

# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION

## 1 REVIEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & PROGRESS

Review our [Graduation Requirements](#) to identify if your student is on track to meet credit requirements by senior year. Understand the subjects your student must take this year to stay on track or catch up.

Complete the [Recommended Course of Study](#) in 4 years by taking 6 academic courses and 1 non-academic course per year.

*A maximum of 8 academic courses may be taken each semester.*

## 2 SELECT CORE SUBJECTS

- Theology
- English and/or Literature
- History
- Mathematics
- Science
- Foreign Language
- Elective

*Elective credits may be earned by exceeding subject area requirements. Consider graduation progress when selecting electives. Find additional course options in the [Course Catalog](#).*

## 3 CHOOSE COURSE FORMATS

- **Traditional Homeschool** | Parent-taught & graded | Flexible
- **Digital Homeschool** | Parent-taught & graded | Digital course with resources | Flexible
- **Asynchronous** | Teacher-taught & graded | Video-based
- **Live Online** | Teacher-taught & graded | Set schedule & deadlines

**Mix and match course formats.**  
*Not all courses are available in all formats.*

## 4 CHOOSE SPECIFIC COURSES

Select the specific courses your child will take in the upcoming academic year.

### EXAMPLE: 9TH GRADE OPTIONS FOR HISTORY:

Select a Classical Course, Traditional Textbook, **OR** Alternative Classical Course.

- World History I: Ancient Greece (Classical)
- Western Civilization I (Textbook)
- Ancient Western History (Alternative Classical)

## 5 ADD ADDITIONAL OPTIONS & SUPPORTS

- **Dual Enrollment:**  
Available for select courses with the University of St. Thomas, Houston and Belmont Abbey.
- **Concurrent Enrollment:**  
Available for select courses with Franciscan University.
- **Online Labs:**
  - Foreign Language Labs
  - Math Labs
  - Writing Labs
  - Extended Hands-On Science Labs
- **Individualized Supports:**
  - Accountability Mentoring
  - Tutoring Services

## 6 ADD NON-ACADEMICS

- Physical Education
- Fine Arts
- Other Non-Academics

*Some of these subjects, such as Fine Arts, may be taken as academic courses. For example, Kolbe's Music History course or the online Fine Arts courses that are offered.*

*Non-academic coursework is required to earn a Kolbe diploma. Please see [Graduation Requirements](#) for more details.*

**BE SURE TO SCHEDULE A CONSULTATION WITH YOUR FAMILY ADVISOR.**

Schedule a free advising call using the link in your [Kolbe Portal](#) account.