



SALESIANUM SCHOOL



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Since 1903, Salesianum has educated young men in the example of the Gentleman Saint, Francis de Sales, who wrote, “Be who you are and be that well.” This means that whomever he is, and whatever his skills and strengths, each student is guided towards becoming his own best self. Salesianum’s unique approach to education focuses on intellectual and spiritual development above all else, but also emphasizes community service as a cornerstone of a well-rounded Salesian education.

At Salesianum, our action-packed academics bring excitement to the classroom, where lessons come to life in right-sized classes and a vast offering of courses. Our innovative, inclusive curriculum supports how young men learn best, with guidance from dedicated teachers who engage and inspire them daily. Grounded in the six pillars of Salesian Spirituality—Optimism, Liberty of Spirit, Gentle Strength, Little Virtues, Spiritual Friendship, and a Universal Call to Holiness—our approach to academics goes beyond grades, fostering a healthy community where students thrive. Every student is encouraged to become

the best version of himself, sparking a lifelong love of learning. With a focus on preparing young men for college success, we offer 195 courses, including the AP Capstone Program, all designed to equip students with essential research, teamwork, and communication skills, while customizing each student’s schedule to align with his unique academic strengths and interests.

- Graduates leave Salesianum prepared to face the challenges of higher education by:
- Writing and thinking critically and analytically
 - Acquiring, interpreting, and discerning information objectively
 - Using technology proficiently and responsibly
 - Communicating effectively
 - Living with a mind open to learning and growth

Graduating with a 99% college matriculation rate, our students are prepared to meet the challenges ahead and make a positive impact on the world.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GRADE	REQUIRED CORE COURSES	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	MINIMUM CREDITS
9	6.00 credits English, Math, Theology, Science, Social Studies, and World Language	1.00 credit — Arts & Innovation 0.50 credit — Physical Education 0.50 credit — Health	8.00 credits
10	6.00 credits English, Math, Theology, Science, Social Studies, and World Language	0.50 credit — Physical Education 0.25 credit — Driver’s Education* 0.50 credit — Elective	7.00 credits 7.25 credits (with Driver’s Education)
11	6.00 credits English, Math, Theology, Science, Social Studies, and World Language	0.25 credit — Junior Advisory (College Group Counseling) 1.00 credit (or more) — Elective	7.25 credits
12	4.00 credits English, Math, Theology, and Social Studies	3.00 credits (or more) — Electives	7.00 credits

* Driver’s Education is available, but not required.
All Salesianum students must complete an additional one-half credit in Arts & Innovation.

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11		GRADE 12	
THEOLOGY 4 credits	Catholic & Salesian Identity	Sacred Scripture	Morality & Social Justice		God, Christ & Church Intro. to the Devout Life	Senior Theology Forum**
ENGLISH 4 credits	English I	AP Research AP Seminar US Literature	AP English Language** AP Research British Literature		AP English Literature** English Communication English Composition	
MATHEMATICS 4 credits	Algebra I Algebra II Geometry	Algebra II Geometry Math Analysis Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics Algebra II	Calculus with Trigonometry Math Analysis Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics Multivariable Calculus	Calculus with Trigonometry Pre-Calculus
SCIENCE 3 credits	Biology	Anatomy & Physiology Aquatic & Marine Biology Chemistry Forensic Science Geology of the National Parks	Adv. Biology Research Adv. Chemistry Research AP Biology** AP Biology Lab** AP Chemistry AP Chemistry Lab AP Environmental Science & Lab AP Physics I	AP Physics C: Mechanics Anatomy & Physiology Aquatic & Marine Biology Forensic Science Geology of the National Parks Physics Scientific Phenomena: Explorations & Exhibitions	Adv. Biology Research** Adv. Chemistry Research Adv. Physics Research AP Biology* AP Biology Lab* AP Environmental Science** AP Chemistry AP Chemistry Lab	AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism AP Physics C: Mechanics Anatomy & Physiology Forensic Science Geology of the National Parks Scientific Phenomena: Explorations & Exhibitions
SOCIAL STUDIES 4 credits	AP Human Geography World History	AP US History** Economics Media & Society** US History	Accounting AP US Government AP Psychology AP Microeconomics Death and Dying Economics	Media & Society** Modern Global History Personal Finance US Government	Accounting AP Psychology AP World History AP Microeconomics Death and Dying Economics	Genocide Studies Media & Society** Personal Finance US History Research World History Research
WORLD LANGUAGES 3 credits, same language three consecutive years	ASL I French I, II Latin I Spanish I, II	ASL I, II French I, II, III Latin I, II Spanish I, II, III	AP French AP Spanish** ASL I, II, III	French I, II, III, IV Latin I, II, III Spanish I, II, III, IV	AP French AP Spanish ** ASL I, II, III, IV	French I, II, III, IV Latin I, II, III, IV Spanish I, II, III, IV
ARTS & INNOVATION 1.50 credits	Artmaking Studio Character Performance Studio Concert Band Design Studio Engineering Studio Media Studio Programming Studio Wind Ensemble	AP Music Theory Art I: Color Art I: Composition Audio Production Broadcast Production Chorus Film Studies Guitar: Rhythm & Lyrics Improvisation & Performance Music Appreciation Photography/Graphic Design Piano Robotics I Sculpture and 3-Dimensional Design Video Journalism & Communication Wind Ensemble Yearbook	Academic Assistantship (Art, Design, Music) AP Music Theory Architectural Design I, II, III Art I: Color Art I: Composition Art II: Medium Exploration Art III Audio Production Broadcast Production Chorus Entrepreneurship EntreX** Film Studies I, II Guitar: Rhythm & Lyrics Improvisation & Performance Industrial Design I, II, III Music Appreciation Photography/Graphic Design Piano Robotics I, II Video Journalism & Communication Wind Ensemble Yearbook		Academic Assistantship: (Art, Design, Music) AP Music Theory Architectural Design I, II, III Art I: Color Art I: Composition Art II: Medium Exploration Art III Audio Production Broadcast Production Chorus Entrepreneurship EntreX** Film Studies I, II Guitar: Rhythm & Lyrics Improvisation & Performance Industrial Design I, II, III Music Appreciation Photography/Graphic Design Piano Robotics I, II Video Journalism & Communication Wind Ensemble Yearbook	
COMPUTER SCIENCE Part of Arts & Innovation credits	Programming Studio	AP Computer Science Computer Science Principles Graphical Interface and Data Structures Student Technology Help Desk	AP Computer Science Computer Science Principles CS Advanced Topics: Data Analysis CS Advanced Topics: Game Development CS Advanced Topics: Software Development Graphical Interface and Data Structures Student Technology Help Desk		AP Computer Science Computer Science Principles CS Advanced: Data Analysis CS Advanced Topics: Game Development CS Advanced Topics: Software Development Graphical Interface and Data Structures Student Technology Help Desk	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1.00 credit Phys. Ed., .50 credit Health, .25 credit Driver's Ed. (optional)	Health Physical Education I	Driver's Education Physical Education II	Sports Management		Sports Management	

