

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE SEQUENCE (GRADES 9-12)					
HUMANE LETTERS *	MATHEMATICS	NATURAL SCIENCES	FOREIGN LANGUAGES +	THEOLOGY/ PHILOSOPHY	LOGIC/RHETORIC
American History & Literature	Algebra/ Geometry	Biology	Latin II	Early Church History	
Ancient History & Literature	Geometry/ Algebra II	Chemistry	Latin III/ Spanish I	Biblical Interpretation	Logic
Medieval History & Literature	Algebra II/ Pre-Calculus	Physics	Classical Lang IV/ Spanish II	Theology	Rhetoric
European History & Literature	PreCalculus/ Calculus	Experimental Zoology	Classical Lang V/ Spanish III	Apologetics	Senior Thesis

* **Humane Letters** courses combine history and literature in a comprehensive approach, which emphasizes primary sources, the Great Ideas, and writing. Socratic dialogue is the primary means of instruction.

+ Foreign Languages

After studying Latin in 7th-9th grades, students may choose to take Spanish for three years or to remain in Classical Languages, reading Latin literature and learning ancient Greek.

2008-11 GRADUATES¹

Total Graduates 27
GPA Average 3.62

SAT	Critical Reading 649	Math 627	Writing 640	Essay 8	
ACT	English 30	Math 29	Reading 28	Science 28	Writing 8

SCHOLARSHIPS

Members of the Class of 2011 were awarded \$1,200,000 in academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships and grants. These 8 graduates accepted packages totaling approximately \$283,000.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Auburn University	Marquette University	Texas A&M
Belmont College	Mississippi College	University of Alabama
Birmingham Southern College	Rhodes College	University of Dallas
Furman University	Rose-Hulman Institute	University of Mississippi
Huntingdon College	Of Technology	Vanderbilt University
Louisiana Scholars College (NSU)	Samford University	Wheaton College
Louisiana State University		

¹Because of the school's age and the smaller graduating classes, we are showing the last four graduating classes to provide a better context.



WESTMINSTER
 SCHOOL AT OAK MOUNTAIN

2011-2012 School Profile

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ORGANIZATIONS and ATHLETICS

Basketball	Cross Country	Drama/Theatre
Golf	National Honor Society	Robotics
Soccer	Student Newspaper	Tennis
Track and Field	Yearbook	

STUDENT LIFE

Westminster is committed to a healthy community of faith and learning. All students in grades 7-12 are assigned to one of four Houses. These Houses, in large part, serve as the basis for community-building, competition, service, and student government. Each student has a faculty advisor who acts as a mentor, both academically and spiritually, throughout his or her time in the Upper School.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Westminster provides a rigorous, traditional liberal arts education. The core disciplines taught in the Upper School emphasize classical languages, the Great Books, natural sciences, and the story of humankind from the beginning to the present. The Humane Letters are taught as Socratic seminar courses which combine history, literature, and philosophy. Students attending Westminster beginning in grade 7 would have covered the historical timeline (from antiquity to modernity) two separate times. Formal logic and rhetoric are taught as well. As part of a capstone senior year, students travel and study for two weeks in Greece and Italy.

Westminster provides a single track for our students that would, by its content and pace, be widely recognized as an honors college preparatory curriculum. Westminster intentionally does not offer AP courses because of a strong commitment to our traditional, yet unique, curriculum.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Westminster, a student must have at least a C average (70 or higher). Westminster does not rank students but does recognize a valedictorian and a salutatorian. The Course Sequence for the Upper School begins in the grade 7; however, only grades 9-12 are reported on transcripts. Graduation requirements are as follows:

Logic	1	Mathematics	4	Rhetoric	1
Humane Letters	8	Natural Sciences	4		
Foreign Language	3	Theology/Philosophy	1		

GRADING SYSTEM

Westminster's grading system is based on a 100-point scale. Official grades are given at the end of each semester, and a final grade is assigned at the end of the school year. An un-weighted, cumulative GPA is provided on the final transcript. By policy, Westminster does not weight GPAs; however, in order for grading to reflect the academic rigor at Westminster, an unofficial weighted GPA on a 4.0 scale can be provided for most academic subjects. On this scale, classes carrying an "Honors" designation receive an extra .25.

MISSION and VISION

To transform society by equipping students with wisdom and eloquence to cultivate Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in the name of Christ.

The Westminster School at Oak Mountain is committed to graduating young men and women who think clearly with discernment and understanding, who reason persuasively and articulate precisely, and who interpret the world through the light of Scripture. Our school is designed to develop well-rounded students, "renaissance students," who are scientists as well as linguists, athletes as well as poets. Westminster graduates are well prepared to enter the colleges and universities they choose.

AFFILIATIONS

Westminster is a ministry of Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, PCA, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The school holds membership in the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS), the Educational Records Bureau (ERB), and the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Established in 1998, Westminster is a co-educational classical Christian school with approximately 415 students in grades K-12. The first graduating class matriculated in 2006. Currently, 126 students are enrolled in the Upper School grades (7-12).

FACULTY

Westminster seeks master teachers who have a passion for learning and for teaching students. Of the 15-member faculty serving in the Upper School, ten have earned advanced degrees. The student to faculty ratio is 8:1 in grades 7-12.

ADMISSIONS

An admission to Westminster is based on academic records, teacher recommendations, entrance exam scores, and parent and student interviews. Westminster does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

FINANCIAL AID

Westminster maintains an aggressive financial aid policy and program to ensure socio-economic diversity. Over 23% of school families receive financial aid. In 2011-2012, more than \$400,000 has been awarded in aid.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school operates under a two-semester system. The school day for grades 7-12 is divided into six 50-minute periods.