

Trinity Christian High School

Course Offerings

2017-2018



Freshman Courses:

Course: Algebra I

Level: 9 (Required; unless in Alg IA)

Semester: Two

Course Description: Algebra will be a one year course in basic algebraic principles and practice. The course will cover the basic concepts of algebra including mathematical applications, algebraic sentences, lines and graphing, exponents, and basic algebraic function on a calculator. The goal of the course is to further the student's knowledge of God and His creation and the order that He has created in it, particularly in the form of numbers, patterns, and mathematical expressions.

Course: Algebra IA

Level: 9 (Required if not in Alg I)

Course Description: Algebra IA explores the basic algebraic principles and practices at a pace more suitable for students who learn better at a slower rate. Admission to the class is based on the recommendation of the math teacher and parental requests.

Course: Art I

Level: 9-12 (Elective)

Semester: One

Course Description: Art I is a foundations course which explores the principles of art through hands-on projects and includes a brief study of art history. Art I not only stresses the development of the students' God-given abilities, but also enables them to grow in the knowledge of and the discernment of God-glorifying art.

Course: Band

Level: 9-12 (Elective)

Semester: Two

Course Description:

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Course: Bible

Level: 9 (Required)

Semester: One

Course Description: Bible 9 deals extensively with the minor prophets, the Pauline epistles, Revelation, and relates the material to our lives as 21st century Christians.

Course: Choir –Freshman/Sophomore

Level: 9-10 (Required)

Semester: Two

Course Description: An introduction to high school choir in a Christian school setting. Students will grow in their abilities to sing and in their appreciation for sacred music. The course features evening programs throughout the year. Attendance by the students is required at these programs. Students will

also receive opportunity and encouragement to participate in vocal competitions with the Iowa High School Music Association.

Course: Computer Application I

Level: 9 (Required)

Semester: One

Course Description: Computer Application I will cover the basics of keyboarding through review exercises covering current knowledge and expanding that knowledge. The word processor aspect of the course will highlight the basics of proper document writing, format, and techniques.

Course: English

Level: 9 (Required)

Semesters: Two

Course Description: Freshmen English will be an English/Literature combined class. This would include working with grammar skills approximately half the time and the balance of the time would be composition combined with a general literature survey of all types - poetry, short story, essay, and novels. Composition would include a variety of work, but must include a research project.

Course: Physical Education

Level: 9 (Required)

Semester: One

Course Description: The goal of Physical Education will be that the student comes to a more complete understanding of his/her body, of the Christian as the temple of God (I Corinthians 3:16), and further, to gain lifelong skills and the ability to maintain a reasonable level of fitness. Students will grow in their enjoyment of team and individual activities.

Course: World History

Level: 9 (Required)

Semester: Two

Course Description: World History is a course in which the students will learn the unfolding of history according to God's will and providence. The course will cover many topics dealing with various cultures and civilizations and the historic impact they had on the world. The course will progress from ancient civilizations to modern civilizations and end with an overview of post-World War II events.

Sophomore Courses:

Course: Algebra IB

Level: 10 (Required if not in Geometry)

Semester: Two

Course Description: Algebra IB is a continuation of Algebra IA, and is taken during the sophomore year.

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Level: 9-12 (Elective)

Semester: One

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Course: Art II

Level: 10-12 (Elective)

Semester: One

Course Description: This course will further explore the elements of art and art history. Students will be introduced to different mediums and challenged to try new techniques as well as developing their God-given talents and applying the techniques taught in Art I. Art I is a prerequisite.

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Course: Bible

Level: 10 (Required)

Semester: One

Course Description: Bible 10 serves as the beginning of a study of church history. The history begins at the conclusion of the Apostolic Age and continues up to the time of the Reformation. Students will grow in their knowledge and appreciation of the development of the truths expressed in the Apostles, Athanasian, and Nicene Creeds, as well as the church conditions that were ripe for reforming.

