



# *Geneva Classical Academy*

## **2022-2023 School Profile**

CEEB/ACT Code: 102145

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### **Mission**

Geneva Classical Academy seeks to cultivate wisdom and virtue in the souls of our students in order that they may love what is true, good, and beautiful through a growing academic community focused on Christ.

### **Accreditation and Membership**

Geneva Classical Academy is accredited by The Association of Classical and Christian Schools and a member of College Board.

### **School Culture**

Geneva Classical Academy, established in 1996, adheres to a classical and Christian pedagogy. The curriculum is rigorous, college-preparatory, and founded upon the ancient and traditional liberal arts. Geneva's classical curriculum offers to colleges and universities high school graduates uniquely qualified to engage in intellectual debate and exploration. We place a profound weight on each student's understanding of the interconnectedness of all subjects and the imperative to synthesize them. This K4-12 school, with a student body of 160, is located in Lakeland in Polk County, Florida.

### **Faculty**

Geneva Classical Academy employs master teachers who possess a passion for learning and who have advanced curricular credentials and experience. Of the 20 member faculty serving Geneva, all are degreed, 5 with masters.

### **Admission**

Admission to Geneva Classical Academy is selective and holistic. We consider each applicant based upon academic records, teacher recommendations, standardized test scores, pre-admission assessments, and student and family interviews. Geneva Classical Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Graduation candidates of Geneva Classical Academy must have at least a C average (70% or higher). Given the high value we place on academic rigor and the abilities of our students, all courses are taught at an Honors level. Designated Honors classes receive weighted grades of .5 point. Also of note is the study of Latin, which begins in third grade and continues as a required course through tenth grade. Logic, Rhetoric, Senior Thesis, and Capstone classes complete the classical model.

## Geneva Distinctives

**Logic** - Students identify and use various components of deductive logic (terms, propositions, and syllogisms), gain facility in the relationships and functions of categorical propositions in the square of opposition, determine the validity of syllogisms in deductive logic, identify formal and informal fallacies, and apply the acquired tools of formal logic to arguments in English prose.

**Electives** - Electives are divided into two categories: Fine and Practical Arts and Classical Distinctives. Fine and Practical Arts include but are not limited to such classes as Culinary Arts, Theatre Arts, Chorus, Photojournalism and traditional visual arts courses. Classical Distinctives are broader in scope, including such classes as Film (an historical and critical analysis of great films), Introduction to New Testament Greek, and Human Health (an examination of questions of health, nutrition, exercise, and the human anatomy in general), and Model United Nations. In general, electives go beyond the typical classroom experience.

**Rhetoric** - This course focuses on the traditional conception of rhetoric as formal oratory, the art of persuasion. Content includes historical backgrounds, conventional formulations, and Christian analysis, utilizing both ancient and modern texts. The course provides theory, classroom demonstration, and individual practice of public speaking.

**Capstone** – Seniors and a panel of faculty members read and discuss essays written by famous thinkers in history on topics ranging from human relations, natural and moral philosophy, and government and economics, to name a few. Authors include, Plato, Aristotle, Solomon, Boethius, Kierkegaard, Bernard of Clairvaux, Aquinas, Schopenhauer, C.S. Lewis, John Stuart Mill, Montaigne, Madison, Burke, Lenin, Adam Smith, Francis Bacon, Galileo, and Newton, as well as modern writers. Discussions are in depth and animated, seeking to draw out the passions of the writers. Emphasis is placed on synthesizing disparate ideas so students develop a sense of connections within society.

**Senior Thesis** - Graduating students write a 20 page thesis paper and defend it before a faculty panel. They argue one side of a multi-sided issue from topics that are debated by scholars, scientists, theologians, and philosophers in the disciplines of politics, science, math, doctrine, ethics, metaphysics, Biblical studies, culture, arts, or literature.

## Course Offerings 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

English I, II, III, IV Honors & AP  
Rhetoric  
Senior Thesis  
Capstone

World History Honors  
European History Honors  
US History Honors  
Government Honors  
Economics Honors

Biology Honors  
Chemistry Honors  
Anatomy/Physiology Honors  
Physics Honors

Algebra I Honors\*  
Algebra II Honors  
Geometry Honors  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
Calculus Honors I & AP

Logic I, II\*  
Systematic Theology  
Hermeneutics  
Apologetics/Ethics

Latin I, II, III, IV, & AP

Personal Fitness  
Team & Individual Sports

\*High school level courses offered in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

## Graduation Requirements

English Lang. & Lit.	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Theology	3 credits
History	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
(Two years of the same language, consecutively)	
Fine Arts and Electives	3 credits
Classical Distinctives (Rhetoric, Senior Thesis, Capstone)	3 credits
Physical Education	<u>1 credits</u>
	27 credits

## Graduate Profile

GPA range (weighted): 2.57-4.50  
GPA range (unweighted): 2.51-4.00  
SAT range: 980 - 1460  
ACT range: 24-35

## College Acceptance

Appalachian State University	High Point University
Auburn University	Mississippi St. University
Belhaven University	North Carolina State
Belmont University	Polk State College
Boyce College	Florida Polytechnic
Clemson University	Reformation Bible College
Covenant College	Rollins College
Grove City College	Samford University
Eckerd College	Sewanee-The University of the South
Embry-Riddle University	Southeastern University
Emory University	University of Alabama
Erskine College	University of Florida
Flagler College	University of Mississippi
Florida Southern College	University of North FL
Florida State University	University of South FL
ITT Technical Institute	United States Air Force
Jacksonville University	