



Rigorous College Prep Track

A Scope & Sequence

This College Prep Track (scope & sequence) through Homeschool Connections is designed for the student who desires a rigorous course load.

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

If you would like one-on-one consulting, please see

<https://homeschoolconnections.com/catholic-homeschool-consulting-support/>

Note, this scope & sequence is based on:

1. HomeschoolConnections.com's recorded, independent-learning courses through our Unlimited Access program. However, 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.

Also to Note: These are only suggested courses. You can change out courses based on your child's progress, interests, and future plans.

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 Ancient World, Part One (12 weeks)

Middle School Math 1, Part One (14 weeks)

Introduction to Botany (13 weeks)

Introduction to Literature: Why and How to Study Literature (12 weeks)

Understanding the Story of the Bible (13 weeks)

Winter/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)

The Ancient World, Part Two (10 weeks)

Middle School Math 1, Part Two (14 weeks)



The Planets (13 weeks)

The Best of Children's Literature (12 weeks)

Understanding the Gospels: A Study into the Mysteries of Christ (12 weeks)

Spring/Summer

Meet the Saint (7 weeks)

Middle School Spelling Boot Camp (6 weeks)

The Science of Bugs: Entomology (8 weeks)

Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment

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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)

MS Medieval History, Part One (12 weeks)

Middle School Math 2, Part One (14 weeks)

Invertebrate Zoology (13 weeks)

Little House on the Prairie, Part One (12 weeks)

Middle School Catechism (Baltimore Catechism), Part One (13 weeks)



Winter/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)

MS Medieval History, Part Two (12 weeks)

Middle School Math 2, Part Two (14 weeks)

Vertebrate Biology (13 weeks)

Little House on the Prairie, Part Two (12 weeks)

Middle School Catechism (Baltimore Catechism), Part One (12 weeks)

Spring/Summer

Pirates: The Golden Age, and their World (8 weeks)

Creative Writing: Creating Stories with Pets and Animals as the Heroes (4 weeks)

Life Lessons from St. Patrick & the Saints of Ireland (6 weeks)

Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment

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8th Grade

Fall

Creative Writing for Middle School, Part One (MS-CW1) (8 weeks)

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

Middle School Intermediate Latin (12 weeks)

Middle School U.S. History: Part 1 (1492-1847) (12 weeks)

Pre-Algebra, Part One (14 weeks)

Physical Science, Part One (15 weeks)

The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings for Middle School, Part One (12 weeks)

Middle School Apologetics (12 weeks)

Winter/Spring

Creative Writing for Middle School, Part Two (MS-CW2) (8 weeks)

From Boys to Men: Discovering Life Lessons and Virtues from the Lord of the Rings (6 weeks)

Middle School Intermediate Latin, Part Two (12 weeks)

Middle School U.S. History, Part 2 (1847-1990) (12 weeks)

Pre-Algebra, Part Two (14 weeks)

Physical Science, Part Two (15 weeks)

The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings for Middle School, Part One (12 weeks)

The Mass Explained for Middle School (10 weeks)

Spring/Summer

Shaking Up Shakespeare (6 weeks)

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



weeks)

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

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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)

An Introduction to the Summa Theologica by St. Thomas Aquinas, Part One (12 weeks)

Latin I, Part One (12 weeks)

The Dawn of History: The Ancient World (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)

Winter/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)

An Introduction to the Summa Theologica by St. Thomas Aquinas, Part Two (12 weeks)

Latin I, Part Two (12 weeks)

The Glory of Ancient Greece (12 weeks)

Algebra I, Part Two (14 weeks)

Biology, Part Two (14 weeks)

The Theban Plays of Sophocles (6 weeks)

Introduction to Gilbert Keith Chesterton (6 weeks)

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



Spring/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)

Anglo-Saxon England: Bede and Beowulf (6 weeks)

Ancient Heresies and Their Modern Counterparts (7 weeks)

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10th Grade

Fall

Vocabulary and Writing, Part One (HS 10-1) (14 weeks)

Logic: Rhetoric and Reasoning (12 weeks)

Latin II, Part One (12 weeks)

Foundations of Christian Historiography (4 weeks)

Age of Faith: Medieval History 313-732 (12 weeks)

Geometry, Part One (14 weeks)

Physics, Part One (14 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)

Winter/Spring

Vocabulary and Writing, Part Two (HS 10-2) (14 weeks)

Logic: Basics of Inductive Reasoning (12 weeks)

Latin II, Part Two (12 weeks)

The City of God: The High Middle Ages (12 weeks)

Geometry, Part Two (14 weeks)

Physics, Part Two (14 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)

Spring/Summer

Business Writing: Foundations of Journalism (HS 11-10) (8 weeks)

The Rending of Christendom: 1417-1648 (12 weeks)

Theistic Apologetics: Are Science and Religion Enemies? (7 weeks)

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11th Grade

Fall

Fiction Writing 1: Plot & Structure (HS 11-1) (4 weeks)

Fiction Writing 2: Description and Setting (HS 11-2) (4 weeks)

Fiction Writing 3: Characters and Dialogue (HS 11-3) (4 weeks)

Revolution: The Philosophy of Liberalism (14 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)
Chemistry, Part One (15 weeks)
Theology 301: The History of the Church – The Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Winter/Spring

Fiction Writing: Theme, Style, and POV (HS 11-4) (4 weeks)
Fiction Writing: Conflict and Creating the Breakout Novel (HS 11-5) (4 weeks)
Fiction Writing: Writing the Short Story (HS 11-7) (4 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)
Chemistry, Part Two (18 weeks)
Theology 301: The History of the Church – The Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Spring/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)
Electives of student's choice plus reading for enjoyment
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12th Grade

Fall

Advanced Rhetoric and Writing 1: Rhetoric, Figures of Speech, Essays, & Papers (HS 12-1) (10 weeks)
College Preparatory Psychology (12 weeks)
Principles of Microeconomics and Catholic Perspectives (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)

Winter/Spring

Advanced Rhetoric and Writing 2: Research Writing (College Prep) (HS 12-2) (10 weeks)

Computer Programming 101 (15 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)

Spring/Summer

TOB and Going off to College: Keeping your Faith (12 weeks)

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

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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 English 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

HomeschoolConnections.com partners with Franciscan University and Benedictine College for dual- enrollment courses. Email homeschoolconnections@gmail.com for an updated list of HSC courses eligible for college credit.



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