Course: Biology

Level: 10 (Required)

Semester: Two

Course Description: Biology will be a one year (2 semester) course offered to sophomore (10th) students. The course will cover many categories dealing with the characteristics of living things, their habitats, and their life cycles. Many topics will be discussed including ecology, genetics, and human anatomy and physiology. Labs will be incorporated into the course. During the course, the students will gain a greater understanding of the creatures that God created and continues to uphold. This theme is integrated throughout all aspects of the course.

Course: Choir –Freshman/Sophomore

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Course: Computer Application II

Level: 10-12 (Elective)

Semester: One

Course Description: The course will cover the basics of Excel through review exercises covering current knowledge and expanding that knowledge. Access will be used to help the students learn how to make a database. The course will also cover presentations with the use of PowerPoint.

Course: English

Level: 10 (Required)

Semester: Two

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Course: Geometry

Level: 10 (Required unless in Alg 1B)

Semester: Two

Description: Geometry will be a course in basic geometric principles and practice. The course will cover the basic concepts of geometry including drawing, constructing, measuring, visualizing, comparing, transforming, and classifying geometric figures. The goal of the course is to further the student's knowledge of God and His creation and the order that He has created in it, particularly in the form of shapes.

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Semester: One

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Course: Spanish I, II, III

Level: 10-12 (Elective)

Semester: Two

Course Description: As God ordained at the Tower of Babel, His people will speak different tongues and languages. Spanish teaches students another language that God's people use. Emphasis will be on vocabulary, sentence order, and conversation.

Course: United States History

Level: 10 (Required)

Semester: Two

Course Description: U.S. History is a course in which the students will learn the unfolding of history according to God's will and providence in the United States. The course will cover many topics dealing with various cultural and political changes and the historic impact they had on the United States. The course will progress from ancient Indian civilizations to modern America and end with an overview of current events.

Junior Courses:

Course: Accounting

Level: 11-12 (Elective)

Semester : Two

Course Description: The introduction to the course will include a unit on personal stewardship and budgeting. The students will also become proficient on the 10-key pad using daily drills. The course will cover basic accounting with real world applications. This course will cover the accounting cycle and principles for a sole proprietorship, partnership, and a corporation. The students will be knowledgeable of general ledgers, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, worksheets, and financial statements.

Course: Advanced Biology

Level: 11-12 (Elective)

Semester: Two

Course Description: In this class, applications of advanced scientific principles through the study of biology, ecology, chemistry, microbiology, genetics, and scientific philosophy will be taught. A major focus will be on the molecular processes within these areas and other minute structures such as cells and genes and the processes related to them. Students will be instructed through the leadership of God's Word, which has called all things into existence and continues to uphold all things. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. (John 1:3)."

Course: Algebra II

Level: 11 (Elective)

Semester: Two

Course Description: Advanced Algebra will be a one year course in the principles and practice of Algebra. The course will cover the concepts of Algebra including functions, graphs, matrices, quadratics, exponents, logarithms, and polynomials. The goal of the course is to further the student's knowledge of God and His creation and the order that He has created in it.

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Course: Business Math**Level: 11-12 (Elective)****Semester: Two**

Course Description: A math offering that can be taken by anyone to complete their math requirements for graduation, but is mainly designed for those students who are not anticipating going to a four-year college. The course covers some consumer economics, small business models, personal finance, and godly stewardship of capital and resources.

Course: Chemistry**Level: 11-12 (Elective)****Semester: Two**

Course Description: Chemistry will be a one year (2 semester) course offered to junior (11th) students. The course will cover many categories dealing with the characteristics of matter, chemical bonding, and stoichiometry. Various types of chemistry will also be discussed including organic chemistry, electrochemistry, and nuclear chemistry. Labs will be incorporated into the course. During the course, the students will gain a greater understanding of the building blocks of God's creation. This theme will interspersed throughout all aspects of the course.

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cover logic dealing with if-then statements, loop statements, parameters, while statements, and other common logic functions. The goal of the course is to further the student's knowledge of God and His creation and the order that He has created in it.

Course: Contemporary History

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Course Description: Contemporary History is a semester course intended to look at the New Global Era using current events. A significant activity of the course will engage the student in the process of writing history using a variety of sources. As a result of our study, the student will be able to make personal connections to the history of the nation of their citizenship, and evaluate this history in light of the signs of the coming of our Lord.

