

General Graduation Requirements



Great Thought
Inspiring Great
Thinkers

College-Preparatory Course of Study at Nova Classical Academy's School of Rhetoric

*Universities require application along with standardized tests. The numbers here represent a general sampling of high school courses by typical University freshmen.

**Several Nova requirements count as electives by state standards (ex. Rhetoric, Language, etc.), pushing students over the required state amount.

	Nova Classical Academy	State of MN	University*
English	4	4	4
History	4	3.5	3 or 4
Math	3	3	3 or 4
Science	3	3	3 or 4
Rhetoric	2.5	-	-
Language	2	-	2, 3, or 4
Arts	1	1	1
PE/Health	1	-	-
Electives	3.5**	7	2
Total	24	21.5	18

SoR Graduation Requirements



Great Thought
Inspiring Great
Thinkers

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
English	4 Credits
History	4 Credits
Mathematics	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Rhetoric	2.5 Credits
World Language (With progression through Latin III)	2 Credits
Fine Arts: Music/Fine Arts: Art	.5 Credits/.5 Credits
Health/Physical Education	.5 Credits/.5 Credits
Electives	3.5 Credits
Other Requirements	80 Documented Volunteer Hours
Other Requirements	Senior Thesis
<u>Total</u>	<u>24 Credits</u>

Academics



Great Thought
Inspiring Great
Thinkers

Nova Classical Academy High School Curriculum Matrix

	<u>Grade 9</u>	<u>Grade 10</u>	<u>Grade 11</u>	<u>Grade 12</u>
English	Ancient-Medieval Literature (English 9)	Medieval-Enlightenment Literature (English 10)	American Literature (English 11)	Romantic-Modern World Literature (English 12)
History	Western Civilizations I (History 9)	Western Civilizations II (History 10)	American History (History 11)	Civics and Economics (History 12)
Math	Intermediate Algebra or Geometry	Geometry or Advanced Algebra	Advanced Algebra or Pre-Calculus	
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Science Electives	
Rhetoric	<i>Classical Rhetoric</i> (Rhetoric 9)	<i>Early Modern Rhetoric</i> (Rhetoric 10)	<i>Modern Rhetoric</i> (Rhetoric 11)	
Language	<i>Latin or Language</i>	<i>Latin or Language</i>		
Fine Arts Health/PE	Comparative Art (S) and American Music or Cantio Choir (S)	Physical Education (S) and Health (S)		
Other Required	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Elective courses</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>80 volunteer hours to be completed throughout 9th – 12th grades</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Senior Thesis - This is not offered as a credit-bearing class, but is a Nova graduation requirement. Students will receive a grade which will be reflected on their transcripts.</i></p>			

College Readiness and Admissions



Great Thought
Inspiring Great
Thinkers

College Readiness, College Admissions and Four-Year High School Course Plan

College admissions requirements vary across all colleges, but they have similar criteria that they like to see in students' high school transcripts upon their application to college. **These criteria include rigor of courses taken, grade point average, and academic electives.** The rigor of the transcript is the most important of these three criteria. In addition, college admissions like to see student commitment to activities, clubs, and athletics, as well as leadership positions. Our college counselor meets with each student to ensure that they are taking steps to applying to colleges that meet their aspirations.

As a high school student, if you have an idea of the types of schools you would like to go to, you can take steps now in your high school course planning. The following chart distinguishes schools by “types” and delineates for you the expectations that are typical or average for the freshmen who are admitted to their colleges.

College Readiness and Admissions



Great Thought
Inspiring Great
Thinkers

Type of College	Admission Standards	Average ACT scores, Enrolled Freshmen*	High School GPA Expectation	Typical ACT (36)/SAT in Math and Reading (1600)	AP Course/Exam Score Expectation
Highly Selective	Majority of freshmen in top 10% of their high school class	Ivy League-33 Vassar-31 Carleton-31 Macalester-30	3.75+	28+/1220+	4+ courses/ Score of 4 or 5 on exams
Selective	Majority of freshmen in top 25% of their high school class	UM-Twin Cities-27 St. Thomas-25 UM-Duluth-24 UW-Eau Claire-24	3.5+	24+/1110+ (ACT range 21-27)	3+ courses/ Score of 3, 4, 5 on exams
Traditional	Majority of freshmen in top 50% of their high school class	Winona State-23 Minnesota State-22 UW-River Falls-22 St. Cloud State-21	2.75+	21+/990+ (ACT range 21-23)	Not Applicable
Open	All high school graduates are accepted	Saint Paul College, Century College, Normandale Community College, etc.	High School Diploma/GED	Accuplacer Test required for course placement (ACT/SAT scores can be used as well)	Not Applicable

What is Naviance?

- Web-based resource that supports course, career, and college planning
- Specific to our school
- Linked with Naviance Succeed, a service that we use in the counseling office

How is it accessed?

- Through the “School Counseling” tab on Nova’s Website
- Family Connection is:
<http://connection.naviance.com/novaca>
- Student accounts through student username and password
- Parent accounts are currently accessed through student accounts; contact the counselor for more information