

VERITAS COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

ARLINGTON CAMPUS
2024-25 High School Profile

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International campuses in Beijing, Kunshan, Shenzhen, Shanghai China; Budapest, Hungary

Additional U.S. Campus in Chesapeake, VA. Sean Elgut (Founder), Headmaster

Fully Accredited by ACTS (Association of Christian Teachers & Schools and COGNIA (AdvancEd)

Veritas Collegiate Academy

*A Global-Centered Christian
Classical Education aimed at the
pursuit of truth and the training of
moral character.*

Veritas is a Classical Christian school committed to the educational method of the *Trivium*. The *Trivium*, coupled with the later *Quadrivium*, was the educational method used in Western Civilization to produce some of the greatest scholars that the world has ever known. It was first developed in ancient Greece, and was used hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. The word *Trivium* refers to the first three of the seven liberal arts: **grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric**. It is a philosophy based on years of research of the stages of growth students naturally go through that corresponds with these three elements of learning.

The **Grammar Stage** is the foundational stage, grades K-6. It presents the facts: the who, the what, the where, and the when, but not the why. The **Dialectic Stage** is referred to as logic, grades 7-9. This phase is working to see the logical connections between the facts. It is teaching the students how to question things in a right manner. It is taking their natural inclination at this age and directing their inquisitive minds to challenge the ideas through logical and principled-thinking. At the **Rhetoric Stage**, grades 10-12, students learn to express themselves in writing and in speech. They are expected to know the logic of the truth they believe and be skilled at articulating it to those of a different persuasion. The academic rigors of a Veritas education require

each junior and senior to produce a 25-35 page thesis with presentation and defense of that thesis before professors at the local graduate school. In addition to this exposure, they have the opportunity to present and defend their thesis overseas before those of an opposing philosophical position. These experiences enable our students to reason from cause to effect and effectively communicate their ideas in a cogent manner.

Admission Policy

Acceptance into the high school requires a family meeting with the headmaster and each applicant to be interviewed by the headmaster as well. What the headmaster is looking for is that each student be a positive spiritual force in the high school, to have a consensual attitude toward the standards, policies, and practices of the school, and an academic astuteness for that which is taught in the classroom. This interview along with academic transcripts and letters of recommendation will be reviewed by an admissions committee made of the administrative team.

Veritas Collegiate Academy History

Desiring to bring true reform to an established Christian academy (founded in 1999), the founders, Sean & Maria Elgut, redefined the philosophy and methodology to embrace the Classical model of the *Trivium* set forth in the book, *A Case for Classical Education*. Veritas officially began in 2003 with a single campus, and is now a global community heading into its 20th year.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

OMNIBUS

Omnibus is a Latin word translated as “all encompassing,” referring to subjects of literature, theology, and history. Our course integrates all three subjects into one complete course. The students read from the greatest influences of western civilization: from the Bible, Homer, Sophocles, Herodotus, Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, Chaucer, Erasmus, Shakespeare, Milton, USA founding fathers, to Francis Schaeffer and Charles Colson.

Omnibus is 7th -12th Grade covering:

- **7th Grade** - *Ancient History & Literature through 70 AD*
- **8th Grade** - *Medieval History & Literature, 100-1400 AD*
- **9th Grade** - *History & Literature of the Renaissance, Reformation & Enlightenment, 1400-1700 AD*
- **10th & 11th Grades** - *American History & Literature from Colonization period through Modern Times*
- **12th Grade** - *Return to a greater in-depth look at Ancient Literature & History through medieval period*

MATHEMATICS

Course offerings include, Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus, and for those ready for **AP Calculus (AB & BC), AP Statistics, Calculus III (Multivariable Calculus), and Linear Algebra.**

SCIENCE

The science curriculum is designed to build a competency and love of the handiwork of God as it relates to all sciences. The students are engaged in Laboratory work in each science course and are given access to the lab work lectures at a local medical school. Ninth graders begin with Biology, followed by Chemistry in 10th grade, Physics in 11th grade, and Anatomy & Physiology in 12th grade. In addition, those desiring to take additional science courses, we offer: **AP Anatomy & Physiology, AP Physics, AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, and AP Psychology.** The exams are taken on campus in the spring, to those in who choose the AP courses.

MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Latin is taught from 1st grade until 8th grade. In 9th grade, students choose between Chinese, Spanish and Latin. Four years of Chinese, Latin and Spanish are offered with **AP Chinese, AP Latin, and AP Spanish.** Also, Russian Immersion.

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Annual school dramatic performance takes place each spring and is open to all grade levels. Art classes are available, as well, for each student. Each course of study is designed to create within the students a love for the arts. **AP Studio Art and AP Music Theory** are available as electives.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education is required for all 9th-12th grade students. To receive credit, each must participate in a JV or Varsity level sport each year-2 credits required

ELECTIVES

A selection of courses is offered in:

- History: **AP US History, AP Government & Politics, AP World History, AP Human Geography, AP European History,**
- AP Psychology**
- Logic
- Classical
- Guitar
- Rhetoric

ATHLETICS

- Cross Country
- Boxing
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Swimming
- Boys & Girls Golf*
- Boys & Girls Tennis
- Fencing

*varies with Interest & Campus

Average SAT Score 2024

1410*

*AS INDICATED BY **NICHE.COM**

2024

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE PREP DIPLOMA

COURSES	CREDITS
Omnibus: (Theology, History, Literature)	8
Math (Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Linear Algebra, etc)	4
Lab Science: (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Ana/Physiology, etc)	4
Foreign Languages	4
Rhetoric	1
Thesis (Jr. & Sr. Thesis)	2
Physical Education*	2
Art	1
Music	1
Electives**	8
TOTAL CREDITS	35

*PE Credit gained from participation in the school's sports program

**electives chosen from AP Courses

VERITAS' CENTER FOR GLOBAL EXCHANGE STUDIES

- + GLOBAL STUDENT EXCHANGE AMONG OUR AMERICAN, ASIAN, AND EUROPEAN CAMPUSES, GRADES 9TH-12TH
- + STUDENTS RESIDE WITH LOCAL HOST FAMILIES, TAKE IN THE CULTURE, AND EXPERIENCE A UNIQUE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



VERITAS COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

*Niche Ranked VCA Arlington Top 3% Christian H.S. in America for 2024

FACULTY TO STUDENT

RATIO: 1:9

GRADING SCALE:

4.0	A=93-100
3.0	B=85-92
2.0	C=75-84
1.0	D=70-74
0.0	F=00-69

WEIGHTING: HONORS +.063
AP, Advanced, & DUAL CREDIT +.126

VERITAS DISTINCTIONS

- ❖ **Community Service:**
80 hours required for each year in high school.
- ❖ **Junior & Senior Thesis:**
Juniors & Seniors submit a topic for approval, establish a position and research the subject using primary sources. Paper length minimum is 25 pages for Juniors and 35 pages for Seniors. A required oral presentation & defense of thesis for seniors takes place before graduate level professionals.
- ❖ **Study Abroad 2025: Italy and Greece**
Veritas Upper School High School students will have the opportunity to travel to Europe, South America, Asia, Africa or the Middle East. These trips include historical travel throughout various continents and countries, depending upon which venue we choose. Last year, post-pandemic, our students traveled through the Amazon Rainforest, Andes Mountains and Galapagos Islands. Prior to the pandemic, our students travelled to Europe (Western and Eastern). This Spring Break 2025 (April 11-April 22): "Italy and Greece"
- ❖ **Prefectships:**
 - **Leadership positions within the Upper School:** Spiritual Life, Hospitality, Athletic, Literary, Alumni, Property, Social Life, Historian, Worship, Technology
- ❖ **Organizations:**
 - The Verbum (student newspaper)
 - The Statesman (yearbook)
 - The National Honor Society-Arlington Chapter
 - Student Government
- ❖ **Academic Awards:**
 - 9th-C.S. Lewis Letters & Arts Award
 - 10th-William Wilberforce Award for Service
 - 11th-Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award
 - 12th-George Washington Statesman Award
- ❖ **Athletic Awards:**
 - Leadership/Servanthood Award
 - Most Improved Award
 - Loyalty Award
 - Perseverance Award



College Advisor:
Mr. Sean Elgut (Arlington)
Leon Xie (Shenzhen and Shanghai)

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