** Dual Enrollment Course

PLACEMENT DECISIONS

Salesianum uses the following criteria to develop a challenging academic program for its incoming freshmen:

- **English, Science and Social Studies:** Based on entrance test scores and previous school's transcript
- **Math:** Algebra I or placement test
- **World Language:** First year language or placement test
- **Music:** Based on audition

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

The Gardner Center and its caring staff are well equipped to provide the right balance of academic support, encouragement and open communication with students, teachers, and families. Two levels of fee-based support are offered, as determined by the needs of the student—the Brisson Program and the Trinity Program. The Brisson Program offers guidance in the areas of organization, time management, and self-advocacy, as well as review of grades and assignments. The Trinity Program offers students more intensive and structured support. With a small student-faculty ratio, the program is designed to meet the needs of college-bound students with specifically diagnosed and documented learning differences through the review and re-teaching of academic subjects as needed.

ARTS & INNOVATION EXPERIENCE

Our Arts & Innovation Experience Elective courses provide foundational skills in building the Seven 21st Century Survival Skills while also incorporating learning content in the following areas: art, coding, motion engineering (i.e., design thinking with robotics), and performance. There are 28 innovation electives for our upperclassmen in their course selections that integrate these skills.

PHASING SYSTEM

At Salesianum, phasing seeks to intellectually challenge students in a positive learning environment among peers. Each student is placed in one of our five phases in the Theology, English, Social Studies, Mathematics, World Languages, and Science courses. The phases include College Preparatory (CP), Accelerated (AC), Honors (H), and Advanced Placement (AP). Differences between phases of the same course can include breadth and/or depth of content instruction, pacing, academic rigor, and homework expectations.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Salesianum requires one credit of physical education and 0.5 credits of health. Participation in an intercollegiate sport does not exempt a student from these requirements.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

The Advanced Placement Program is designed to give highly capable and motivated students the opportunity to pursue college-level work while still in high school. This year we are offering 21 Advanced Placement courses to students in 9th through 12th grades. These courses provide a greater depth of study, require significantly more effort, and carry extra grade points in a student's GPA calculation. Students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP examination administered in May of each year.

AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM

Salesianum is proud to have been chosen to offer the AP Capstone Program to its students. AP Capstone is an innovative program developed by the College Board that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. Participants have the opportunity to earn an AP Capstone diploma in addition to their Salesianum diploma.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Salesianum School offers dual enrollment courses in partnership with the University of Delaware and DeSales University, allowing students to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. This opportunity provides students with a head start on their college education while still completing their high school curriculum, fostering academic growth, and preparing them for future success.



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