Great Hearts

Great Hearts Academies is a non-profit network of charter schools and the largest "brick and mortar" provider of classical liberal arts education in the nation.

As a public charter, we provide a tuition-free education for approximately 19,000 students in 28 academies in Arizona and Texas. Great Hearts is subject to open enrollment laws. Typically, our academies receive more applications for enrollment than there are seats available. If this is the case for any grade level at an academy, a lottery will be held. Students who are not admitted through the lottery process will be placed on a waitlist and may be offered admission during that year if a seat becomes available.

Our core curriculum is a robust liberal arts education that introduces students to the tools of critical inquiry essential to each discipline and every walk of life. The Great Books curriculum emphasizes the fundamentals of the arts, sciences, and humanities as students are in conversation with many of the most challenging, influential texts in the Western canon. This academic approach prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education as well as agreeing with Plato, that the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

Network Averages

(Testing and data results from the Class of 2019 - 495 students)

SAT

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National Merit Commended: 27 (5.5%)
National Merit Finalists: 5 (1.0%)
National Hispanic Finalists: 11 (2.2%)
Students immediately attending college: 480 (97.0%)
Students who took a gap year: 6 (1.2%)
Students who are attending a service academy: 2 (0.4%)
Students who are attending the military: 3 (0.6%)
Students attending an honors college/program: 134 (27.1%)
Students entering a STEM field: 222 (44.8%)

Great Hearts Student Academic Record

Beginning Fall 2019, all student transcripts will include level 8 Algebra with P/F (pass/fail) grade to indicate a student’s complete level of mathematical progression.
Great Hearts Curriculum Refinement

In the spirit of continuous improvement, rising seniors will continue to study Humane Letters, Mathematics, and Fine Arts; however, students will have the opportunity to select three courses out of the five honors level offerings: Honors Physics II, a fourth year of Honors Foreign Language and two new courses:

- Honors Rhetoric: an in-depth study of American speeches, debates and persuasive writing present through the lens of classical rhetorical principles.
- Honors Logic and Computation: a formal logic from Aristotle through its modern incarnation as computer coding.

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<td>• Honors Biology (with lab)</td>
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<td>• Studio Art (Including drawing, painting and sculpture)</td>
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<td>• Senior Thesis &amp; Defense</td>
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<td>• Studio Art II (including drawing, painting and sculpture)</td>
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<td>*Student must choose three out of the five Honors options.</td>
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Senior Thesis and Defense:
Each graduate completes a capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. The Senior Thesis is the culmination of the student’s years at the academy. It is a year-long project completed in addition to the normal coursework. In this project, students work closely with an advisor from the faculty to read and discuss two to three significant great books in one-on-one meetings during the first and second quarter. By the end of the third quarter, the student will have produced a 15-20 page thesis that synthetically brings forth their own answer to a major philosophical question. Finally, during the fourth quarter, each student will participate in an hour-long oral defense of their work before a panel of teachers and a substantial audience. Students receive .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

Humane Letters
Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Great Hearts is Humane Letters. In the 9th through 12th grades, English and History are combined in the Humane Letters courses: these are 2-hour long, daily seminars, directed Socratically and revolving around readings from Western Civilization’s best works in philosophy, drama, history, autobiography, poetry, novels and essays. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers. The class is an exploration of the permanent questions that animate any truly human life through the history and literature of the Great Tradition of the West. What is a good man and good citizen, what are the qualities of a true friend, what kinds of virtue are necessary for a flourishing political and moral life are just a few of the important questions that are addressed with uncommon subtlety and profundity in the books that we read together.

- Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, no AP classes or electives are offered.

-- Core Course Studies may be reflected on a student’s transcript. The Core Course Studies class provides students with instruction and support to enable them to progress academically in core content areas. This instruction supplements but does not supplant any core-area course in which students are also enrolled.
Cicero Preparatory Academy: Class of 2020
Inaugural Graduating Class

Class of 2020 GPA Distribution

Number of graduates 26
Unweighted GPA Range 1.85-4.0
Average Unweighted GPA 2.89

Collaboration and Leadership
Houses are small communities of middle school students, high school students, and faculty. The purpose of the house is to have multi-age communities built around ideals (Courage, Leadership, Integrity, Inquiry, Wisdom, or Creativity). The faculty mentor the older students, and the older students mentor younger students. House is an intentional word. The word house represents a close, safe place where different ages exist, work together, and bond. House competitions happen throughout the year on large and small scales. These competitions encourage competition not over something arbitrary, but over virtues. Who can discover the greatest truths who can do the greatest good, who can discover/create/admire greater beauty?

