

# 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.

## 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 - 67 Average Class Size - 14 New SAT Test Scores Class of 2023 – 1167 2016-2023 Average Greyfriars - 1192 National - 1057 North Carolina - 1083

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# **Grading Scale**

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

А	90% - 100%	4.00 points
В	80% - 89%	3.00 points
С	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:

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

TOTAL

20.5 credits

\*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 19 faculty, eight members 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 Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. Pfeiffer University Queens University Samford University Tulane University US Naval Academy UNC, Charlotte UNC, Greensboro UNC, Wilmington USC, Columbia Virginia Tech Western Carolina University Wheaton College Wingate University Wofford College