

# Three Hearts Academy High School Course Description

## Apologetics

This course explores the scientific evidence for God as well as philosophical proofs of His existence, the historicity of Jesus's miracles and Resurrection, the reasons to be Catholic, why an all-loving God would allow suffering, and medical evidence for our transphysical soul. Each chapter includes a study of primary sources from Church history, focus and reflection questions, complete instructions for interactive activities, art, and other visual reflections, Scripture readings, and biographies of Catholic scientists and saints.

***The Catholic Faith and Science* from Sophia Institute Press - [SophiaOnline.org/magis](http://SophiaOnline.org/magis)**

## English - Writing/Grammar and American Literature

This class will provide the framework for advanced thesis writing, taking students through the four styles of writing (persuasive, expository, descriptive, and narrative). Students will be taught MLA style formatting and citation, as well as other language arts skills such as organization, note taking, grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation. This class will also focus on American Literature from the 17th - 20th Centuries. Students will be guided in analysis and critical thinking of these works of literature through a Catholic lens.

***Easy Grammar: 180 Daily Teaching Lessons, Grade 9* - ISBN: 9780936981598**

***The Crucible* by Arthur Miller - ISBN: 9780142437339**

***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain - ISBN: 9780141321097**

***The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane - ISBN: 9780553210118**

***The Pearl* by John Steinbeck - ISBN: 9780140177374**

***The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald - ISBN: 9798351145013**

***Night* by Elie Wiesel - ISBN: 9780374500016**

**American Poetry (provided by Three Hearts)**

## Advanced Math Lab

This lab-style class is designed to include family choice and span a broader range of mathematical branches to meet students of all high school grade levels where they are. The class will provide a framework of concepts on campus while families can choose, depending on the student's grade level, which textbook and branch of mathematics is right for them at home. This lab will be conducted as a math class with fundamental concepts taught throughout the year, including organization and problem solving while providing a student-led aspect with hands-on engagement.

## Biology with Lab

This course focuses on a pro-life approach to the study of Biology. The text begins with human biology (including cells and cell structure, systems of the human body, and genetics), and then covers general biology (including biological classification, systems of plants and animals, and non-human organisms). This class will also develop analytical and problem-solving skills, preparing students for further studies in the field of biological sciences and enhancing their understanding of the natural world. Biology lab will focus on dissection of small animals, teaching students about the internal structures of animals and how organs and tissues are related.

***Biology from Christ the King* - [CKBooks.org](http://CKBooks.org) +Lab fee TBD**

## American History

Through a Catholic worldview, this course spans the history of North America from the landing of Columbus to the late 20th century. The text, *Lands of Hope and Promise*, not only tells the secular history found in standard textbooks, but also includes the history of our United States through the contributions of the Catholic Church and Catholic individuals. Students will analyze the motivations behind historical events and how they shaped our country.

***Lands of Hope and Promise* from Catholic Textbook Project - [CatholicTextbookProject.com/history](http://CatholicTextbookProject.com/history)  
Or eBook format through [CatholicBrain.com](http://CatholicBrain.com)**

## Spanish I

This course will focus on a solid grounding in grammar and well-crafted exercises that reinforce lessons in vocabulary and essential structures. The text uses a unique building block approach to mastering essential grammar, verbs, and vocabulary that will help students begin speaking Spanish almost immediately.

***Complete Spanish Step-by-Step* - ISBN: 9781260463132**

## Debate

The goal of this course is to introduce students to the benefit of debate, disagreement, and discussion. Harkening back to ancient Socratic tradition, this course will instruct students on how to conduct informal and formal debates, while also developing good arguments by using solid logic and the resources available in their own thinking as well as the world around them. Students will employ the techniques of logic and rhetoric, as well as the persuasive techniques of ethos, pathos, and logos.

***Everyday Debate & Discussion* from Classical Academic Press - ISBN: 9781600512933**

## Study Hall

Study Hall is a safe and quiet environment for high school a la carte students to work independently on assignments from home. This space is monitored by a Campus Aide and available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**+\$125/yr - One Day A La Carte Enrollment**

**+\$250/yr - Two Day A La Carte Enrollment**