



LAFAYETTE ACADEMY

— A CLASSICAL SCHOOL —

TWELFTH GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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

- selected poems from Hardy, Houseman, Yeats, Auden, Frost, Eliot, Bishop et al.
- classic novels such as Crime and Punishment and The Metamorphosis
- short stories by Oscar Wilde and Anton Chekov
- Hamlet by William Shakespeare

In **Senior Thesis** Lafayette students will:

- reflect on the wisdom and practice the skills their Classical education has fostered
- wrestle with real world problems concerning human nature
- craft and support a thesis involving the “great conversation of great ideas”
- develop their reading list from the greatest works of literature they’ve not yet read

In **American History** Lafayette students will:

- study the major events of American history from 1607-present
- read and discuss primary sources such as speeches by Washington, Lincoln, Reagan, et al.
- examine the various forms of tyranny such as majority, bureaucratic, mob, socialism, etc.
- compare Federalist and anti-Federalist forms of government

In **Modern World History** Lafayette students will:

- study the major events of world history from 1815-1953
- understand the ramifications of the French Revolution, industrialization, and nationalism
- explore various totalitarian ideologies from 1919 to the present day
- read and discuss accounts of the World Wars, the Cold War, and conflicts in the Middle East

In **American Government & Politics** Lafayette students will:

- read and study major speeches and essays in the history of American political thought
- understand the moral vision of the American Founding and the purposes of the Constitution
- recognize the way Progressives have transformed the constitutional order
- read selections from Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville

In **Calculus** Lafayette students will study:

- the derivative function and the differentiation of monomials and polynomials
- the calculus method of finding roots
- geometrical and analytical treatment of maxima and minima
- logarithmic and exponential functions and their applications

In **Foreign Language** Lafayette students will:

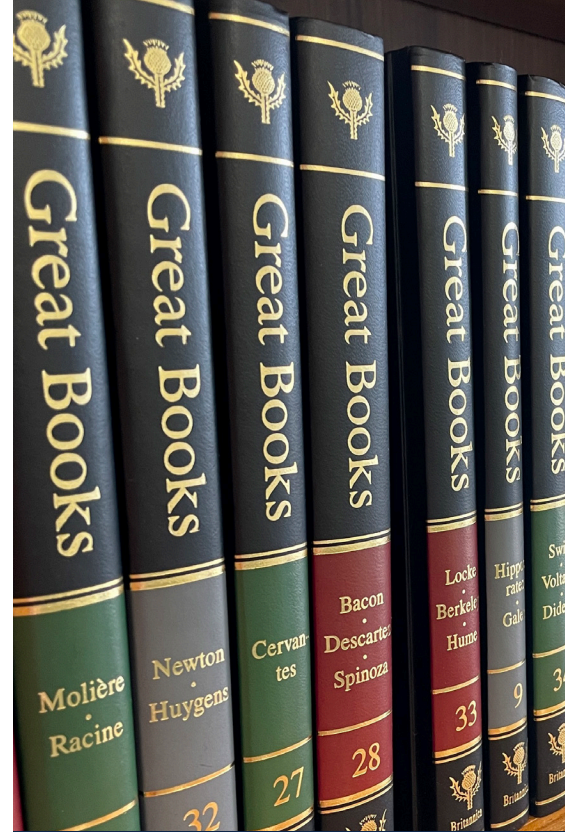
- continue to study a modern foreign language at the intermediate level
- learn proper pronunciation and accent of vowel and consonant sounds
- continue to build a vocabulary of everyday words and conversational phrases
- regularly engage in conversational dialogues

In **Science** Lafayette students will choose one or two of the following courses:

- Astronomy
- Biology II
- Chemistry II
- Physics II

Students may also take semester electives in Art & Music

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LITERATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Major Works

Crime and Punishment by Dostoevsky
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
Democracy in America by de Toqueville
Ivan Denisovich by A. Solzhenitsyn

Short Stories

“The Canterville Ghost” by Oscar Wilde
“The Kiss” by Anton Chekov

Poems

“Hap” by Thomas Hardy
“Easter 1916” by William Butler Yeats
“God’s Grandeur” by G.M. Hopkins
“Sailing to Byzantium” by W.B. Yeats
“Musée des Beaux Artes” by W.H. Auden
“Fern Hill” by Dylan Thomas
“Digging” by Seamus Heaney
“The Oven Bird” by Robert Frost
“The Waste Land” by T.S. Eliot
“Sunday Morning” by Wallace Stevens
“The Fish” by Elizabeth Bishop
“Skunk Hour” by Robert Lowell