

Logic & Rhetoric Core Class Overview



BIBLE & CHRISTIAN STUDIES

We educate students in the classical liberal arts through the perspective of the Christian worldview. This includes study of the Bible, theological categories of thought, and the history and traditions of Christianity. We believe that biblical and theological study must serve as the foundation on which all our other learning is built.

CLASSICAL STUDIES

We seek to achieve advanced levels of communication in both composition and oral presentation by teaching students to use the art of argument to understand their audience's viewpoint and craft purposeful persuasion to move the hearts of the audience towards truth. Every student at Live Oak takes two semesters of logic and two semesters of rhetoric instruction, with a third year devoted to the senior thesis project.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is an indispensable part of the liberal arts and sciences curriculum. As a part of the traditional quadrivium, it has a valuable role in human formation and cultivating the virtue of the mind. It models the order in God's creation and illustrates the reality of laws that exist beyond us. We believe the thoughtful study of mathematics enables students to understand the world around them and why it works the way it does.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The study of foreign language gives the students the ability to apply the language skills to enrich their understanding of other disciplines through reading relevant texts in the foreign language, history, Bible, and literature. We also believe it can enable students to gain perspective about themselves and society, helping them realize the world is larger and older than they ever imagined.

SCIENCE

We share in the excitement and personal fulfillment that come from understanding the natural world God has made, and we desire to foster curiosity in students about the world around them. We instill a motivation and enthusiasm for studying the wonders of the created order through the various branches of science.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND COMPOSITION STUDIES

The study of the traditional language arts falls into several broad categories at Live Oak: formal grammar, formal rhetoric, spelling, vocabulary, composition, and literature. The classical liberal arts tradition is a word-based rather than an image-based approach to learning. Words, spoken and written, are the vehicles of ideas, and the means by which we come to understand and learn to communicate the true, the good, and the beautiful.

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