



## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

### School Overview

Founded in 2009, Greyfriars Classical Academy (GCA) is a classical, Christian and 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, we aim to equip students to think clearly and biblically about the world in which they live. GCA is a day school, but our class structure resembles that of a university, meeting together Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Students are required to work independently on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Curriculum

The liberal arts curriculum at Greyfriars is modeled after the classical trivium of grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Each year, full-time students take western literature and history (with aesthetics), mathematics, science, a foreign language and theology. Students also take courses in logic, composition and rhetoric. Since the classic works of western literature are central to our curriculum, students read Homer, Virgil, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, Austen, Twain (and more--see website for book list).

### Honors Courses

Honors Courses are offered for all grades in mathematics, science, English, history, theology and foreign language, in lieu of AP courses. These honors courses require additional reading and writing (including summer work for some courses). Assignments and assessments challenge students to a deeper analysis of, and engagement with, the subject matter.

### 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: 52

Average Class Size: 10

#### SAT Test Scores

(2013-2017 Average)

Greyfriars: 1789

National: 1480

North Carolina: 1495

#### 2017 New SAT Test

Greyfriars: 1179

National: 1060

North Carolina: 1081

#### ACT Test Scores

(2013-2017 Average)

Greyfriars - 26.0

National - 20.9

North Carolina - 19.0

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## Grading Scale

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

A	90% - 100%	4.00 points
B	80% - 89%	3.00 points
C	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 credits with the following minimums:

History	3
Literature	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Foreign Language*	2
Senior Thesis Project	0.5
Electives	3.5

**TOTAL** 20 credits

\*in the same language

Note: The above graduation requirements are the minimum necessary to graduate, and do not represent the typical requirements of full-time students. Ordinarily, full-time students are expected to take the entirety of the curriculum listed above (6.5 credits/year = 26 credits).

## Faculty

Over half of the 18 faculty 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 GAP 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  
Barnard College  
Barton College  
Bryn Mawr College  
Campbell University  
Cedarville University  
Clemson University  
Covenant College  
East Carolina University  
Erskine College  
Hillsdale College  
Liberty University  
Le Tourneau University  
Montreat College  
Moody Bible College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenburg College  
New College  
North Carolina State University  
Pfeiffer University  
Queens University  
Samford University  
Smith College  
Tulane University  
University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
University of South Carolina, Columbia  
Virginia Tech  
Wingate University  
Wofford College