

The Chesterton Track

A Scope & Sequence

The Chesterton Track (scope & sequence) is designed for two different students:

1. The student who is planning on attending a local Chesterton Academy for high school. This student should follow the middle school scope & sequence, as it will give them a solid foundation for success at Chesterton Academy.
2. The student who cannot attend a local Chesterton Academy and would like to follow a similar curriculum at home. This student should follow both the middle and high school curriculum.

This is a rigorous course of study that will prepare motivated students, with the guidance of their parents, for life beyond high school.

The Chesterton Track can be easily adjusted for students joining HomeschoolConnections.com partway through their middle or high school career. Email Maureen Wittmann if you would like assistance at mwittmann@homeschoolconnections.com

Note that this scope & sequence is based on:

1. HomeschoolConnections.com's recorded, independent-learning courses through our Unlimited Access program. Many of these courses are also available as live, interactive courses.
2. A trimester system (three semesters per school year) for a total of 36 to 40 weeks of instruction. The third trimester is shorter than the first two. This leaves room for holiday breaks and vacations.

Middle School

6th Grade

Fall

Writing Essentials 1: Punctuation and Grammar I (MS 6/7-1) (6 weeks)
Writing Essentials 2: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph Writing I (MS 6/7-2) (6 weeks)
Middle School Conversational Spanish, Part One (12 weeks)
The Glory of Ancient Greece (12 weeks)
Middle School Math 1, Part One (14 weeks)
A History of Scientific Thought (12 weeks)
Introduction to Literature: Why and How to Study Literature (12 weeks)
Understanding the Story of the Bible (13 weeks)

Spring

Writing Essentials 3: Punctuation and Grammar II (MS 6/7-3) (6 weeks)
Writing Essentials 4: Excellent Sentence and Paragraph Writing II (MS 6/7-4) (6 weeks)
Middle School Conversational Spanish, Part Two (12 weeks)
Res Publica Romana (10 weeks)
Middle School Math 1, Part Two (14 weeks)
The Planets (13 weeks)
A Mastery of Mysteries (13 weeks)
Understanding the Gospels: A Study into the Mysteries of Christ (12 weeks)

Summer

Lives of the Saints: Revealing the Glory of God, Part One (10 weeks)
The Science of Bugs: Entomology (8 weeks)
Humor in Literature (6 weeks)
Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment

7th Grade

Fall

Simplified Writing for Middle School 1: Foundations of Composition I (MS 7/8-1) (8 weeks)
Simplified Writing for Middle School 2: Introduction to Essays and Papers I (MS 7/8-2) (8 weeks)
Middle School Beginning Latin, Part One (12 Weeks)
The Crusades: On A Quest for Christendom (10 weeks)
Middle School Math 2, Part One (14 weeks)
Invertebrate Zoology (13 weeks)
Christmas in Literature, Film, and Music (8 weeks)
Apologetics for Catholics (12 weeks)

Spring

Simplified Writing for Middle School 3: Writing the Excellent Essay (MS 7/8-3) (8 weeks)

Simplified Writing for Middle School 4: Writing Form and Style (MS 7/8-4) (8 weeks)

Middle School Beginning Latin, Part Two (12 weeks)

The French Revolution: "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, or Death" (10 weeks)

Middle School Math 2, Part Two (14 weeks)

Vertebrate Biology (13 weeks)

Traitors, Traditions, True Patriots: Literature About the French and American Revolutions (12 weeks)

The Life and Legacy of St. John Paul II (6 weeks)

Summer

Middle School Intermediate Latin (12 weeks)

The American Revolution; Liberty! (10 weeks)

Narnia for Young Adults: The Theology of The Chronicles of Narnia (6 weeks)

Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment

8th Grade

Fall

Fiction Writing 1 (HS 11-123) (12 weeks)

Introduction to Formal Logic: Thinking with Excellence (14 weeks)

