

# Maur Hill - Mount Academy

## Program of Study



*Live the Faith—Pursue the Truth—Strive for Excellence*

2024-2025

***“Therefore, we intend to establish a school for the Lord’s service.”***

Rule of St. Benedict, Prologue, Verse 45

Maur Hill - Mount Academy is a Catholic college prep boarding school that educates young men and women in the Benedictine tradition. The educational heritage of MH-MA traces back to the founding of Mount St. Scholastica in 1863 by the Benedictine Sisters to educate young women and the founding of Maur Hill Prep in 1919 by the monks of St. Benedict’s Abbey to educate young men. The two schools merged in 2003 to create Maur Hill - Mt. Academy where caring and devoted teachers carry on the work initiated well over a hundred years ago on our campus in Atchison, Kansas.

Maur Hill - Mount Academy’s rigorous college-prep curriculum cultivates the pursuit of Truth through an integrated curriculum in humanities and STEM that forms the mind and prepares graduates for excellence in college, career, and life in service to God and others. MH-MA offers a curriculum for students of all ability levels, including introductory, honors, advanced placement, and dual-credit offerings. Students at MH-MA have the opportunity to pursue a regular or honors track of coursework beginning in their freshman year. Beginning junior year, students have access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses and a growing option of dual-credit courses that allow them to earn college credit while enrolled at MH-MA. Advanced courses are taught in English, mathematics, science, and social studies, and courses are aligned to applicable ACT and Cardinal Newman Society Standards to promote a rigorous education.

Maur Hill - Mount Academy’s small class sizes, low student-to-teacher ratio, and dedicated faculty involvement foster an environment of personal attention for every student. The academic schedule offers weekly time for supported independent study and time to collaborate with a teacher to obtain educational support.

The Program of Study is an overview of the MH-MA curriculum to assist students and parents in selecting appropriate coursework to fulfill graduation requirements and support the educational goals of each student.

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## MH-MA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

|                             | <b>MH-MA Requirements '25, '26, '27</b>                        | <b>MH-MA Requirements '28 &amp; beyond</b>   | <b>Kansas Qualified Admissions Curriculum</b>                    | <b>Kansas Scholars Curriculum</b>  | <b>Competitive Colleges</b>  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Theology                    | <b>4 credits</b><br>1 credit per year                          | <b>4 credits</b><br>1 credit per year  |  |  |  |
| English                     | <b>4 credits</b><br>1 credit per year                          | <b>4 credits</b><br>1 credit per year  | MH-MA requirements meet the minimum requirements                 | MH-MA requirements meet the minimum requirements                           | <b>4 credits</b>   |
| Math                        | <b>4 credits</b><br>Including algebraic and geometric concepts | <b>4 credits</b><br>Including algebraic and geometric concepts                               | <b>3 credits</b><br>3 credits and math ACT 22<br>OR<br>4 credits | <b>4 credits</b><br>Including Algebra II + one credit advanced mathematics | <b>4 credits</b><br>Including Algebra II + one credit advanced mathematics |
| Science                     | <b>3 credits</b>   | <b>3 credits</b>   | <b>3 credits</b><br>Chemistry or Physics Required                | <b>3 credits</b><br>Must include Biology, Chemistry <i>and</i> Physics     | <b>4 credits</b><br>Must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics          |
| History & Government        | <b>3 credits</b><br>World History<br>US History<br>Am. Govt.   | <b>3 credits</b><br>World History<br>US History<br>Am. Govt.                                 | MH-MA requirements meet the minimum requirements                 | MH-MA requirements meet the minimum requirements                           | <b>4 credits</b>   |
| World Language              | <b>2 credits</b><br>Two years of the same language             | <b>2 credits</b><br>Two years of the same language   |  | <b>2 credits</b><br>Two years of the same Language                         | <b>4 credits</b>   |
| Additional Required Courses | Fine/Performing Arts- 1.0<br>PE- .5<br>Health - .5             | Fine/Performing Arts- 1.0<br>PE- .5<br>Health- .5<br>Communications- .5<br>Financial Lit- .5 |  | Economics  | <b>1 credit</b>  |
| Electives                   | <b>3 credits</b>   | <b>2 credits</b>   | <b>3 credits</b>   |  |  |

