homework expectations and graded work are more demanding at the Honors Level and less demanding at the Standard Level. All students for a given course are together in the same class with the same teacher at the same time, regardless of which level is chosen. Students who complete a course at the "Honors" level have 1 grade point added on transcripts.

Senior Thesis Project

As a capstone to the students' education, seniors must select, research and write a thesis paper. The paper is approximately 20 pages in length. Upon completion of the thesis paper, each student is also required to present and defend the thesis to a panel of teachers, board members and advisors.

School Code: 342536

Total Enrollment - 74

Average Class Size - 14

SAT Test Scores

GCA Class of 2026 - 1183

2016-2026 Averages

Greyfriars - 1204

National - 1061

North Carolina - 1104

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Grading Scale

Course grades will be assigned using the following grade scale (with corresponding point values):

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| A | 90% - 100% | 4.00 points |
| B | 80% - 89% | 3.00 points |
| C | 70% - 79% | 2.00 points |
| D | 60% - 69% | 1.00 points |
| F | 0% - 59% | no points |

Grades are weighted by adding 1 point for Honors courses.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation from GCA requires 20.5 credits with the following minimums:

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| History | 4 |
| Literature | 4 |
| Mathematics | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| Foreign Language* | 2 |
| Senior Thesis Project | 1 |
| Electives | 2.5 |

TOTAL **20.5 credits**

One course from each of the following disciplines must also have been taken at Greyfriars: Aesthetics, Theology, Literature, History.

*in the same language

Note: The above graduation requirements are the minimum necessary to graduate, and do not represent the typical enrollment of full-time students. Ordinarily, full-time students are expected to take the entire curriculum listed above (7 credits per year for 4 years = 28 credits).

Faculty

Of the 20 faculty members, 13 of these teachers hold academic degrees at the Master's level or above.

Class Rank

GCA does not compute class rank due to the small graduating class size and rigorous academic coursework. Cumulative GPA is used at the end of the senior year to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian of each graduating class.

College Admissions

Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Bryn Mawr College
Campbell University
Cedarville University
Clemson University
Covenant College
Duke University
East Carolina University
Erskine College
Grove City College
Hillsdale College
The King's College
Liberty University
Mississippi State University
Montreat College
Moody Bible College
Mount Holyoke College
New College
NC State University
Pfeiffer University
Queens University
Samford University
Tulane University
US Naval Academy
UNC, Chapel Hill
UNC, Charlotte
UNC, Greensboro
UNC, Wilmington
USC, Columbia
Virginia Tech
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College
Wingate University
Wofford College