



LIBERAL ARTS

Assumption's Liberal Arts Pathway is designed for students who are curious, open-minded, and eager to explore a wide range of academic disciplines. Rooted in the tradition of holistic education, this pathway encourages students to think critically, communicate effectively, and engage thoughtfully with the world around them.

Through a flexible and exploratory curriculum, students have the opportunity to discover their passions across the humanities, social sciences, and beyond. Whether diving into literature, philosophy, history, or the arts, this pathway helps students develop a strong intellectual foundation while discerning their unique academic and career interests.

PATHWAY COURSES:

AP PSYCHOLOGY

This intense course covers topics including research methods, development, learning, the brain, emotions, sensations, perception, personality theories, psychological disorders, therapy for psychological disorders, and social psychology.

DC WORLD RELIGIONS

This course introduces the major religions of the world including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Taoism, and Confucianism. Students investigate the ways in which other systems of belief and practice both differ from and are in harmony with the Catholic faith.

AP STATISTICS

This AP course follows the College Board syllabus and is equivalent to a one-semester, non-calculus-based college statistics course. Topics include exploring data, normal distributions, producing data, probability rules and distributions, confidence intervals, and hypothesis testing.

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

This course examines the scientific principles, concepts, and laboratory investigations required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them.

AP GOVERNMENT

This course examines the U.S. Constitution, the basic structure of U.S. government, and its institutions. The course familiarizes students with various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that comprise U.S. political reality. Topics include the Constitution, political beliefs and parties, civil rights and civil liberties, and major Supreme Court cases. Major domestic and foreign issues are emphasized.

AP ART HISTORY

In the AP Art History course, students explore painting, sculpture and architecture from cave paintings to 21st century art. Students learn about European art, as well as art from around the globe, as they discuss such topics as the nature of art, its uses, its meanings, art making, and responses to art. Students prepare for the AP Art History exam through which college credit can be earned.

AP SEMINAR

AP Seminar is a foundational course that engages students in cross-curricular conversations that explore the complexities of academic and real-world topics and issues by analyzing divergent perspectives. Using an inquiry framework, students practice reading and analyzing articles, research studies, and literary and philosophical texts; listening to and viewing speeches, broadcasts, and personal accounts; and experiencing artistic works and performances. Students learn to synthesize information from multiple sources, develop their own perspectives in written essays, and design and deliver oral and visual presentations, both individually and as part of a team. Ultimately, the course aims to equip students with the power to analyze and evaluate information with accuracy and precision in order to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments.

PATHWAY COURSES:

AP RESEARCH

This course is the second course in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. Students design, plan, and conduct a yearlong research-based investigation using a variety of research methods from multiple perspectives. The project can build on a topic, problem, or issue covered in AP Seminar or on a new topic of the student's choosing. At the end of the project, students will submit a 4,000-5,000 word academic paper as well as complete a presentation and oral defense of the research findings to a panel. Students complete research ethics training and employ ethical practices in their research processes. The academic paper and presentation and oral defense components contribute to the overall AP Research score.

CLUBS & INVOLVEMENT

- Participate in Film Studies club.
- Complete your job shadow experience with a professional in your chosen liberal arts field—such as education, communications, law, public service, or the arts—to gain real-world perspective and explore potential career paths.
- Attend career-related RTI sessions designed to introduce students to a wide range of liberal arts fields, emerging trends, and professional opportunities.