

Center for Classical Learning
High school FAQ
2020-21

What is entailed in the Bible portion?

In the 2020-21 year we will be studying the Life of Christ - a Harmony of the Gospels. We will read all of these books, memorize a bunch of verses from them, and do weekly thought/study questions over them.

What will be entailed in the history portion?

There will be somewhere between weekly to every other weekly research and presentation on a topic from the era being studied. A notebook will be compiled with a time line, maps, presentation topics, and art and music of the period. There will be time line memory work and map drawing from memory.

What will be entailed in the literature portion?

Vocabulary, spelling of vocabulary, personal reading, and worksheets and questions so that the students will be ready for group discussion on the reading.

What will be entailed in the Excellence in Writing?

We strive to take the student where they are and support them to improve their writing skills with exercises explained in class to do at home following the Institute for Excellence in Writing's format.

For Jr/Sr. class, there will be punctuation and grammar review equivalent to what they would receive in the lowest level college composition classes. Their writing will focus on types of essays – descriptive, comparison, contrast, critique, pro and con – and a full length research paper.

Is this a drop off class or do I need to stay with my student?

You are welcome to stay as much or as little as you would like. Do what is best for your home school.

Would these be high school credits?

As tutors, we will not be assigning credits, making out transcripts, or assigning final grades. That will be a parental responsibility. However, if the suggested course work is done well and completely your child will have done over 130 hours of work (generally accepted as a credit hour) in 5 ½ subjects at a high school level of performance. I can suggest ways to figure final grades. I will give an opinion on the work done in class for the parent to use toward figuring the grade.

What would these 5 ½ credits be?

One science, one math, one history, one communication arts (if you do grammar at home it may come out to more than one, and you could make the literature an elective), one foreign language (if taking Spanish), one half logic, one credit of Public Speaking (speech and debate). This would be more than one fourth of the way to fulfilling the requirements for UCM admission.

What about tests?

The math, science, foreign languages, and logic portions have tests that come with them. The literature, Bible, history, and writing portion does not have a formal test, but there will be at least 3 reviews in which the student can show what they have learned of the vocabulary, maps and facts

What texts will be used?

For Bible, history and literature, we will be building our own text, our notebook. We will use a Bible, the Internet and library books and any other source you may find. You may find it useful to have a comprehensive history book for your student to refer to or read to tie all the student reports together. This is suggested in the list of suggested texts.

The literature selections can be obtained from the library or purchased. For first and second year students, it will be novels, and classics for third and fourth year students.

There is no text for writing or composition or speech and debate classes. Please see book list for specific texts and editions for all other subjects.

How big will these classes be?

They will be capped at fifteen students.

Should/could my child bring a laptop?

No. This day is a time of interaction, discussion, relationships. Please do not bring any electronic device, pleasure reading book, or anything that will "block out the world". There won't be time for it anyway.

What school supplies are needed?

To leave at classroom:

- 2 glue sticks
- One white board marker
- one cleaning item (list available nearer orientation)

Suggestions for student use:

- Pens and pencils
- 1 pkg each graphing, notebook, copy paper
- binders - either one large or several small, your choice
- 2 pkg tabbed notebook divider pages

Who is the tutor?

Mrs. Nina started CCL in 2009 with 9 students. She holds a BSE in math education from Oklahoma Christian College and taught high school mathematics for 4 years before marriage. She was a member of the first board of the local homeschool group and facilitated co-op and math classes for 6 years before opening CCL. She has home schooled her children through high school, and continues to educate the one still at home. Ten years of working with persons with developmental disabilities and parenting a child with severe learning struggles and health needs have equipped her to identify, support and remediate a large spectrum of learning needs and styles.

Can we access these classes virtually?

With the advent of COVID-19, all Center for Classical Learning classes converted to virtual classes using Zoom. It remains to be seen if this will continue for the school year 2020-21, but the option remains available to any who would rather access the classes virtually, even if in-person classes are occurring.

What will it cost? Can my student take only one class?

Yes, your student can take from one to all of the classes. Bible, history, literature, and writing are a package at \$425. For all others, it is \$150 for an hour long class for 32 weeks. If your student is in most of the subjects, it would be about \$900-\$1100 for all the subjects. See sign up sheet below for more details.

Are discounts available?

No, but a payment schedule can be negotiated.