

## **Graduation Requirements**

Students must earn 24 credits in grades 9-12.

Students must be enrolled in and successfully pass a minimum of six courses earning six credits each year. If a student does not successfully earn six credits, they may be required to attend summer school or make up the credit in some other way. Additionally, students must take four academic courses (defined as offerings from the English, History, Math, Science, and World Language departments and all AP classes) each semester.

### **I. English: 4 credits required.**

- English I
- English II
- English III
- English IV

English I, II, III, and IV are offered at the College Preparatory and Honors levels. English IV is also offered at the Advanced Seminar level, which is comparable in scope and rigor to an AP-level course.

Eligible students may elect to take AP English Language in the sophomore year, and AP English Literature in the junior year.

### **II. History: 3 credits required.**

- American Government
- World History
- U.S. History

American Government, World History, and US History are offered at the College Preparatory and Honors levels. AP Government and Politics is available as early as the second semester of the freshman year to qualified candidates.

Eligible students may elect to take AP World History in the sophomore year, and AP US History in the junior year. AP Microeconomics and Macroeconomics are offered as senior electives.

### **III. Mathematics: 4 credits required.**

- Algebra I (may be completed in Middle School)

- Geometry (may be completed in Middle School)
- Algebra II

Geometry, Algebra II, and Precalculus are taught at the College Preparatory and Honors levels.

Qualified juniors and seniors may elect to take Discrete Math Honors, Honors Calculus, AP Calculus A/B, AP Calculus B/C, or AP Statistics.

#### **IV. Science: 3 credits required from one of two pathways.**

##### Pathway 1:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

##### Pathway 2:

- Biology
- Physical Science 10
- Chemistry or Physics

Pathway 2 does not preclude students from taking both Chemistry and Physics if they so choose. Based on our ongoing communication with college admissions officers around the state, students who are interested in applying to colleges and universities such as FSU or UF are *strongly encouraged* to take both Chemistry and Physics.

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics are taught at the College Preparatory and Honors levels. There are a variety of Advanced Placement options in science, including: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Physics C, and AP Environmental Science, Anatomy and Physiology, STEM – Science Olympiad, and STEM – Biotech.

#### **V. World Language: 2 credits in the same language in the Upper School required.**

- Latin I, II, III, IV, and AP Latin
- Chinese I, II, III, IV, and Chinese
- Spanish I, II, III, Pre-AP Spanish, and AP Spanish

World Language courses are offered at the College Prep and Honors levels. Students are required to complete two levels of the same language in the Upper School (even if they receive a credit from Middle School.) Chinese, Latin, and Spanish students are encouraged to progress to the Advanced Placement level. Students who finish the AP level before their senior year may elect to take a year of Ancient Greek.

**VI. Fine Arts: 1 credit required from any of the following:**

- Advanced Photography
- AP Studio Art
- Art I
- Art History
- AP Music Theory
- Ceramics I-II
- Drawing and Painting
- Engineering and Design
- Film Appreciation
- Piano Techniques
- Photography
- Publications
- Sculpture
- Theater I-IV

**VII. Health and Physical Education: 0.5 credit of each required.**

Independent Study

Independent Study exists as an option for highly motivated and responsible seniors. The purpose of this option is to allow students to explore an area of special academic interest, that is not offered at Oak Hall School, or to pursue work in a subject at a more advanced level than we offer.

Independent Study projects should be proposed by the student using the proper form. The student's project must be approved by the Department Heads Council and by a sponsoring faculty member. To be approved the project must be completed independent of regular class meetings, the student and the sponsoring faculty member must meet and discuss the project at least twice a week. If credit is to be granted for the project, the student must produce a tangible product and/or sit for an examination.

Independent Study projects should be planned to last one semester and should result in the equivalent of

one semester's work. Deadline for approval is one week before the end of a semester.

### Dual Enrollment

Oak Hall School has formed a partnership with UF Online. Juniors or seniors who meet the criteria set by the University of Florida may enroll in a course offered by the UF Online program and work on the class while here at Oak Hall. Students must apply to the program in the semester before they enroll in the course. UF Online is only available during the fall and spring semesters (no summer option is available). The student's grade for the course will be reported to Oak Hall and placed on the side of the student's transcript but will not be calculated into the student's GPA. Please also know that UF Online classes cannot be used to satisfy core curriculum graduation requirements.

### Grading Procedures

Oak Hall School operates on a two-semester academic calendar, with two grading periods (quarters) each semester. The semester grade is determined by assigning 40% weight to each of the two quarters and 20% to the semester examination. Semester exams are given in all courses except performance and computer classes. Only the semester grade is recorded on the student's permanent record. One-half credit is awarded for each passing grade earned.

The school reports letter grades on report cards, transcripts, and teacher comments. Grade point averages (GPAs) are determined on a 4.0 scale. For computing GPA, Advanced Placement courses are weighted 1.0, and Honors courses are weighted .5. A percentage equivalent is included in the following chart:

A+ 98 - 100% 4.33 A 93 - 97% 4.0 A- 90 - 92% 3.67%  
B+ 87 - 89% 3.33 B 83 - 86% 3.0 B- 80 - 82% 2.67  
C+ 77 - 79% 2.33 C 73 - 76% 2.0 C- 70 - 72% 1.67  
D+ 67 - 69% 1.33 D 63 - 66% 1.0 D- 60 - 62% 0.67  
F below 60% 0.00

### Transfer Students

The Oak Hall GPA is calculated based on courses taken at Oak Hall. Grades from other schools are not applied toward the cumulative GPA reported on the Oak Hall Transcript. Credits earned at other schools will be applied to the required 24 credits for graduation.

### Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

To qualify for Honors and Advanced Placement courses students must meet criteria established by each department. Students who then elect to take these courses must maintain a C average in the current course. Students earning a D or below will be placed on probation in that course for one quarter in order to allow them to raise their average to a C. Students who are enrolled in Advanced Placement courses are required to take the AP examination, which is administered by the College Board in May. Students are normally limited to four AP classes each semester. A junior or senior enrolled in five Advanced Placement courses in either first or second semester or both semesters may opt to enroll in only five credit-bearing courses. That student must have enough previous credits to be on track to meet the Oak Hall graduation requirement of twenty-four.