Beginning Biblical Greek, Part One (13 weeks)

The Civil War Years; A Nation Divided (10 weeks)

Pre-Algebra, Part One (14 weeks)

Physical Science (15 weeks)

Greek Mythology (10 weeks)

Decrypting the Doctors of the Church, Part One (10 weeks)

Spring

Fiction Writing 2 (HS 11-456) (12 weeks)

Logic II: Advanced Formal Logic (12 weeks)

Beginning Biblical Greek, Part Two (13 weeks)

World War I; What Price Glory (10 weeks)

Pre-Algebra, Part Two (14 weeks)

Physical Science (15 weeks)

Poems Every Catholic Should Know (6 weeks)

Love's Labour's Lost: Shakespeare in Production (6 weeks)

Decrypting the Doctors of the Church, Part Two (10 weeks)

Summer

Fiction Writing: Authoring a Book, Part 1 – How it Works, What it Takes, and How to Succeed (HS 11-7) (4 weeks)

How to Be an Excellent Student: Note Taking, Test Taking, and How to Get an A (4 weeks)

World War II; Allies vs. Axis (10 weeks)

Tolkien for Young Adults: The Theology of Middle-Earth (6 weeks)

Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment

9th Grade

Fall

High School Writing Essentials 1: Essential Punctuation and Grammar I (HS 9-1) (6 weeks)

High School Simplified Writing 1: Strong Foundational Writing Skills (HS 9-2) (8 weeks)

Philosophy 101: What Do Philosophers Do and How Do They Do It? (8 weeks)

Latin I, Part One (12 weeks)

Dawn of History: Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Persia (12 weeks)

Algebra 1, Part One (14 weeks)

Biology, Part One (14 weeks)

The Odyssey by Homer (6 weeks)

The Iliad by Homer (6 weeks)

Theology 101: Introduction to Catholicism – The Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Spring

High School Writing Essentials 2: Excellent Paragraphs and Essay Writing (HS 9-3) (6 weeks)

High School Simplified Writing 2: Beyond the Five-Paragraph Essay (HS 9-4) (8 weeks)

Philosophy: Ethics (12 weeks)

Latin I, Part Two (12 weeks)

The Glory of Greece (12 weeks)

Algebra I, Part Two (14 weeks)

Biology, Part Two (14 weeks)

Sophocles and Tragedy (6 weeks)

Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton (6 weeks)

Theology 101: Introduction to Catholicism – The Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Summer

High School Writing Essentials 5: Punctuation and Grammar II (HS X-5) (6 weeks)

The Life and Times of the Ancient Romans (12 weeks)

Canterbury Tales of Geoffrey Chaucer; Trust God and Tradition (4 weeks)

Everlasting Man by G. K. Chesterton (6 weeks)

Ancient Heresies and Their Modern Counterparts (7 weeks)

Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment.

10th Grade

Fall

Vocabulary and Writing, Part One (HS 10-1) (14 weeks)
Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy (12 weeks)
Latin II, Part One (12 weeks)
Foundations of Christian Historiography (4 weeks)
An Archaeological Survey of the Old and New Testaments (10 weeks)
Geometry, Part One (14 weeks)
Chemistry, Part One (15 weeks)
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare (6 weeks)
Hamlet by William Shakespeare (6 weeks)
Theology 201: Understanding the Scriptures – The Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Spring

Vocabulary and Writing, Part Two (HS 10-2) (14 weeks)
Revolution: The Philosophy of Liberalism (14 weeks)
Latin II, Part Two (12 weeks)
The Catholic Middle Ages (12 weeks)
Geometry, Part Two (14 weeks)
Chemistry, Part Two (15 weeks)
King Lear by William Shakespeare (6 weeks)
The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare (6 weeks)
Theology 201: Understanding the Scriptures – The Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Summer

Business Writing: Foundations of Journalism (HS 11-10) (8 weeks)
The Rending of Christendom: 1417-1648 (12 weeks)
St. Francis, Asceticism, and Mysticism with G. K. Chesterton (6 weeks)
Theistic Apologetics: Are Science and Religion Enemies? (7 weeks)
Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment.

