

GRANADA HILLS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

2017-2018 GHCHS ACADEMIC PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The Granada Guaranteed Curriculum (GGC) Academic Program is designed for students who want the most flexibility in course selection. GGC provides access to all honors and AP courses. Within the GGC, students have the opportunity to select an interest strand from the following: Math and Science, Humanities and Arts, Business and Economics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The interest strands consist of a series of required and elective courses.

The Global Human Initiative Program (GHI) is a clustered program. The focus of this program is on philosophical, historical, and literary ideas on social justice. The team includes teachers from the arts, sciences, and math. The GHI teaching staff is passionate about supporting community, growing empathy, and working collaboratively to make people's lives better. Teachers work on aligning skill instruction across departments to help students engage in projects for social change.

The Humanitas/New Media Program (HU/NM) is a program with two cohorts in each grade level. The focus of this program is a liberal arts curriculum that incorporates fine arts, digital media, and film production in a project-based interdisciplinary, team-taught approach. Students interested in a strong academic program that is supported by teamed teachers who provide a nurturing environment will enjoy this program.

The **iGranada Program (iG_z)** is a blended learning program that incorporates both online learning and face-to-face instruction allowing for full flexibility of student programs and student support. The program is designed with a unique and flexible collegiate-like schedule allowing access to the comprehensive high school experience. Students engage in a variety of instructional strategies for success; project-based learning, collaboration, seminar instruction and peer interaction.

The **iGranada Digital Arts and Sciences Program (iG_D)** is a blended learning program that incorporates both online and face-to-face instruction designed for students interested in careers in digital arts and media while accessing the comprehensive high school experience. Course sequences include coding, app building, website design, video editing and project management. Students have access to the same tools as multi-media professionals in a collaborative working environment and can earn certification in HTML, Adobe and Java. All iGranada coursework (**iG_z** and **iG_D**) meets the UC/CSU eligibility requirements and is approved by the NCAA.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is a clustered program. The focus of this program is an integrative approach to science, math, technology, and engineering. Students in the STEM program are expected to take four years of foundational science and math courses that go beyond the graduations requirements. This program integrates coursework in language arts, mathematics, and science.

OPT-IN PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 10 AND 11

The Global Business and Finance Program (GBF) is a clustered program for students in grade 10 and above. The focus is designed for students who wish to pursue a business career. The GBF program consists of courses in money and banking, business statistics, and business entrepreneurship. This program provides training in interviewing, job application, and resume building along with an extensive exposure to a variety of business related careers in a team-taught environment. Students have access to job shadowing and summer internships during grades 11 and 12.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) is available for students in grades 11 and 12 and caters to creative students who like intellectual collaboration and embrace hard work. Students interested in the IB Programme must complete an IB Diploma Programme interest form and application during the spring semester of tenth grade. Full Diploma

candidates will be given priority into IB classes. For more information contact the IB Coordinator, Nicholas Weber, at ib@ghchs.com or visit the official website at www.ibo.org.

AP Capstone Diploma Program (APC) is built on the foundation of two courses – **AP Seminar and AP Research** – This program is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study provided through AP courses. Students who earn a 3 or above in four or more AP courses and complete the two foundation courses are eligible for an AP Capstone Diploma. Students interested in the AP Capstone Diploma Program must complete an AP Capstone Diploma interest form and application during the spring semester of tenth grade. For more information about AP capstones contact Spencer Wolf at swolf@ghchs.com.

All programs offer full access to honors courses, AP courses, IB courses, and preparation for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and AP Capstone in grades 11 and 12. All courses in every program are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and are transferable to schools throughout the United States. Students who graduate from GHCHS and earn a C or better in the required courses will meet the UC/CSU “a-g” subject area requirements and the NCAA course requirements unless otherwise noted in their Individualized Education Plan.