



The Chesterton Track

A Scope & Sequence

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

1. A student 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. A 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, with parental guidance, prepares students for life beyond high school through a solid classical liberal arts education that forms the whole person.

The Chesterton Track can be easily adjusted for students who join HomeschoolConnections.com partway through their middle or high school careers.

Note that this scope & sequence is based on:

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

NOTE: Many of these courses, or their equivalent, are also available as LIVE, interactive courses. See our [Course Catalog](#) if you prefer LIVE to recorded, or if you want to combine both.

Email homeschoolconnections@gmail.com if you have questions or need further guidance.



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)
- Ancient Civilizations, Part One: Egypt, India, China, America (14 weeks)
- Middle School Math 1, Part One (14 weeks)
- Geology for Middle School (13 weeks)
- Of Mountains, Monsters, and Men: Tales That Influenced Tolkien and Lewis (12 weeks)
- Understanding the Story of the Bible (13 weeks)

Winter

- 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)
- Ancient Civilizations, Part Two: Greece and Rome (14 weeks)
- Middle School Math 1, Part Two (14 weeks)
- The Planets (13 weeks)
- The Power of Poetry (12 weeks)
- Understanding the Gospels: A Study into the Mysteries of Christ (12 weeks)

Spring

- Creative Writing: Creating Stories with Pets and Animals as the Heroes (4 weeks)
- Come to Your Senses: The Science Behind Your Five Senses (6 weeks)
- Literature with the Saints: The Miraculous Medal (4 weeks)
- Electives of the 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)
- Beginning American Sign Language (ASL I), Part One (13 Weeks)
- MS Medieval History, Part One (12 weeks)
- Middle School Math 2, Part One (14 weeks)
- Invertebrate Zoology (13 weeks)
- Canonical Chronicles Part I: The Chronicles of Narnia (12 weeks)



- Middle School Catechesis: The Baltimore Catechism, Part One (12 weeks)

Winter

- 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)
- Beginning American Sign Language (ASL I), Part Two (13 Weeks)
- MS Medieval History, Part Two (12 weeks)
- Middle School Math 2, Part Two (14 weeks)
- Vertebrate Biology (13 weeks)
- Canonical Chronicles Part II: The Chronicles of Prydain (12 weeks)
- Middle School Catechesis: The Baltimore Catechism, Part Two (12 weeks)

Spring

- On Time: The Science and History of Marking Time (6 weeks)
- Fiction Writing: Creatures, Monsters, and Aliens -- Oh My! (X-20) (4 weeks)
- Coding with Minecraft (9 weeks)
- Electives of the student's choice, plus [reading for enjoyment](#)

8th Grade

Fall

- Fiction Writing: Developing Characters 1 – Writing Villains, Antagonists, and Bad Guys from a Faith-Based Perspective (X-13) (4 weeks)
- Fiction Writing: Developing Characters 2 – Writing Characters with Superpowers (X-14) (4 weeks)
- Detecting Logical Fallacies, Part One (12 weeks)
- Carpe Diem: An Adventurous Introduction to Latin for Middle Schoolers, Part One (12 weeks)
- American People, Part One (14 weeks)
- Pre-Algebra, Part One (14 weeks)
- Physical Science (15 weeks)
- Introduction to Literature and Writing: How to Read, Interpret, and Write about Literature, Part One (12 weeks)
- Introduction to Church History, Part One (14 weeks)

Winter

- Fiction Writing: Developing Characters 3 – Writing Kings, Queens, Courts, and Jesters (X-15) (4 weeks)
- Fiction Writing: Developing Characters 4 – Friends, Buddies, and Teammates – Oh My! (X-16) (4 weeks)
- Carpe Diem: An Adventurous Introduction to Latin for Middle Schoolers, Part Two (12 weeks)
- Detecting Logical Fallacies, Part One (12 weeks)



- American People, Part One (14 weeks)
- Pre-Algebra, Part Two (14 weeks)
- Physical Science (15 weeks)
- Introduction to Literature and Writing: How to Read, Interpret, and Write about Literature, Part Two (12 weeks)
- Introduction to Church History, Part Two (14 weeks)