11th Grade

Fall

Fiction Writing: The Hero's Journey & Mythic Structure for Writers I (HS X-9) (8 weeks)
Fiction Writing: The Hero's Journey & Mythic Structure for Writers II (HS X-10) (8 weeks)
Introduction to the Summa: Thomistic Christian Philosophy, Part One (12 weeks)
Latin III, Part One (12 weeks) or Spanish I, Part One (12 weeks)
Early Modern Europe: 1648-1789 (12 weeks)

Algebra II, Part One (14 weeks)
Physics, Part One (14 weeks)
Theology 301: The History of the Church – The Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Spring

Fiction Writing: Screenwriting I (HS X-11) (8 weeks)
Fiction Writing: Screenwriting II (HS X-12) (8 weeks)
Introduction to the Summa: Thomistic Christian Philosophy, Part Two (12 weeks)
Latin III, Part Two (12 weeks) or Spanish I, Part Two (12 weeks)
Modern European History: 1789-1991 (12 weeks)
Algebra II, Part Two (14 weeks)
Physics, Part Two (14 weeks)
Theology 301: The History of the Church – The Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Summer

Business Writing: Professional Business Writing Essentials (HS 11-11) (8 weeks)
Economics: Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching (4 weeks)
Early American History: 1492 to 1763; Discovery to the Dawn of Revolution (12 weeks)
What's Wrong with the World by G. K. Chesterton (6 weeks)
Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment.

12th Grade

Fall

Advanced Rhetoric and Writing 1: Rhetoric, Figures of Speech, Essays, & Papers (HS 12-1) (10 weeks)
Introduction to Psychology (12 weeks)
Economics as if People Matter (12 weeks)
U.S. and Comparative Government, Part One (12 weeks)
U.S. History: Revolution, Republic and Union: 1763-1865 (12 weeks)
Pre-Calculus, Part One (14 weeks)
Inferno (Hell) by Dante (12 weeks)
Theology 401: Our Moral Life in Christ – The Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Spring

Advanced Rhetoric and Writing 2: Research Writing (College Prep) (HS 12-2) (10 weeks)
Modern Psychology (12 weeks)
Debate and Argumentation (13 weeks)
U.S. and Comparative Government, Part Two (12 weeks)
Modern American History: 1865 to 2000 (12 weeks)
Pre-Calculus, Part Two (14 weeks)
Purgatorio (Purgatory) by Dante (12 weeks)
Theology 401: Our Moral Life in Christ – The Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Summer

Understanding the Second Vatican Council (4 weeks)

Dante's *Paradiso* (Heaven) by Dante (11 weeks)

Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment.

College Credit in High School

CLEP and AP-Level courses

HomeschoolConnections.com offers several courses that prepare students for CLEP and AP tests. Email homeschoolconnections@gmail.com for a current list of courses.

NOTE: Students who successfully complete the following HomeschoolConnections.com writing courses are prepared to take the AP Writing and Composition test:

1. Vocabulary and Writing, Part One (HS 10-1) (14 weeks)
2. Vocabulary and Writing, Part Two (HS 10-2) (14 weeks)
3. High School Writing Essentials 5: Punctuation and Grammar II (HS X-5) (6 weeks)
4. Advanced Rhetoric and Writing 1: Rhetoric, Figures of Speech, Essays, & Papers (HS 12-1) (10 weeks)
5. Advanced Rhetoric and Writing 1: Rhetoric, Figures of Speech, Essays, & Papers (HS 12-1) (10 weeks)

Dual-Enrollment Courses

Franciscan University of Steubenville offers dual-enrollment courses for high school juniors and seniors for college credit online called Fast Track. Many of these courses line up with the Chesterton Track.