Kansas requires 21 credits to graduate. MH-MA requires 25 credits



## FOUR YEAR COURSE SEQUENCE

|                           | FRESHMAN   | SOPHOMORE                            | JUNIOR                                      | SENIOR  | TOTAL CREDITS |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| <b>Theology</b>           | Old Testament<br>New Testament                     | Social Morality<br>Personal Morality | Sacraments &<br>Vocations<br>Church History | Christian<br>Apologetics                          | 4             |
| <b>English</b>            | English I<br>Honors English I                      | English II<br>Honors English II      | English III<br>Honors English III           | English IV<br>College Composition<br>& Literature | 4             |
| <b>Math</b>               | <i>Math</i>  | <i>Math</i>                          | <i>Math</i>                                 | <i>Math</i>                                       | 4             |
| <b>History</b>            | World History                                      | American History                     | AP American History                         | Government &<br>Economics<br>AP Government        | 3             |
| <b>Science</b>            | <i>Science</i>                                     | <i>Science</i>                       | <i>Science</i>                              |   | 3             |
| <b>Foreign Language</b>   | Spanish I<br>Latin I                               | Spanish II<br>Latin II               |   |   | 2             |
| <b>Physical Education</b> | Physical Education<br>Health                       |                                      |   |   | 1             |
| <b>Fine Arts</b>          | 1 Year Creative, Fine, or Performing Arts Required |                                      |   |   | 1             |
| <b>Electives</b>          |  | One credit                           | One credit                                  | One credit  | 3             |

Maur Hill - Mount Academy requires 25 credits to graduate.

### ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program

| Level 1 Courses   | Level 2 Courses   | Level 3 & Mainstream Courses  |
|---|---|---|
| Reading/Vocabulary 1<br>Writing/Speaking 1<br>Introduction to Physical Science<br>Introduction to Catholicism<br>Introduction to Social Studies<br>Math According to Placement Exam<br>1 Elective | Reading/ Vocabulary 2<br>Writing/Speaking 2<br>Physical Science<br>Old Testament/New Testament<br>World History<br>Math According to Placement Exam<br>1 Elective | International Seminar/TOEFL Prep<br>Students will be placed according to their transcript credits except for:<br><br><b>English:</b> students will begin with English I unless the input is given by both the ESL and English Department to do otherwise.<br><br><b>Math:</b> students will be placed according to their placement exam and the input of the Math Department. |

\* We reserve the right to move students according to their achievement in keeping with the Graduation Requirements. Students who qualify for ESOL instruction may earn up to 2.0 units of English credit in ESOL courses toward the four-credit English requirement. Other credits are determined in conjunction with any transferrable credits from the student's previous school.

## NCAA Eligibility Standards for the Class of 2023 and Beyond

### Division I Athletes

- Graduate high school
- Earn a core course GPA of 2.3 or higher
- Complete 16 core courses
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  - 2 years of natural/physical science
    - 1 year must be lab science if your school offers it
  - 1 additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 4 additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
- You must complete 10 of the core courses by the end of your junior year (before the start of your seventh semester). Seven of the 10 core courses need to be in English, math or natural/physical science. The grades in these seven courses will be “locked in,” meaning you will not be allowed to retake them to improve your grades.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching your core-course GPA on [Division I sliding scale](#).

### Division II Athletes

- Graduate high school
- Earn a core-course GPA of 2.2 or higher
- Complete 16 core courses
  - 3 years of English
  - 2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  - 2 years of natural/physical science
    - 1 year must be lab science if your school offers it
  - 3 additional years of English, math or natural/physical science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 4 additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching your core-course GPA on [Division II sliding scale](#).

### Division III Athletes

Division 3 schools are responsible for setting their own academic eligibility rules.

## 9th - 12th Grade Course Sequence

This is an overview of the MH-MA core curriculum and elective offerings. Course description, course books and readings, track, and credit information are accessed by *clicking on the underlined course title.*

| 9th Grade       | Regular  | Honors   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| <b>Theology</b> | <u>Old Testament</u><br><u>New Testament</u>                                   |  |
| <b>English</b>  | <u>English I</u>   | <u>Honors English I</u>                            |
| <b>History</b>  | <u>World History</u>   | <u>Honors World History</u>                        |
| <b>Science</b>  | <u>Physical Science</u><br><u>Biology I</u>                                    | <u>Honors Biology I</u>                            |
| <b>Math</b>     | <u>Pre-Algebra</u><br><u>Algebra I</u><br><u>Geometry</u><br><u>Algebra II</u> | <u>Honors Geometry</u><br><u>Honors Algebra II</u> |