Select Features
- The Arizona state requirement, one full credit, for U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters
- The Arizona state requirement, one-half credit, for U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters
- We do not offer AP, IB or dual-enrollment credit.
- For the weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation
- We believe in the growth of leaders through accomplishments; we do not have class officers or NHS
- We do not rank our students.
- Transfer students may have a different curricular sequence
- Letter grades are de-emphasized; students receive extensive narrative evaluations quarterly, and participate in formal student-led academic reviews with goal-setting each semester.
- All classes except fine arts are taught at the Honors level with a rigorous adherence to primary texts (ex. Geometry is taught through Euclid; Spanish through Don Quixote).

SAT Summary

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Students Tested 29

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Students Tested 30

Athletics

- Track
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Swimming
- Volleyball/Beach Volleyball
- Cross-Country

Extra Curricular Clubs

- Student Mentors
- Speech and Debate
- Hiking Club
- Drama Club
- Rock Climbing
- Spirit Club
- Choir
- Classics Club
Network Sample College Acceptances and Matriculation 2015-2019

Allegheny College
American Academy of Dramatic Arts/West
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
ASU (Barrett Honors College)
Auburn University
Azusa Pacific University
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University (Honors)
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Benedictine College
Biola University (Torrey Honors)
Boise State University
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Briar Cliff University
Brigham Young University, Idaho
Brigham Young University, Provo
Brigham Young University, Hawaii
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Cal Polytechnic Institute
California Institute of Technology
California Lutheran University
California Maritime
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central College
Centro De Investigacion Y Docencia
Economica
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
colby College
College of Charleston
College of Idaho
College of the Atlantic
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado Christian University
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Colorado State University, Pueblo
Columbia University
Concordia University
Connecticut College
Cooper Union
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University
Dordt College
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Earlham College
Eastern University (Templeton Honors)
Eckerd College (Honors)
Elon University
Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College (Honors)
Emory University
Evergreen State College
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin and Marshall College
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
George Fox College (Honors)
Georgetown College
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Grove City College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamilton College
Harvard College
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hendrix College
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Humboldt State University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Wesleyan College
Indiana University
Indiana Wesleyan University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Kenyon College
King’s College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola Marymount University (Honors)
Loyola University of Maryland
Loyola University of New Orleans
Loyola University, Chicago
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marquette University
Marymount University (Honors)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Master’s College and Seminary
Mills College
Montana State University (Honors)
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
New York University
Northeastern University (Honors)
Northern Arizona University
Northwest Christian University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame of Maryland
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
Ohio University
Pace University, New York
Patrick Henry College
Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Portland State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University (Honors)
Reed College
Regent University
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
Rhodes College
Rice University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
Roger Williams University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University
Saint Xavier University
Samford University (Honors)
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Smith College
Soka University
Southern Utah University
Southern Methodist University (Honors)
St. Catherines University
St. John’s College
St. John’s University
St. Lawrence University
St. Mary’s College of California
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The New School - All Divisions
Thomas Aquinas College
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tulane University
Tufts University
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy
University College Dublin
University of Alabama (Honors)
University of Alberta
University of Arizona (Honors)
University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Missouri
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Dallas
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Essex
University of Florida
University of Glasgow
University of Great Falls, Montana
University of Hawaii
University of Idaho
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Limerick
University of Maine (Honors)
University of Mary
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Montana
University of Nebraska
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of New Mexico
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon (Honors)
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina (Honors)
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas, Austin
University of the Pacific
University of Toledo
University of Toronto
University of Utah (Honors)
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wabash College
Wartburg College
Washington and Lee University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Westminster College
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Whitman College
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Whittier College
Whitworth University
Williamette University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

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