



TENTH GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

In **Intro to Moral & Political Philosophy** Lafayette students will:

- be introduced to the major themes in philosophy through a study of literature
- read and discuss great works of dystopian literature such as Brave New World and 1984
- understand Swift's critique of the Enlightenment as "the Ancients" vs. "the Moderns"
- recognize the dehumanizing potential of what C.S. Lewis calls "the conquest of nature"

In **Economics** Lafayette students will:

- understand the free market and concepts such as supply and demand
- recognize the unintended consequences of government intervention in the free market
- study macroeconomic theory and the role of the government
- learn how the performance of various economic systems can be measured

In **British Literature** Lafayette students will read and discuss:

- Beowulf, the oldest Anglo-Saxon work of literature
- selections of The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer and Paradise Lost by John Milton
- William Shakespeare's Macbeth and a selection of his sonnets
- poems from English Romantic poets such as Blake, Wordsworth, Byron, Keats, and Shelley

In **European History** Lafayette students will:

- study the major events of European history from 500-1815
- recognize how Enlightenment ideas influenced the Founding Fathers
- understand the contributions of the major monarchies in the Middle Ages
- study the major contributions of Renaissance artists, philosophers, and religious figures

In **Advanced Latin** Lafayette students will:

- review Wheelock's chapters 1-35 and learn 36-40
- spend a semester completing Latin grammar
- read abridged texts from the Wheelock's Latin Reader
- spend a semester reading Caesar's Gallic Wars

In **Algebra II** Lafayette students will:

- solve equations in two and three variables
- understand and apply the general quadratic trinomial: $ax^2 + bx + c$
- explore irrational roots of quadratic equations
- apply the laws of logarithms and the laws of exponents

In **Chemistry** Lafayette students will:

- use the steps of the scientific method throughout the course
- study the history and use of the Periodic Table
- study atomic structure, chemical bonding, electron configuration, and electrochemistry
- explore the subjects of gases, acids and bases, reaction energy, and chemical equilibrium

Students may also take semester electives in Art & Music



LITERATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Major Works

Beowulf
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
The Canterbury Tales by Chaucer
Paradise Lost by John Milton
Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Nineteen-Eighty-Four by George Orwell
The Abolition of Man by C.S. Lewis

British Poetry

Sonnets 30, 60, 130 by Shakespeare
"The Clod and the Pebble" by Blake
"The Garden of Love" by Blake
"Simon Lee" by Wordsworth
"Above Tintern Abbey" by Wordsworth
"The Eolian Harp" by Coleridge
"Frost at Midnight" by Coleridge
"Kubla Khan" by Coleridge
"Bright Star" by Keats
"Ode to a Nightingale" by Keats
"Ode on a Grecian Urn" by Keats
"Ode to the West Wind" by Shelley
"To a Skylark" by Shelley