Course: English--Creative Writing

Level: 11-12 (Elective)

Semester: One

Course Description: For students who enjoy expressing themselves in print. This course builds on our writing skills and gives students an opportunity to express themselves creatively. Open to juniors and seniors as an elective.

Course: Economics

Level: 11- 12 (Elective)

Semester: One

Course Description: Economics is a one semester required course that introduces microeconomic and macroeconomic principles. The majority of the course is focused on proper management of the resources (money and goods) that God has given. Students learn about such topics as: supply and demand, investing, depreciation, credit, the Federal Reserve, the banking system, capitalism, and the concept of money. The course as a whole prepares students to use their God given resources in intelligent ways so that His kingdom is benefited.

Course: English

Level: 11 (Required)

Semester: Two

Course Description: Junior English will combine elements of American literature, poetry, classical mythology, grammar, composition, and creative writing.

Course: Geography

Level : 11 (Required)

Semester: One

Course Description: World Geography is a semester course intended to acquaint the student with the locations of the various countries, land forms, bodies of water, ect.; to provide the student with opportunities to evaluate current world happenings from a Biblical and geographical perspective; to develop an awareness of the different world cultures; and to expose the student to Biblical principles that govern and closely relate to the study of geography. Students will also learn to gauge the economic standings of various world regions. They will also compare and contrast various global activities of religion and tradition within their own faith.

Course: Human Anatomy & Physiology**Level: 11-12 (Elective)****Semester: Two**

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Course: English-Journalism**Level: 11-12****Semester: One**

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Course: Modern History**Level: 11-12 (Elective)****Semester: One**

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Course: Latin**Level: 11-12 (Elective)****Semester: Two**

Course Description: As Latin forms the basis of approximately 60% of the words we use in English, the study helps us understand our own language better. In addition, the study of Latin better prepares us for many other fields of study at the college level including science, medicine, pre-law, and pre-seminary. This course is highly recommended for the college bound.

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Course Descriptions: Continuation of PE 10

Course: Physical Science

Level: 11-12 (Elective)

Semester: Two

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Course: Physics

Level: 12 (Elective)

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Level: 12 (Required)

Semesters: Two

Course Description: Senior English will explore elements of British literature, contemporary literature, speech, and journalism. The second semester will largely be devoted to composition in preparation for post-high education.

Course: Government

Level: 12 (Required)

Semester: One

Course Description: Government will cover a broad range of topics about American government including the origins of civic life, politics, and government. God's purposes in forming these institutions, as well as the specific origins and foundations of the American political system will also be covered. Students will be led to understand the Christian's duty towards the government and what powers has God given to the civil magistrates. Students will also grasp how the government established by the Constitution functions to embody the purposes, values, and principles of American constitutional democracy. Finally, we will look at the relationship of the United States to other nations and its role in world affairs among many other topics.

Course: Health

Level: 12 (Required)

Semester: One

Course Description: Health class focuses on health and well-being for life to enlighten students as to how they ought to care for the bodies given them by God. Health takes place both in the classroom and gymnasium setting. Throughout the semester we will cover flexibility, cardiovascular health, muscular fitness, nutrition, first aid, and lifelong fitness. Interwoven into the course will be units of ultimate frisbee, running, bowling, circuit training, volleyball, and basketball. Students will develop an understanding of the body in order that they may strive to heed the command of God in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

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Course: Precalculus and Discrete Mathematics

Level: 12 (Elective)

Semester: Two

Course Description: Precalculus and Discrete Mathematics will cover the basic concepts of calculus including introductions to derivatives and integrals. It also includes topics in discrete mathematics from basic logic to mathematical induction. The goal of the course is to further the student's knowledge of God and His creation and the order that He has created in it.

Course: Psychology

Level: 12 (Elective)

Semester: One

Course Description: Psychology will introduce students to many topics and principles of psychology. God has created us with brains and minds that are all unique and it is important that we learn to understand one another. We will be discussing such things as how people learn, act and think differently as they get older, differences in personalities, differences in learning styles, body language, and many of the diseases associated with psychology.

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