

# JCCHS HONORS ACADEMY



John Carroll's Honors Academy seeks to celebrate high academic achievements, to provide new and challenging coursework, and to allow students to distinguish themselves in the college admissions process. The Honors Academy includes a combination of required courses (including the AP Capstone Program), individual research, and partnerships with the community that provide applied learning and work-based opportunities.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a minimum of 12 Honors/AP credits over their time at John Carroll. Honors level classes are available as early as Freshman year, and AP courses include: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1 and 2; AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition; AP European History, AP US Government, AP US History, AP Microeconomics; AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture; AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC .

## AP CAPSTONE

Students complete the AP Capstone Program, which includes two year-long courses: AP Seminar (Junior year) and AP Research (Senior year)

**AP SEMINAR:** Team Project and Presentation; Individual Research-based Essay and Presentation; End-of-year Exam.

**AP RESEARCH:** Academic Paper; Presentation and Oral Defense.

**Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP exams will receive the AP Capstone Diploma. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.**

## CULMINATING RESEARCH PROJECT

- Design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation
- Apply research methods and practices to address a real-world topic selected by the student
- Write a college-level research paper (4,000-5,000 words)
- Present and orally defend research findings and methodology

## CULTURAL CREDITS & FIELD TRIPS

Students have the opportunity to attend a number of cultural events throughout Birmingham and at John Carroll. These events are designed to expand students' experiences and complement the learning that takes place in our classrooms. Community partners and available experiences include: UAB, Birmingham Southern College, Samford University BJCC, Pepper Place, Birmingham Museum of Art, Red Mountain Theatre Company, Sloss Fest, Alys Stephens Center, Oak Mountain Amphitheater, Linn Park, Ruffner Mt. Nature Preserve, Levite Community Jewish Center, St. Elias Maronite Church, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church., and more!

**John Carroll College and Career Academies are available for all rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors! Applications open at the end of the 3rd quarter each year. For more information about the Honors Academy, contact Honors Academy Chairs Mr. Linder ([jlinder@jcchs.org](mailto:jlinder@jcchs.org)) or Ms. Scott ([ascott@jcchs.org](mailto:ascott@jcchs.org)).**