| 10th Grade      | Regular  | Honors   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| <b>Theology</b> | <u>Personal Morality</u><br><u>Social Morality</u>       |  |
| <b>English</b>  | <u>English II</u>  | <u>Honors English II</u>                             |
| <b>History</b>  |  | <u>Honors American History</u>                       |
| <b>Science</b>  | <u>Biology I</u><br><u>Chemistry I</u>                   | <u>Honors Biology I</u><br><u>Honors Chemistry I</u> |
| <b>Math</b>     | <u>Algebra I</u><br><u>Geometry</u><br><u>Algebra II</u> | <u>Honors Geometry</u><br><u>Honors Algebra II</u>   |

| <b>11th Grade</b> | <b>Regular</b>  | <b>Honors</b>  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Theology</b>   | <u>Sacraments &amp; Vocations</u><br><u>Church History</u>                              |  |
| <b>English</b>    | <u>English III</u>  | <u>Honors English III</u>  |
| <b>History</b>    | <u>American History</u>   | <u>AP American History</u>   |
| <b>Science</b>    | <u>Chemistry I</u><br><u>Physics</u><br><u>Biology II</u>                               | <u>Honors Chemistry I</u><br><u>Honors Chemistry II</u>                          |
| <b>Math</b>       | <u>Geometry</u><br><u>Math Applications</u><br><u>Algebra II</u><br><u>Pre-Calculus</u> | <u>Honors Geometry</u><br><u>Honors Algebra II</u><br><u>Honors Pre-Calculus</u> |

| <b>12th Grade</b> | <b>Regular</b>  | <b>Honors</b>  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Theology</b>   | <u>Christian Apologetics (full year)</u>  |  |
| <b>English</b>    | <u>English IV</u>   | <u>College English Comp &amp; Introduction to Literature</u>   |
| <b>History</b>    | <u>American Government</u><br><u>Economics</u>  | <u>AP American Government</u>  |
| <b>Science</b>    | <u>Physics</u><br><u>Biology II</u><br><u>Botany</u><br><u>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology</u> | <u>Honors Chemistry II</u><br><u>AP Physics</u>  |
| <b>Math</b>       | <u>Algebra II</u><br><u>Pre-Calculus</u><br><u>Math Applications</u>                          | <u>Honors Algebra II</u><br><u>Honors Pre-Calculus</u><br><u>AP Calculus</u><br><u>Algebra III / College Algebra</u> |

## Elective Offerings

'25, '26, & '27 graduates must take 3 credits of elective courses to reach 25 graduation credits.  
 '28 graduates and beyond must take 2 credits of elective courses to reach 25 graduation credits.

| <b>Foreign Language</b><br>2 credits required   | <b>Creative / Fine / &amp;<br/>Performing Arts</b><br>1 credit required  | <b>PE/Health</b><br>PE + Health Required   |
|---|--|--|
| <u>Latin I</u><br><u>Latin II</u><br><u>Spanish I</u><br><u>Spanish II</u><br><u>Spanish III/IV</u> | <u>Band</u><br><u>Ceramics</u><br><u>Choir</u><br><u>Debate</u><br><u>Drawing</u><br><u>Film</u><br><u>Forensics</u><br><u>Foundations of Art</u><br><u>Graphic Design</u><br><u>History of Sacred Music</u><br><u>Introduction to Piano</u><br><u>Music Appreciation</u><br><u>Painting</u><br><u>Photography</u><br><u>Sculpture</u><br><u>Theater</u> | <u>Health</u><br><u>Physical Education</u><br><u>Weightlifting</u>   |
| <b>Core Content Electives</b>   | <b>Miscellaneous</b>   | <b>ESOL</b>  |
| <u>Biology II</u><br><u>Botany</u><br><u>Honors Chemistry II</u><br><u>Speech *</u>                 | <u>Fiction to Film</u><br><u>Freshman Seminar</u><br><u>Internship</u><br><u>Leadership</u><br><u>Personal Finance</u><br><u>Psychology</u><br><u>Robotics</u><br><u>Senior Seminar</u><br><u>Test Prep</u><br><u>Yearbook</u>   | <u>International Seminar</u><br><u>ESOL TOEFL Prep</u><br><u>Reading/Vocabulary 1</u><br><u>Reading/Vocabulary 2</u><br><u>Writing/Speaking 1</u><br><u>Writing/Speaking 2</u><br><u>Introduction to Physical Science</u><br><u>Introduction to Social Studies</u><br><u>Introduction to Catholicism</u> |

\* Required for '28 and after graduates