Spring

- Prayers, Hymns, History: Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin (6 weeks)
- How to Be an Excellent Student: Note Taking, Test Taking, and How to Get an A (4 weeks)
- Introduction to Gilbert Keith Chesterton (6 weeks)
- Electives of the 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)
- Introduction to the Summa: Thomistic Christian Philosophy, Part One (12 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)
- Introduction to Catholicism: Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Winter

- 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)
- Introduction to the Summa: Thomistic Christian Philosophy, Part Two (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)
- The Theban Plays of Sophocles (6 weeks)
- Orthodoxy by G.K. Chesterton (6 weeks)
- Introduction to Catholicism: Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Spring

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



weeks)

- The Life and Times of the Ancient Romans (12 weeks)
- Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales: A Catholic Understanding (12 weeks)
- Ancient Heresies and Their Modern Counterparts (7 weeks)
- Electives of the student's choice plus [reading for enjoyment](#).

10th Grade

Fall

- Vocabulary and Writing, Part One (HS 10-1) (14 weeks)
- Rhetoric and Reasoning (12 weeks)
- Latin II, Part One (12 weeks)
- Archaeology of the Ancient World (13 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)
- Understanding the Scriptures: Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Winter

- Vocabulary and Writing, Part Two (HS 10-2) (14 weeks)
- Basics of Inductive Reasoning (12 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)
- Understanding the Scriptures: Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Spring

- Drawing with Art Theory (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 the student's choice, plus [reading for enjoyment](#).

11th Grade

Fall

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



- Revolution: The Philosophy of Liberalism (14 weeks)
- Latin III, Part One (12 weeks) or Biblical Greek, Part One (12 weeks)
- Early Modern Europe: 1648-1789 (12 weeks)
- Algebra II, Part One (14 weeks)
- Physics, Part One (14 weeks)
- The History of the Church: Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Winter

- Fiction Writing 2 (HS 11-457) (12 weeks)
- Virtue and Vice: Ancient Philosophy for Modern Catholics (12 weeks)
- Latin III, Part Two (12 weeks) or Biblical Greek Part Two (12 weeks)
- Modern European History: 1789-1991 (12 weeks)
- Algebra II, Part Two (14 weeks)
- Physics, Part Two (14 weeks)
- The History of the Church: Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)

Spring

- Business Writing: Professional Business Writing Essentials (HS 11-11) (8 weeks)
- Evangelium Vitae: The Bioethics Encyclicals of JP II (4 weeks)
- Early American History: 1492 to 1763; Discovery to the Dawn of Revolution (12 weeks)
- G.K. Chesterton and The Man Who Was Thursday (7 weeks)
- Electives of the 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)
- 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)
- Our Moral Life in Christ: Didache Series, Part One (12 weeks)

Winter

- Advanced Rhetoric and Writing 2: Research Writing (College Prep) (HS 12-2) (10 weeks)
- College Preparatory Psychology (12 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)
- Our Moral Life in Christ: Didache Series, Part Two (12 weeks)



Spring

- Pope Saint John Paul II Encyclical: Rich in Mercy (Dives in Misericordia) (6 weeks)
- Dante's Paradiso (Heaven) by Dante (11 weeks)
- Voices from the Past: Finding, Interrogating, and Writing with Source Materials (8 weeks)
- Electives of the student's choice, plus [reading for enjoyment](#).

College Credit in High School

Concurrent Enrollment (Dual-Enrollment) Courses

Franciscan University of Steubenville and Benedictine College offer concurrent enrollment (similar to dual-enrollment) courses for high school juniors and seniors, available through HomeschoolConnections.com, for college credit. Many of these courses line up with the Chesterton Track.

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)

Parent Education

While adults cannot participate in LIVE courses, they can take recorded courses through Unlimited Access. For parents who want to immerse themselves into the life of G. K. Chesterton, there are [many courses that they can audit or take along side their high school children](#).

Final Note

Many Chesterton Academy schools produce and perform William Shakespeare's plays as a cornerstone of their curriculum. They often feature them as major annual drama performances. For a homeschool family, this can be done through a local support group. See our podcast episode for inspiration: [Homeschooling Shakespeare: The Magic of Backyard Theater with Mary Ellen Barrett](#). Also make



sure to check out the Homeschool Connections catalog for courses on [theater arts](#) and [stage makeup](#).

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