



WESTMINSTER ACADEMY

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Westminster Academy ascribes to a Classical and Christian pedagogy. In just fifteen years, this Memphis based school has acquired its accreditation and grown to over 300 students in kindergarten through grade twelve. The curriculum is rigorous, college preparatory and has its foundation in the ancient and traditional liberal arts. Westminster Academy considers its entire scope and sequence as equivalent to Honors courses. For this reason, we do not designate individual classes in this way. There is a faculty to student ratio of 1:8.

**CLASS OF 2011: 11 STUDENTS**

SAT SCORES	ACT SCORES	NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
Avg Critical Reading: 690	Avg English: 28	2 Commended Scholars
Avg Math: 635	Avg Math: 26	
Avg Writing: 680	Avg Composite: 27	
Avg Composite: 2005		

**Past three years (2008-2011) 21% of senior class has received recognition as National Merit Finalist or Commended Scholar.**

**HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

*All courses considered Honors level*

**ENGLISH**

World Literature - American Literature - Classical Literature - British Literature

**CLASSICAL LANGUAGES**

Latin III - Greek I - Greek II

**RHETORIC**

Rhetoric I - Rhetoric II - Rhetoric III

**CAPSTONE**

\*See Reverse

**BIBLE**

Theology I - Theology II - Theology III

**MATH**

Geometry - Algebra II - Trigonometry - Calculus I

**SCIENCE**

Biology - Chemistry - Anatomy/Physiology - Physics

**HISTORY**

World History - U.S. History - Western Civilization - Contemporary U.S.

**VISUAL ARTS**

Drawing - Sculpture - Art History - Studio Art

**MUSIC**

Select Choir - Music Appreciation

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- ALLEGHENY COLLEGE
- AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
- ARIZONA STATE
- AUBURN UNIVERSITY**
- BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**
- BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**
- BELHAVEN COLLEGE
- BELMONT UNIVERSITY**
- BERRY COLLEGE
- BETHANY COLLEGE**
- BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE
- BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY**
- BRYAN COLLEGE**
- CALVIN COLLEGE
- CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE**
- CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY
- CENTRE COLLEGE
- CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIV.**
- CLARK UNIVERSITY
- CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
- COLORADO COLLEGE**
- COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIV.
- COVENANT COLLEGE**
- CRICHTON COLLEGE**
- CULINARY INST. OF AMERICA**
- DENVER UNIVERSITY
- DEPAUW UNIVERSITY
- ECKERD COLLEGE
- EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIV.**
- ELON UNIVERSITY**
- EMORY UNIVERSITY
- EMORY & HENRY
- EUREKA COLLEGE
- FLAGLER COLLEGE**
- FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
- FURMAN UNIVERSITY**
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
- GEORGIA TECH
- GROVE CITY COLLEGE**
- HAMPDEN SYDNEY**
- HARDING UNIVERSITY**
- HENDRIX COLLEGE
- HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY**
- JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY
- KING COLLEGE
- LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY
- LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
- LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**
- LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
- LOYOLA UNIV., NEW ORLEANS
- LYME ACADEMY OF FINE ART**
- LYON COLLEGE
- MARS HILL COLLEGE
- MARYVILLE COLLEGE**
- MEMPHIS COLLEGE OF ART**
- MIDDLE TN STATE UNIVERSITY**
- MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE**

\*BOLD INDICATES SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY WA GRADUATES

The Classical curriculum required of Westminster Academy students offers to colleges and universities high school graduates uniquely qualified to engage in intellectual debate and exploration. The foundation of the Classical curriculum is an immersion in Socratic dialogue through the seven liberal arts. Emphasis is placed on a dialectic approach that consistently leads students to a deeper examination of each subject. Concurrently, students are trained to evidence their progress both in written and in oral presentation. In addition, there is profound weight placed on each student's understanding of the interconnectedness of all subjects and the imperative to synthesize them.

In particular, the logic and rhetoric departments at Westminster Academy are grounded in the traditional (ancient and medieval) verbal arts. The emphasis is on Aristotelian theory and Latin practice. The pedagogy is one that models the Ciceronian theory, imitation, and practice. The primary aspects of the curriculum center around the traditional concepts of Dialectic, the Topics, Aristotle's categories and syllogistic proof, the Five Canons of Rhetoric, and Stylistic Tropes and Schemes. The elementary exercises of the progymnasmata are continued, culminating in declamations and theses. Theses are presented and defended orally before the faculty and students once during the sophomore, junior and senior years. Because of these unique offerings, the specifics of the curriculum are delineated below. These are required courses. Also of note is the beginning of Latin study in the second grade which is continued as a required course through the ninth grade. Elective Greek and continued Latin Studies are offered from tenth to twelfth grade.

\*Capstone is a team-taught, dialogue-oriented course for seniors with an integrative content that is centered around pivotal primary texts. Written by the great thinkers of Western Civilization these texts concern the foundational ideas that have shaped our civilization, including truth, goodness, beauty, love, justice, and freedom.

L O G I C

	I	II
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	Traditional and Categorical Logic	Categorical to Symbolic Logic
<b>TEXTS</b>	<i>Traditional Logic (Part 1)</i> , Memoria Press	<i>Traditional Logic (Part 2)</i> , Memoria Press <i>Intermediate Logic</i> , Canon Press

R H E T O R I C

	I	II	III
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	Foundational Rhetorical Theory	Rhetorical Practice in Ancient and Medieval Moral Philosophy	Rhetorical Practice in Modern Moral Philosophy
<b>TEXTS</b>	<i>Rhetorica Ad Herennium</i> - Cicero <i>Five Dialogues</i> - Plato <i>Gorgias</i> - Plato <i>On Rhetoric</i> - Aristotle	<i>The Republic</i> - Plato <i>Phaedrus</i> - Plato <i>The Prince</i> - Machiavelli <i>On Invention</i> - Cicero	<i>On Liberty</i> - John Stuart Mill <i>The Portable Edmund Burke</i> - Edmund Burke <i>The Office of Assertion</i> - Scott Crider

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

(CONTINUED)

- MILLSAPS COLLEGE
- MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
- NORTH CAROLINA STATE
- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
- OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY
- OXFORD, ENGLAND**
- PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIV.**
- PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
- PURDUE UNIVERSITY**
- RHODES COLLEGE**
- RICE UNIVERSITY**
- ROSE-HULMAN INST. OF TECH.**
- SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY
- SAMFORD UNIVERSITY**
- SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN**
- SEWANEE**
- SHELBY LEE UNIVERSITY
- SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIV.
- ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND**
- ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD**
- ST. JOHNS COLLEGE
- ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
- TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE
- TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY**
- TRINITY UNIVERSITY
- TULANE UNIVERSITY**
- TUSCULUM COLLEGE**
- UNION UNIVERSITY**
- UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**
- UNIV. OF ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM
- UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
- UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**
- UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
- UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**
- UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**
- UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
- UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**
- UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
- UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**
- UNIV. OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN
- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
- UNIV. OF TN, CHATTANOOGA**
- UNIVERSITY OF TN, KNOXVILLE**
- UNIVERSITY OF TN, MARTIN**
- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN**
- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, DALLAS
- UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT**
- VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
- WAKE FOREST
- WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY**
- WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
- WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, ST. LOUIS
- WHEATON COLLEGE**
- WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE
- WILLIAMS BAPTIST COLLEGE
- WILKES UNIVERSITY
- WITTENBURG

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